

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 18, 2022

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

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Robert Hoke
Commissioner Michael Gatewood
Chief Ronald Beecroft
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos
Public Education Officer Christi Kulwicki
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh
Administrative Specialist Avrey Brooks
Commissioner Danny Ballard
Commissioner Leroy Nottingham
Assistant Chief John Manson
Office Manager Monique Brooks

Absent:

Commissioner Tom Mere (excused) Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Minutes: Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the June 20, 2022 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The June treasurer's report was presented. At this time, we are 75% through the budget year, received 96% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 66% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- Spoke with attorney about Station 3 property and he is working on getting values of the property.
- Hired a consultant which will assist in setting goals to be identified and met. This is a preliminary step to begin the performance review.

By Chief Manson –

- All Engines and Rescues PMI has been completed.
- Pump test was completed on Engine 2 and Engine 3. Engine 1 will be done in July.
- New windows have been installed in the classroom.
- The new Mako system has been installed and is operational as of today. A technician came and gave a demonstration on how to operate the new system.
- Air packs are being prepared for operation.
- The remodel of the Station 1 is currently underway. Commissioner Hoke asked what areas were being remodeled? Dayroom and flooring in the bunk room.
- We have looked into the installation of fans in the bay areas and working with a rep for Big Ass Fans. Commissioner Gatewood asked if they would be sourced from a local company? Not sure yet.

Prevention: No report presented.

Public Education: Report attached. Working with the Red Cross on the pillowcase project. Children decorate their pillowcase with items they would need in an emergency and can store inside the pillowcase as well as items that make them happy to relieve stress. There were no questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. The past month personnel trained on scene safety, rope rescue, and water survival training. We also had guest speakers who educated us on emergency response for the deaf and the local STARS program for special needs emergency response. There were no questions or comments.

Union: Been having Union meetings in preparations for negotiations.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **2022/2023 Millage Rate**

Chief Beecroft stated that a millage rate of 3.5000 for fiscal year 2022/2023 would be a 13.14% increase in ad valorem revenue. The dollar value of that increase is \$1,826,735.00.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to maintain a millage rate of 3.5000 for fiscal year 2022/2023. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

- **2021/2022 Budget Amendment**

Monique presented the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment (3). The Budget Amendment increases the overall budget by \$1,252,865.00 for a new total operating budget of \$23,325,176.00. Monique discussed the other line-item transfers.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-01. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (4)

Commissioner Items:

Ballard – A new station and training center replacing Station 3 would benefit the District, but it would not make sense to move Administration to that location. Administration should be in a central location to be accessible to the public. Replacing a new station will also not fix the problem of being overrun with calls. It would benefit the District to research vacant banks and structures that could be renovated into new stations. Also, to hire 18 new firefighters and outfit 3 new rescue trucks. It would benefit the District down the road. It would make more sense to build a new Station 2 and move administration to that location. Hoke commented lets see what can be looked into for this proposal.

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Letter of Recognition for Firefighter Tyndall

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. June 20, 2022 Minutes
2. June 2022 Treasurer's Report
3. 2021-2022 Budget Amendment
4. Resolution #2022-01