

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

December 21, 2020

Chairman Mike Gatewood 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
Leroy Nottingham
Robert Hoke

Danny Ballard
Tom Mere

Chief Ronald Beecroft

Assistant Chief John Manson

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Public Education Officer Kulwicki

Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Hoke

Swearing in of New Firefighters: Anthony Douglass and Garrett Dix were sworn in by Chief Beecroft

Public Input: "Goodbye 2020" by Mrs. Ballard

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the November 16, 2020, 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 5-0. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The November treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 17% through the budget year, received 85% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 20% of expenditures (less reserves). (2) There were no questions or comments.

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- Roof at Station 1, on dorm and Administration side has been replaced. There has been a few leaks, but the roofing company responded immediately.
- The Paradise Isle project was recently approved by Zoning.
- Our new computer program for tracking our Incidents should be operational January 1, 2021.
- Recently attended the North Fort Myers Civic Association meeting, where we were the recipients of teddy bears, to hand out to children on calls.
- Lee Cares Act – Lee County Board of Commissioners have approved the use of funds under the Cares Act, to be applied for and used by Independent Special Districts. The Board of Commissioners has calculated a formula of what each District is eligible to receive. We have submitted our application and will be submitting all necessary paperwork within the week. Commissioner Mere asked what did the funds cover? Our direct expenses were medical and sanitation supplies, along with payroll. He also asked how much? We are eligible for up to \$365,000 reimbursement.
- Thanked the Board for the offer of allowing administration to go to lunch for the holidays, however, we have decided not to use the funds.

By Assistant Chief Manson-

- Monthly Run report attached
- Very busy with the upgrade to Firehouse system (ESO is the new name). It is very entailed in the setup and training.
- Explained what a challenge coin is, and presented the Board members with a coin.

- Engine 3- while at South Florida Emergency Vehicles for routine PMI, they discovered it had a structural crack (which is covered under warranty). They are repairing it. They also are providing the PMI for Engine 2 at no cost.
- Truck Committee has met two times to discuss some specs on the new Engine.
- New Rescue trucks will be here at the beginning of January.

Fire Prevention: Report attached. There is a project off Mellow, called Crane Landing, it has been cleared and they are beginning to build houses. They are mostly spec type homes. Commissioner Gatewood asked how many houses? Their plan is to build 50-60 houses up front, and see how the development goes.

Commissioner Hoke asked about the value of the homes? They are being built by Lennar, and price range will be Mid to upper \$100,000's. He also asked about the demo at Merchants Crossing? Their permits have been issued.

There were no other questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. Very busy with Smoke Alarm installations. Red Cross provides the smoke alarms, and with the assistance of CERT, they are installed. Commissioner Hoke asked how many each household can receive? Up to 3 per household. There were no questions or comments.

Training: Recently held the Pump Operator series of classes for the new personnel, have been conducting training at Merchants Crossing and also will be presenting Fire and Arson calls during his report.

Union: Everything is quiet. Thanked the Board for the money for the shifts to each have a holiday meal.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner Items:

Hoke- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Gatewood – Congratulations to new Firefighters

Public Input: Mrs. Ballard asked for the ages of the children who lost their home to a fire. PEO Kulwicki replied with information. She also thanked the District for escorting the Civic Association through Palmona Park for their toy distribution.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

PEO Kulwicki noted that Bonita Springs Fire District donated toys to the children who lost their home in a fire last week, in our District.

Commissioner Nottingham 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 5:26 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. November 16, 2020 Minutes
2. November Treasurers Report