

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 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 John Manson
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Public Education Officer Christi Kulwicki
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh
Administrative Specialist Avrey Brooks

Absent:

Commissioner Tom Mere Office Manager Monique Brooks

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Minutes: Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the July 18, 2022 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 Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, received 99% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 64% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- Met with Ted Ross and John McMahon to work on Leroy's funeral services. Chief Ross has offered to take the lead and help organize the service. The service will be on August 24th, information has been sent for those who want to attend.
- Administration has been working hard towards our performance review this past month. We are working with a consultant to prepare for the review. Thank you to Avrey for his efforts on this project.
- We have been working on the budget as we approach the end of the fiscal year.
- Health Insurance has gone up 25-30%
- Union negotiations are currently going on and we are hoping to finalize next week.
- We are currently waiting on property values for the Slater Road project.
- Researched Commissioner Ballard's request from the last meeting for hiring 18 firefighters, this came in at an estimated \$1.8 million value and not a sustainable option at this time.

Commissioner Ballard stated that the number of calls with the equipment we have is archaic. Asked how many calls did we have in the last 10 years? Chief Manson answered 9,400 in 2012 and 11,300 in 2021.

Commissioner Ballard stated we are running more calls with less equipment. Will we get 5 years out of our trucks? We could consider 12 new firefighters and 2 new rescue trucks to put more trucks on the street. Chief Beecroft stated this would still result in a housing issue.

Commissioner Ballard stated there are departments that use mobile homes with a canopy, this could be a possible solution. As well as looking into the banks. How can we better serve the District and not beat up the trucks?

- The Tentative Budget meeting will be September 12th at 5 pm.
- The Final Budget meeting will be September 19th before the commission meeting.

By Chief Manson –

- Air packs have been finished and put in service.
- New Mako has been installed. Commissioner Hoke asked, have personnel been trained on the new machine? Yes, each shift received training on the new machine.
- Previous SCBAs have been donated to the fire academy.
- Classroom has been painted
- Hose and Ladder testing has been completed. Commissioner Ballard asked if we lost any hose from the testing? Yes, we lost about 5,000 feet.
- Pump testing has been completed.
- Dayroom remodel/renovation is almost finished.
- A representative from Big Ass Fans came to each station and gave quotes to install fans in the bay. Commissioner Hoke asked if the quote included an electrician. No, the quote was for installation.

Prevention: June and July reports attached. Commissioner Hoke asked if there has been any construction started by Merchants Crossing. Yes, they are beginning to start the process. There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. Beginning to start back up with CERT. There were no questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. The past month personnel trained on Active Shooter situations with other local emergency response departments. There were no questions or comments.

Union: Have had two negotiation meetings with Admin. The next negotiation meeting is scheduled for August 23rd.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Commissioner Seat 5 Vacancy**

Commissioner Hoke stated that Commissioner Nottingham wanted to fill his term out and sees that we should leave the board as is until November. We should leave his name tag and seat as is for the next few meetings in his memory. Commissioner Ballard and Gatewood both replied absolutely.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to leave Seat 5 vacant in Commissioner Nottingham's name until Bill Schaible fills the seat in November. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0.

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You: None

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. July 18, 2022 Minutes
2. July 2022 Treasurer's Report