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

May 20, 2013

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 Tom Mere

Danny Ballard Mike Gatewood

Chief Christopher Noble Asst. Chief John Meredith Asst. Chief David Rive Office Manager Monique Brooks Members of the Public

**Absent:** Commissioner Robert Hoke

Union Representative James Hagie

**Invocation:** Commissioner Tom Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept April 22, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mere, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

**Treasurer's Report**: The April treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 59% through the budget year, have received 95% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 61% of expenditures (less reserves). Commissioner Mere asked how the transition to QuickBooks was going? Monique responded everything was going well. There were no questions. (2)

### **Chief's Report:**

### By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- Our Honor Guard was able to go to Texas for the West Texas Memorial. They were able to stay with one of our members family. We really appreciate everyone going and for their service.
- We are currently in the process of transitioning our accounting software to QuickBooks. Monique and Asst Chief Rice recently attended a two day class in Excel.
- We sent two personnel to EVT (Emergency Vehicle Technician) school last week. Commissioner Mere asked if we can get a better price on non-ethanol fuel than the price at Seaboard and Palm Beach? Chief Noble responded that we do not purchase enough to warrant buying it in bulk. He did note that we could possibly use it in our small equipment.
- Chief Noble is currently serving on a consolidation committee, which involves our department, Bayshore, Tice, Fort Myers Shores, Alva and Lehigh. This committee is researching ideas on Education and Training and Purchasing in bulk. The Education and Training allows all departments to begin using the same training calendar, so everyone is on the same time frame for training. Commissioner Nottingham asked if we were still looking at the Collier County association and their health insurance? Chief Noble said that he feels that is not going to work out like we had hoped. He also said that the number of retirees we carry on our plan, affects our rates and ability to look at other health plans.
- We signed a letter of, record of agent, change today, for all of our insurance policies. We are leaving Gulfshore Insurance and moving our policies to Bouchard Insurance.
- The proposed bill for fire assessment fees, got moved to the end of the Fire Marshal's bill, and it is currently on the Governors desk. Once this bill is passed, there will be an educational seminar on how to enforce/enact the fire assessment fee.

## **Training:**

Report is attached. We just finished another class in the Fire Officer 1 series. We are starting another one this week, then we will have 3 more classes left. The X-collars have placed in to service. There were no questions.

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached. There were no questions.

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

**Union:** Union member Slaybaugh stated that everything is going okay. There were no questions.

#### **Old Business:**

Updates on projects:

#### Barrett Road Station-

Lee County requested drawings of our project. We did them, and we are waiting on final approval of the County, then they go to FDEP (who is ready to sign off). Commissioner Mere asked what the status of the septic is? Chief Noble responded that it is held up right now, until we receive the permits.

#### **New Business:**

NONE

#### **Commissioner Items:**

Gatewood – He was glad to see two of our personnel at the EVT school.

Mere – He should be here for the June meeting, but will be gone in July and August.

Public Input: None

# **Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Upper Captiva Fire Bayshore Fire Dar Zentz, CERT member

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

## Supportive Documents:

- 1. April minutes
- 2. Treasurers Report