

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

August 19, 2013

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

Present were:

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

Chief Christopher Noble	Asst. Chief John Meredith
Asst. Chief David Rice	Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Office Manager Monique Brooks	
Union Representative James Hagie	
Members of the Public	

Absent:

Invocation: Commissioner Tom Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Ballard

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept July 15, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The July treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, have received 99% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 85% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- The Collier County Consortium has been declined to write coverage. They have declined speaking at the Fire Chiefs Meeting this week. Commissioner Nottingham noted that the Commissioners Forum tried something like this, and it did not work for them. Chief Noble noted that the concept of the Consortium solved that multi-employer issue
- Representative Caldwell will be at the Chiefs Meeting to further discuss the fee assessment. Chief Noble noted that he has continued forwarding correspondence to the Commissioners. Commissioner Nottingham asked if anyone is currently using the fees, in this area? Chief Noble said that Bayshore Fire has received a price of approximately \$25,000 fee, to assess the feasibility of this type of revenue. The fee for the research is usually based on the number of parcels in your area.
- We are following the City of Fort Myers Fire lead, in the implementation of a Residential Knox Box program. We are working on the application and policy for the program. Commissioner Ballard wanted to know how we are spreading the word about the program? Chief Noble said that as of yet, we are not ready to go 100% with it. Commissioner Ballard added that we might want to contact the group that deals with the physically handicapped, he thinks it is Lee Cares.
- We got the Engine back from Hallmark this past weekend. Lt. Savinsky took the truck and he learned a lot. Hopefully, we are close to having the CAFS system fixed.

By Asst. Chief Meredith –

We exchanged 5 radios for 5 new ones, and we got 10 free batteries.

Training:

Report is attached. There were no questions.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached. Commissioner Ballard asked what the job site on Old 41 is? Fire Marshal Jones responded that it was a Uncle Bob's Storage facility. There were no other questions.

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

Union: Union Representative Hagie stated that negotiations went well, and basically the only changes being made, were verbage changes. Voting on the contract would be on September 3 and 4. There were no questions.

Old Business:

Updates on projects:

Barrett Road Station- Roof and Shell are up. Framing should begin within the week

New Business:

DROP POLICY -

Chief Noble explained the DROP and FRS relationship. Under FRS Guidelines, an employee can be paid for up to 500 hours of their vacation time, and that amount is calculated in their final wage calculation.

Commissioner Nottingham asked what the benefit of paying this amount early was? Chief Noble explained that it went toward your retirement wage calculation. He then asked did it create a problem with sick leave? Chief Noble stated No, because these are separate. Chief Noble added that it is a benefit for the personnel entering the DROP, at no extra cost to the District. He says this in no way affects the contract, because it is only a policy. Commissioner Hoke added he feels this is good for personnel, because we are unable to give any raises.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to formally adopt the DROP Policy, as written. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion was put to vote, all were in favor, and the decision was unanimous. (3)

Chief Noble added that in negotiations, personnel actually brought up ideas on ways to save the District money, and he thanks them for that.

Commissioner Items:

Ballard – Inquired about the e-mail they received, about possibly selling the Brooks Road property? Chief Noble responded that he is just looking for input, thoughts and ideas from the Board. Commissioner Ballard asked if we could put it up for sale, and see what happens? Chief Noble added that yes we could, however, it can only be sold to a Non Profit agency. Chief Noble said that he would get the Board a number on the fair market value of the property, before the next meeting.

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You: None

Schedule for next months meeting(s) was announced. The tentative budget hearing will coincide with the regular monthly commission meeting, which will be held on Monday, September 16. The final budget hearing will be held on Monday, September 23.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. July minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. DROP Policy