

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

August 16, 2021

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:

Commissioners: Mike Gatewood
Robert Hoke

Danny Ballard

Chief Ronald Beecroft

Assistant Chief John Manson

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Public Education Officer Kulwicki

Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

Absent: Commissioner Tom Mere (on phone)
Commissioner Leroy Nottingham (excused lockdown)

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the July 19, 2021, 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 3-0. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The July treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, received 100% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 73% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- Union negotiations - the whole contract is open this year and we are down to discussing wages and a few articles.
- Update on Lee County CARES Act payment – we are working closely with the County on revisions they requested.
- Florida First Responder payments – Qualified firefighters have begun receiving the \$1,000 payment from the State of Florida.
- Meeting with County Commissioner - Fire Marshal Jones and I met with Commissioner Hamman. We discussed the possibility of the county helping with the traffic preempt at Slater Road and the recent wink news story that aired regarding the City of Fort Myers annexing some of our properties. Commissioner Ballard noted that he spoke with 3 county commissioners and they said they did not know anything about it. He then contacted Mayor Anderson and he said that the topic came up in a workshop but it would probably be 10 to 20 years before something like that happened.
- We have been working on the budget for next year, and this is a reminder that the Tentative budget hearing will be on September 13th and the Final budget hearing will be on September 20th, which is the same day as the regularly scheduled Commission meeting.
- Recently attended a meeting at Lehigh Fire District with the main focus being on the performance audits that are coming up.

By Assistant Chief Manson –

- Run report is attached.
- Preparing to paint the Trail Dairy station (outside and bay ceilings) and the administrative office expansion is almost complete
- Annual maintenance testing on the tools is being performed
- Working on the countertop replacement at Slater Road station as well as the bay floor repair
- The wildland boots have been received and issued
- All airpacks need to be replaced next budget year

Commissioner Ballard noted that in talking to the guys they like the extended cabs for the trucks.

Fire Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Ballard said that the County told him that a demo permit has been filed for Merchants Crossing. He also added that Paradise Isle has their state and federal permits and they are waiting on a dock slip permit. There were no questions or other comments.

Public Education: Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. Explained what special incidents means on their monthly report. That is a category to track training and public education activities for our ISO audits. There were no questions or comments.

Union: Negotiations are underway and they will meet again next week

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner Items:

Ballard- there are several 9/11 upcoming events

Public Input: Debbie Ballard said to watch out for aggressive drivers

Community Goodwill & Thank You: None

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. July 19, 2021 Minutes
2. July Treasurers Report