

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

March 20, 2017

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present were:

Commissioners: Danny Ballard Suzanne Daggett
 Michael Gatewood Leroy Nottingham
 Tom Mere

Chief David Rice Assistant Chief John Meredith
Office Manager Monique Brooks Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Union Representative Slaybaugh

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Ballard

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the February 27, 2017, 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 unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The February treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 42% through the budget year, received 91% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 52% of expenditures (less reserves).

Commissioner Mere asked why we are 10% over on expenditures? I am not sure why at the moment, I will find out and get back to him. There were no other questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly runs attached.
- Busy with Brush fires
- EMS construction project – recently spoke with Ben Abes, and he indicated that they were hoping their project will be complete sometime this summer.
- Commend B Shift on their Search and Rescue in a fire last week
- Received a kudos for Fire Investigator Klos and Cabral for their work with the Lee County Arson Task Force, and a recent investigation in Lehigh
- The Board welcomed Chief Meredith back from his medical leave. Chief Meredith thanked Battalion Chief Manson for the help while he was gone. Commissioner Daggett asked if something happened to Chief Meredith, would Manson take over? Yes. She asked if something happened to Monique, who would take over? Chief Rice and the Auditors.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached.

Commissioner Ballard stated that he felt 100 annual inspections per month was feasible. He strongly suggested to Chief Rice that the Fire Marshal be held responsible for reaching this goal. Fire Marshal Jones explained his philosophy on annual inspections and how he runs his division.

Commissioner Daggett asked how long we knew Inspector Rivers was leaving? Probably six months or more. She asked why we did not hire someone when she went on vacation? We couldn't, due to budget. She asked if moving from shift work to an inspectors position would be considered a promotion? No.

Commissioner Mere asked are we paying some firefighters an incentive for their inspectors certification? Yes, that was bargained many years ago, in the union contract. Union Representative

Slaybaugh added that it is usually officers that have their inspectors certification, and that it would be very hard to be doing inspections and responding to call.

There were no other questions.

Public Education: Report is attached. Fire Marshal Jones asked if the board was okay with Inspector Kulwicki doing public education activities? They said yes. There were no questions.

Union: Just finished the MDA boot drive this past weekend.

Old Business:

- EMS Project – discussed under Chiefs Report

New Business: None

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Ballard asked if it was possible to put a gate at the end of Runway, to block and slow down traffic coming through. He feels it is a true danger. Chief Rice said he did not think that was a good idea. He also asked what was the status on Rescue 2? Chief Rice explained that Knapheide had ordered the wrong bed, so we are again waiting on the new correct one.

Commissioner Daggett asked if there was any news on the new Fire Engine? Chief Meredith said it should be ready in June, and added Sutphen was bringing another Engine for us to look at in the morning. This one has a 1,500 gallon tank. She asked would it be possible to run some of our calls in a regular pickup? Chief Rice said he is looking into a Sports Utility Vehicle for rescue calls.

Public Input:

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

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Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mere. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. February 27, 2017 minutes
2. February treasurers report