

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

July 18, 2016

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

Present were:

Commissioners: Robert Hoke Danny Ballard
 Michael Gatewood Leroy Nottingham

Chief David Rice
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Union Rep Slaybaugh

Absent: Commissioner Tom Mere Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Nottingham

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the June 20, 2016 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The June treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 75% through the budget year, received 100% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 75% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly report attached
- EMS lease agreement – met with the Attorney Friday, and he says lots of changes are needed. I directed him to work with directly with the County Attorneys on a new and acceptable lease.
- The annual lease with EMS is expired, and therefore, we have rolled to month to month and have not received any money so far. Commissioner Ballard stated he would not allow Chief Rice to take full blame for the lease expiring, the Board is just as much at fault. He questioned if they needed a memo from the Board saying to extend the lease another year? Chief Rice said he will ask Ms. Brady.
- Millage Increase – Town Hall meeting this week, and we have no idea how it is going to turn out. Commissioner Ballard asked when it was? This Wednesday, July 20th. Commissioner Nottingham asked where it was. North Fort Myers Recreation Center

By Assistant Chief Meredith –

- Is still looking at trucks, but would like to hold off on the purchase of two trucks, and only get one for now. The Truck committee has decided they would like to pursue a Sutphen. Therefore, Chief Meredith is asking the Board for permission for approval of up to \$450,000 to purchase a new Engine. Commissioner Nottingham asked what are the years of our current front line Engines? Engine 2 is a 1999; Engine 3 is a 2001 and Engine 1 is a 2006. He also asked if we were leasing? Yes
Commissioner Hoke asked for some specifics on the Engine? A Sutphen Custom Engine, 450 hp, 5 man cab, holding 1,000 lbs of water, and fully equipped.
Commissioner Ballard asked what the terms of the lease look like? It is a lease purchase, with 5, 7 or 10 year terms, and the percentage rates vary with each term length, and also the payment amount per year.

Commissioner Nottingham what we would do with our current trucks that we are replacing? We would sell them
Commissioner Hoke asked about what the warranties were? We are not sure, will have to get the particulars on them.
Commissioner Ballard stated that he supports Chief Meredith's recommendation, however he would like to pursue two trucks.
Commissioner Nottingham asked if there was a prepayment penalty? No
Commissioner Gatewood asked what the pros/cons were of buying the demo model versus custom ordering? The demo model has to go through the State of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, and could possibly have 10,000 miles on it, and there is not much of a price break on it.
Chief Meredith stated that he is going to ask to use some Impact Fees for the new technology and tools on the truck.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to give Administration the authority to lease a brand new Sutphen Engine for the Fire District, with a \$450,000 limit. Seconded by Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached. There were no questions.

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

Union: The flyers are ready to be mailed out to the Super Voters of North Fort Myers.

Old Business:

- Millage Increase – discussed under Chiefs Report
- EMS Project – discussed under Chiefs Report

New Business: None

Commissioner Items:

Nottingham:

- How much is a 5% raise for personnel. We are not sure, we are working on different numbers, but working on whole dollar amounts.
- Are we going to be adding biography information to the website? Yes, please get us the information, and we will add it.

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Letter to FF Luke McHugh and FF Dustin Sorenson

Letter to FF Ben Crutchfield and FF Peter Huang

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. June minutes
2. June treasurers report