

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

July 19, 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  
Leroy Nottingham

Danny Ballard  
Robert Hoke

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Tom Mere (on phone)  
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge:** Commissioner Nottingham

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the June 21, 2021, 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 4-0. (1)**

**Treasurer's Report:** The June treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 75% through the budget year, received 99% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 67% of expenditures (less reserves). Commissioner Gatewood asked why the revenues were so high? We have already received the majority of our Ad-Valorem revenue for the year. There were no other questions or comments. (2)

## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Beecroft -

- Update on Lee County CARES Act payment – we are working closely with the County on revisions they requested
- Florida First Responder payments – Each qualified firefighter will receive a \$1,000 payment from the State of Florida. They will be mailed out in August, this is a tax free payment made directly to the individual
- We are needing to hire an Administrative Assistant full time and would like to get approval to add this position effective October 1 so we can have the candidate ready to start October 1.  
Commissioner Hoke asked where they were going? We are having to expand the office. He also asked what would the pay be? It will depend on the job description and qualifications, but this will be established during the budget process which the Board has to approve.

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to give the administration the latitude to hire an Administrative Assistant to begin work October 1, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. Commissioner Ballard amended the motion that if the salary was to go above \$50,000 administration would need to come back to the Board for approval. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

Commissioner Ballard asked if we heard anything more on the traffic lights? Chief Beecroft replied that he has talked to other chiefs and theirs is so old, they don't remember who paid for what. He still has to have a meeting with the County Commissioners.

By Assistant Chief Manson –

- Run report is attached.
- Preparing to paint the Trail Dairy station (outside and bay ceilings) and expand the administrative office
- Working on the countertop replacement at Slater Road station as well as the bay floor repair
- Brush 2 – Personnel want to keep that truck and continue to use it. Repairs for the transmission will be approximately \$3,000 which includes a bigger cooling system. Commissioner Ballard asked how much for all the repairs? \$10,000 max.

**Fire Prevention:** Report attached. Have been helping Pine Island Fire District with a big project they have. There were no questions or comments.

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

**Training:** Report attached. Discussed upcoming training. Commissioner Hoke asked where will the water rescue training be held at? We will be using the NorthStar pool. There were no other questions or comments.

**Union:** Chief Beecroft stated they have started negotiations because the entire contract is open this year, which allowed them to sort through all the articles and figure out which ones they need to negotiate. They have signed off on a few articles already that are not needing any revisions.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**2021/2022 Millage rate** – The Ad-Valorem revenue increase is a 6% increase over last year at the 3.5 millage rate, which is a \$718,172 increase over last year. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to keep the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 at 3.5 mills. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

**Commissioner Items: None**

**Public Input:** Debbie Ballard asked if we are looking at new property for a new station? We are watching the situation with Paradise Isle closely, and that has us in somewhat of a holding pattern, but yes we are exploring every idea. Commissioner Nottingham asked where Paradise Isle was in the process? They are still waiting on permits. He also asked if they had designated an area for us to put a fire station there? No

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Kemmis Family

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. June 21, 2021 Minutes
2. June Treasurers Report