

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 19, 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 Danny Ballard
Commissioner Michael Gatewood
Chief Ronald Beecroft
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Public Education Officer Christi Kulwicki
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh
Administrative Specialist Avrey Brooks

Commissioner Tom Mere
Commissioner Bill Schaible

Assistant Chief John Manson
Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Schaible

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the November 28, 2022 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. 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 November Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 17% through the budget year, received 64% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 18% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions.
(2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- We had four personnel who have been going through the Emergency Services Leadership Institute series and have recently graduated. Assistant Chief Klos, Battalion Chief Dunn, Lieutenant Arnold, and Lieutenant Cameron.
- We had two Firefighters in a Rescue Truck who were on the way to a call and noticed a structure fire. They were able to stop the fire with the water on the Rescue Truck. Great job to Firefighter Dix and Firefighter Drews. This is an example of why we need to have water on the Rescues.
- Working with a realtor looking at property in the area for a new station. Hoke asked if Station 3 was still in process? Yes, the realtor is for an additional station.
- The Christmas party was a success. We had a good turnout and a good time. We recognized Assistant Chief Manson for his 30 years of service and Assistant Chief of Training Klos for his 20 years of service.
- Held interviews for firefighter positions and hired five new firefighters. One started this month and the other four start in January. Commissioner Ballard asked if Chief held interviews today, how was one already hired? The one firefighter was interviewed and hired earlier to fill in a needed vacant spot.
- Working on submitting FEMA Claim.
- We received the rough draft for the performance review.
- Want to thank Christi for her efforts with the Toy Drive. The toy drive reached over 300 children in the community. Hoke asked if the toy drive was spread out in the community? Yes, but just in North Fort Myers. Schaible asked if the toys were handed out yet? Yes, they were handed out this past Saturday.

By Chief Manson –

- Run report attached.
- Received price numbers for Rescues and Engines.
- A new Rescue would be used to replace a current truck and convert the one we keep to a Brush Truck.
- Working on forming a truck committee and the committee will be looking at all three manufacturers. Commissioner Ballard stated we will not be able to have an Engine brought to the board by January per the last meeting.
- Trucks are receiving PMIs.
Schaible asked if we received an Engine back from Sutphen? E2 has received PMI and had some issues, we are hoping to get back before Christmas.

Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Schaible asked how many were still at the shelter by Station 1? Approximately 154. Commissioner Hoke asked were these people displaced during the storm? Not necessarily. There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. Commissioner Hoke asked if someone could call to have a car seat inspected. Yes, but an appointment is preferred. Monique stated that we currently have 5 certified car seat technicians. There were no other questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. Commissioner Hoke mentioned that there was a lot of Pump training. We do Pump training every Monday, recommended for Sutphens. Commissioner Gatewood asked if there were any updates about getting a school bus? We have sent a letter of request. There were no other questions or comments.

Union: Things are quiet at the moment.

Old Business:

Commissioner Ballard discussed the attorney's response to the two questions he had asked last month (3) and stated he disagrees.

New Business: None.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Mere – I want to say thank you to our Administration for their efforts with the Christmas party and that he is sad that no other commissioners were there.

Public Input: Monique said thank you for a fantastic year and that she was thankful to have a wonderful team to work with.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

South Fort Myers High School Fire Academy

NBC recognition for Firefighter Dix and Firefighter Drews

Elizabeth Miller

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. November 28, 2022, Minutes
2. November 2022 Treasurer's Report
3. Letter from Attorney answering Commissioner Ballard's questions