

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

April 17, 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  
Office Manager Monique Brooks    Fire Marshal Rick Jones  
Union Representative Slaybaugh

**Absent:** Assistant Chief John Meredith

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge:** Commissioner Nottingham

**Minutes:** Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the March 20, 2017, 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 unanimous. (1)

**Treasurer's Report:** The March treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 50% through the budget year, received 91% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 58% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Commissioner Ballard and Nottingham requested that we change the agenda to allow for the the 2015/2016 Audit Presentation now.

**2015/2016 Fiscal Year Audit Presented by Jeff Tuscan, of Tuscan & Company.**

**Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to accept and approve the 2015/2016 Audit. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (3)**

**Chief's Report:**

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly runs attached.
- Busy with Brush fires
- Request for a new Brush Truck has been submitted to the Florida Forest Service.
- EMS construction project – recently spoke with Ben Abes, and he indicated that they were hoping their project will be complete sometime this summer.
- Meet with a Panasonic Representative on Friday, to look at a new computer for the new Engine.
- Nothing new on the progress of the new Engine
- Finishing up Hydrant Maintenance
- Beginning another CERT Basic Training class in May

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached.

Commissioner Ballard asked what the 14 new inspections were specifically for? Fire Marshal Jones said he didn't know exactly without looking at his books. Explained that these inspections depend on the job and what the project entails. Commissioner Ballard asked if it depended on occupancy? No There were no other questions.

**Public Education:** Report is attached. There were no questions.

**Union:** Just received the MDA boot drive numbers, they were down from last year.

**Old Business:**

- EMS Project – Commissioner Nottingham asked when Lee County was going to begin construction? We are not sure. He also asked about the canopy they set up for their current ambulance? Chief Rice said he has asked if we could purchase it from them.

**New Business: 2015/2016 Audit Presentation –**  
Covered earlier

**Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Ballard:

- asked about the rescue tools on Engine 3? He was under the impression that we had received approval to purchase new ones? Chief Rice said we never applied or received any type of funds for new tools for the Engines.  
Commissioner Daggett asked what the approximate cost for replacement of these tools is? Approximately \$8,000.00 and then increase in price.
- asked if we had to pay overtime for the personnel to respond to Okeechobee? Yes. He stated he has a problem with sending our personnel this far, because another chief requested it.  
Commissioner Nottingham asked what Chief Nisbet's position was? Regional Coordinator and IMT Leader.
- Asked about the hydrant on the North side of 41? Could we ask the County to put in a line and add another one on the other side of 41?
- Could we put new hires in new gear when hired, to free up intern gear? Chief Rice said he would like to phase out the intern program, he is not stopping it, but is not going to accept any more interns. Commissioner Mere said he has concerns with this. Chief Rice said he just does not see the benefit of the program. Commissioner Ballard responded that maybe we

continue the intern program until we are able to increase our personnel.

Commissioner Nottingham mentioned how well the interlocal agreements are working, and this is just another argument against consolidation. Chief Rice noted that the County is researching the closest unit response idea.

**Public Input:**

Battalion Chief John Manson stated that his shift was the one that responded to the wreck that has raised concerns about our tools not working properly. He stated that they are doing a critique on Wednesday. He also stated that there were multiple calls simultaneously, in our District, during that call. He said his shift did work very hard, and they were not just standing around waiting on Bayshore Fire to arrive, they were actually working.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Del Tura Ceramics Club  
Greater Naples Fire Rescue District  
The Rhodes Family  
North Fort Myers Citizen

**Commissioner Nottingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ballard. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously.**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. March 20, 2017 minutes
2. March treasurers report
3. 2015/2016 Audit