

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 20, 2023

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
Commissioner Bill Schaible	
Commissioner Danny Ballard	Commissioner Tom Mere
Chief Ronald Beecroft	Asst. Chief John Manson
Training Chief Eric Klos	Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Office Manager Monique Brooks	
Administrative Specialist Avrey Brooks	

Absent:

Administrative Specialist Avrey Brooks
Public Education Officer Christi Kulwicki
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Swearing in of New Firefighters

Firefighter Brown and Firefighter Hubbard were sworn in by Chief Beecroft

Public Input: Debbie Ballard asked for a status update on Robbie Noble.
Monique gave an update.

Minutes: Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the February 27, 2023 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 February Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 42% through the budget year, received 96% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 40% of expenditures (less reserves). (2)

There were no questions or comments.

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- A Shift did an outstanding job last month with the Structure Fire they had on the day of the meeting
- Annual CERT Picnic was wonderful, and Christi did a fantastic job putting it together
- Battalion Chief Jeremy Dunn recently returned from Tallahassee, where he graduated from the Certified District Manager program
- Avrey is taking the open Fire Inspector position; therefore, we will be advertising for the open position of Administrative Specialist
- Pondella Road Property – the parcel has been re-zoned and the sellers have increased the price to 1.2 Million Dollars. This is way overpriced, and not worth that, so we can remove that item from the Agenda. We are still looking at all possibilities for properties within the District
- I am attending a Facilities Planning Seminar later this week
- Several area Chiefs have contacted us about seeing our Performance Review as a model
- FEMA claim – Part of our claim has been approved by FEMA and now moving through the process towards payment. The other part of the claim is still in review.

By Chief Manson –

- Run report attached.
- Engineers and Lieutenants upcoming promotional exam have been posted
- Truck Committee – have done a virtual presentation with E-One and now need to meet with Sutphen and Pierce
- Station 2 remodel is going well. Commissioner Hoke asked if we put down vinyl or tile? Tile – the same as here at Station 1. He also asked for an update on the fans for the bays? That was just discussed this morning, and they are working on getting that completed, but may hold off at Station 3 for now.
- Brush Fire Season is underway. Brush 1 is currently having the brakes replaced and should be back this week

Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Hoke asked if the permits have been issued for the Old Sears project? Not yet, they have been holding off on submitting for them, as they were waiting on the underground work to be completed. There were no other questions or comments.

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

Training: Report attached. Firefighters recently went to Cape Coral and attended classes taught by Florida Forest Service which was very informative. The City of Fort Myers Hazmat team also brought their trailer over and familiarized our personnel with their response team. Commissioner Hoke asked if the upcoming promotional exams were going to be done in-house or externally? There were no other questions or comments.

Union: Absent

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner Items:

Mere – Sorry for missing the meeting last month, no excuses- just got busy and forgot

Ballard –

- Thanked Battalion Chief Westra and Station 2 crews for coming for a few lift assists for him.
- Asked about a Grievance from Firefighter Agrusti and his request for assistance on a promotional exam due to his previous head injury? Chief Beecroft stated it was not appropriate to discuss that during this meeting, due to some sensitive information regarding the situation.
- Where are we on the Slater Road property? It is not looking hopeful, due to the inequities of the values of each property. He then asked if there was room to expand the current station to allow more Firefighters to be stationed there? We would have to work with an Architect to find out, as that piece of land is not very big. Commissioner Mere added that maybe we ask them if they would be willing to sell a small piece to us. Chief Beecroft said he has already asked, but would inquire again.

Public Input: Debbie Ballard thanked the District for their assistance with Commissioner Ballard.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Patricia Danielson

Donation by John Brosnan

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. February 27, 2023 Minutes
2. February Treasurer's Report