

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE
SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 15, 2017

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present were:

Commissioners: Danny Ballard Suzanne Daggett
 Michael Gatewood Leroy Nottingham
 Tom Mere (arrived 5:10 pm)

Chief David Rice Assistant Chief John Meredith
Office Manager Monique Brooks Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Union Representative Slaybaugh

Absent: None

Invocation: Chief Rice

Pledge: Commissioner Ballard

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to move the agenda item of Swearing in of New Fire Inspector to now. Seconded by Commissioner Daggett. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Chief Rice performed the Swearing in of Inspector Christi Kulwicki. She accepted the Oath of Office for the position.

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the April 17, 2017, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner

Daggett. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The April treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 59% through the budget year, received 103% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 65% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly runs attached.
- Busy with Brush fires
- Our request for a new Brush Truck has been approved and we should be receiving the truck in a few weeks.
- EMS construction project – Construction documents have been submitted to permitting, and the County has sent the project out to bid for a Construction Manager
- The Southwest Florida Coalition for Human Trafficking will be here to give a presentation to our Employees
- We have partnered with the Red Cross for a smoke detector installation, and they have chose the community of River Trails, which will be complete this month.

By Assistant Chief Meredith-

- Rescue 2 is currently in Orlando, getting the new Knapheide body on it

Commissioner Daggett asked if EMS was under us? No. She wanted to know why they were listed on his report? They are not, that is medical calls, that we run.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached.

Commissioner Ballard noted that they were getting close to the amount of annual inspections, of 50 each; but, not there yet, and he

still is not satisfied. Fire Marshal Jones replied that he had been on vacation and in classes; as well as Inspector Kulwicki, who also has been doing some Public Education activities.

Commissioner Daggett stated that we have 4 shift personnel paid who receive the Inspector incentive, and why are they not being brought in once a month to do inspections? Chief Meredith responded that it is just not feasible with time and resources.

Commissioner Gatewood asked if the ones that receive the incentive are certified? Yes, technically.

Commissioner Mere asked if we pay for their education for this incentive, and they receive the incentive, why are they getting paid?

Union Representative Slaybaugh stated that it is part of the union contract and was negotiated a long time ago, and they actually do some things such as: pre-fire plans and walk throughs.

Commissioner Nottingham stated that these types of requests and questions was not their responsibility, it was up to the Chief to oversee productivity from the Prevention Division, and that is what the Board hired him for.

There were no other questions.

Public Education: Report is attached. There were no questions.

Union: Flyer from the MDA Boot drive collection was included. Also, stated they were getting ready for union negotiations.

Old Business:

- EMS Project – Covered under Chiefs Notes

New Business: Swearing in of New Fire Inspector – Covered earlier

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Swan Lake Activities Board

North Fort Myers Citizen, for A Shift

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Daggett. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. April 17, 2017 minutes
2. April treasurers report