

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

August 17, 2015

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

Present were:

Commissioners: Leroy Nottingham Danny Ballard
 Tom Mere Robert Hoke

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

Absent: Commissioner Mike Gatewood

Invocation: Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Ballard

Minutes: Commissioner Hoke made a motion to accept July 20, 2015, 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 unanimous. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The July treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, have received 100% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 84% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly report attached
- We are looking at options for financing a new Engine. Leasing Two has given us an interest rate of just above 3%, with options of 5, 7 or 10 years. He feels the bank will give us an even better interest rate
- He has spoke with Assistant County Manager Brady, and she asked about pursuing a long term lease agreement for the land, and Chief Rice told her to use her resources and present us with something.
- We are still negotiating health insurance rates
- He sent out a draft copy of the 5 year plan for review (Commissioner Mere and Nottingham requested a hard copy)
- He will be out of town for the next two weeks in Maryland, for classes

By Assistant Chief Meredith-

- Monthly run report attached
- Initial estimates show a Sutphen commercial cab truck cost about \$80,000 less than a custom cab. He is still waiting on estimates from E-One. Commissioner Nottingham asked about the differences between a custom and commercial cab truck? Commissioner Hoke responded a commercial cab has a longer wheel base and are harder to turn. Commissioner Hoke asked why are they cheaper? Commissioner Ballard responded because with a commercial cab you are buying a cab and chassis from a company, then building on top of it vs. a custom cab starts with nothing and builds from scratch, they are only built when ordered.

Fire Prevention: Report is attached. All projects are moving forward, and there are some new ones coming up. Commissioner Hoke asked if any new developments were coming to N. Ft. Myers? Ricks responded that the only current one is the Enclave, with a Development Order, but a Development Order does not mean they will build it. Commissioner Nottingham asked where the boundary was on the West side of Pine Island Road? Rick responded it jogs or is crooked. There were no other questions.

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

Union: Looking forward to negotiations. There were no questions.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Swearing in of New Firefighter - Chief Rice read the Oath of Office to new Firefighter, Levi Sourinha, and he accepted.
- 2014/2015 Inventory Disposition –

Commissioner Ballard asked why the differences in prices in certain sets of Bunker Gear? Due to larger sizes ordered Commissioner Mere asked what did we sell the van for (amount)? We did not remember the exact number. Mr. Mere would like to see the amount next to the item, that it was sold for. **Commissioner Ballard tabled the 2014/2015 Inventory Disposition till the September meeting, until the items reflect the sales price. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. Motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. (3)**

Monique and Chief Meredith explained the situation with the flat bed skid unit (it was not really that, it was part of the truck – that went with the truck, when it was sold). This item was incorrectly labeled and input into system by previous administrative personnel.

Commissioner Items:

Ballard:

1. Retiree Insurance – it is time to look at dropping retirees from our health insurance policy. He would like to see how our premiums would be affected, if the retirees were not on our policy. He would like Bouchard Insurance to let us know. Chief Rice said he has been working on several contingency plans to present to the Board.
2. Commercial cab trucks – would like us to look at these trucks because it could save up to \$200,000 on the price of a truck. Commissioner Mere agreed. Chief Rice said he would like to talk to other Chiefs and get their opinions. It was suggested that he talk to Key West and St. Augustine, because they have to maneuver in tight areas.
3. Asked how the manning cutback is working? Chief Rice responded that it is working well, we have kept full staff at Barrett Road, in order to keep 2 trucks running there, because of the high call volume in that district. Commissioner Ballard said he feels it is dangerous to only have 2 people at Slater Road. Commissioner Ballard asked Firefighter Klos what his opinion was about having 2 people at Slater Road? FF Klos said he feels it is fine with only 2 people. Commissioner Nottingham added that defensive attacks are from the outside, and 2 people could handle that, until more units arrived. Commissioner Nottingham added that we do not have the funds to raise salaries or add personnel, so we have to do what we have to do, to make it work.

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Commissioner Hoke 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 5:55 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. July Minutes
2. July Treasurers Report
3. 2014/2015 Inventory Disposition