

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

May 18, 2020

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

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioners: Mike Gatewood	Danny Ballard
Robert Hoke	Thomas Mere
Leroy Nottingham	

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

Absent: Public Education Officer Kulwicki (excused)

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Ballard

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the April 20, 2020 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The April treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 59% through the budget year, received 97% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 54% of expenditures (less reserves). (2) There were no questions or comments.

Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Still monitoring COVID 19
- We need to begin talking about the replacement of our Rescue trucks and a new Engine for next budget year
- Washers and Dryers are installed at each station, we moved the gear extractor to Station 1, and are waiting on the new gear extractor to arrive at Station 2
- Paradise Isle Project – not sure what is going to happen with that project, so for now we should just plan to purchase a standard Engine. There is a hearing scheduled for June 10, 2020 regarding the project
- Received our ISO report back – and our ISO rating has dropped to a 3/3Y rating. Thanked all staff for their assistance during the ISO process
- Congratulated Dillon Bryant as he will be promoted to the Lieutenant's position upon Brian Roberts retirement at the end of May
- The front apron at Station 3 (Slater Road) will be re-paved next week
- Busy with brush fires

By Assistant Chief Manson –

- Monthly run report attached
- Finishing up PMI on Trucks

- The Wireless headsets in Brush 1 have quit working, but they are under warranty
- Recently conducted interviews for our new Firefighter, and we welcome Tony Douglass.
- All Surplus Equipment has been sold

Commissioner Hoke asked about the A/C in Brush 1? We are waiting for brush fire season to be over to take install it

Commissioner Ballard asked about the new gear extractor, is it an auto fill or do the guys fill it with detergent? Auto fill

Fire Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Hoke asked if the new guys were doing good? Yes. There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached, along with Articles that have been published in The Neighbor Newspaper. There were no questions or comments.

Union: Voting for DVP is the next three days. Submitted letter of intent to negotiate to Chief Rice

Old Business:

Submittal of letters of intent for position of Fire Chief –

Commissioner Gatewood acknowledged that 3 letters of intent were submitted for the Chief's position. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the 3 letters of intent from the list of qualified candidates. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

New Business: Commissioner Ballard made a motion that by the next meeting in June, all applicants submit resumes to the Board, with interviews to be conducted by July or August meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Gatewood said we needed to be working on a plan for Battalion Chief promotion. Chief Rice replied that he feels he could work with the candidate while they were on shift for a few months.

Commissioner Items:

Mere –

- Inquired about a recent invoice to Lewis Longman & Walker regarding a memo to Chief Rice about COVID? Chief Rice replied that he will follow up to find out exactly what that was for.
- Asked about our construction plans – a new building verses expansion out front of Station, that we need more room. Chief Rice replied that is on the back burner for now. Commissioner Hoke asked if we still own the Brooks Road property? Yes
- Also thanked everyone for the prayers and well wishes recently while he was in the hospital

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Captiva Island Fire District for LT Roberts

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. April 20, 2020 Minutes
2. April Treasurers Report