

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

May 17, 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  
Tom Mere  
Leroy Nottingham

Danny Ballard  
Robert Hoke

Chief Ronald Beecroft  
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Assistant Chief John Manson  
Office Manager Monique Brooks  
Public Education Officer Kulwicki

**Absent:** Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge:** Commissioner Gatewood

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the April 19, 2021, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. 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 April treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 59% through the budget year, received 98% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 56% of expenditures (less reserves). Monique also added that the USPS is becoming a real problem. Vendors are not receiving their payments on time, which is causing late fees, finance charges and disruptions in our accounts (some have been temporarily suspended due to not receiving payment on time). Therefore,

we would like to pay “critical” accounts online (automatic payments) through the bank, in order to avoid this. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to allow administration to pay bills electronically, with the proper internal controls procedures in place. Seconded by Commissioner Nottingham. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.** There were no other questions or comments. (2)

### **Chief’s Report:**

By Chief Beecroft -

- Brooks Road Property closing is being worked on by the Attorney
- VEBA – documents have been submitted to the Actuarial company for them to perform the Actuarial
- The Governor has lifted all COVID restrictions and we are back to operating under normal procedures
- Performance Audit was passed by the Legislature, with some minor modifications (time that it is to go into affect, etc.)

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Run report is attached. Commissioner Mere asked if we could enlarge the writing on the report. We will try, as we are still learning the new reporting program
- Remodel and renovation of Trail Dairy is almost complete
- New Rescue trucks – all three are in service
- The three old Rescue trucks have been advertised for sale
- The Engines are all being rotated in for Preventative Maintenance

**Fire Prevention:** Report attached. Fire Marshal Jones noted that the former Palace Skating rink is being transformed into an Auto Body Shop. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. Christi added that she has been very busy with smoke alarm installations. Commissioner Ballard noted that the North Fort Myers Civic Association has received more teddy bears, and he should have them to Christi by next month. There were no other questions or comments.

**Training:**

- A class needed for the Instructor series has been taught, with a class coming up for the inspector series
- Focusing on shift trainings. Been utilizing the skating rink for some training
- Safety Committee met
- Been very busy with brush fires

**Union:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Commissioner Items:**

**Ballard** – the 2002 Dodge (Brush 2) was used as a rescue truck for 10 years, then has been used as a brush truck for the past 9 years, and he feels it is time to look at replacing it. South Florida Emergency Vehicles gave him a price lower than we thought. They currently have a demo model brush truck (Ford F550) they would sell us for \$130,000. Asst. Chief Manson replied that both of our Brush trucks are old, and that is a very nice truck, but not sure we have the money to replace it. We are having the transmission replaced in Brush 2 this summer, after brush fire season is over. Chief Beecroft said they would like to look at alternatives, and wait till next budget year. Commissioner Mere asked Chief Beecroft if he wanted that brush truck that SFEV has, or would he like to wait? Chief Beecroft replied he would like to wait.

**Gatewood** – asked about the status of a traffic control device at Barrett Road and Pine Island? Chief Beecroft said he was still waiting to hear back from them, but he would call them and inquire. Asst. Chief Manson stated while calling them, we should ask about the light at Slater and Bayshore also.

**Public Input:** None

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Lee County

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

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