

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

May 19, 2014

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
 Robert Hoke Tom Mere
 Michael Gatewood

Chief Chris Noble
Asst. Chief David Rice
Office Manager Monique Brooks

Absent: Asst Chief John Meredith
 Union Representative Hagie

Invocation: Commissioner Tom Mere

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Gatewood

Minutes: Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept April 21, 2014, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, 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 97% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 64% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- Spoke with Chief Wayne at Lehigh Fire, and he feels bad about their methodology for their fire fee; however, if they do not receive it, he will have to lay off 54 people in March and will close their ambulance service (possibly the day after the election in November). Lehigh struggles with the issue of vacant land and no infrastructure
- We are going to have to deal with misinformation between NFMFD and Bayshore Fire (people live in North Fort Myers, but they are actually in Bayshore's Fire district)
- We should be able to go out and explain our situation
- Regarding Brooks Road – we have not heard back from Habitat, but will call them again this week. The price one realtor has given us for a sales price on the property is approximately \$150,000 - \$169,000.
- We are currently updating our website to educate the public
- ISO will be here in November, as well as in other fire districts
- We are beginning to schedule talks to civic groups, and other organizations, to inform them of the facts of the fire fee assessment
- The Save our Homes and Portability Act are going to make it difficult to overcome our budget constraints.
- Discussions are on-going with EMS to help pay for an increase in space here at the Trail Dairy station. We are asking them to assist with the expansion costs, or we need to look at some type of monthly payment from them
- We received the FEMA Grant for a Sprinkler, Alarm and Hood Suppression System, which will be financially helpful in the expansion of Station 1 (this was one of the biggest costs of the Barrett and Slater Road projects)

Training:

Report is attached. Emphasis is currently on EMT Refresher. Chief Rice also noted that two of our Firefighters received the Phoenix Award last week. There were no questions.

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

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

Union: Union Representatives were not present because they are on duty today, and are currently on scene of a brush fire

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

2013/2013 Budget Amendment –

Monique presented the 2013/2014 Proposed Budget Amendment, and discussed the overall amount, as well as the specific line items affected. The 2013/2014 Budget will be amended by \$164,727, which represents monies carried over from the previous year.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the 2013/2014 Budget Amendment, as presented. Commissioner Gatewood seconded.

Commissioner Ballard asked why the A/C unit purchased was not in the building maintenance line item? Monique responded that this was an asset item, and had to be capitalized. He also asked why then the A/C was not in the Station Equipment line item? Monique responded that that line is hardly used anymore, and the line it is going to contains appliances. **The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor, and the decision was unanimous. (3)**

Commissioner Items:

Chief Rice was thanked for his hard work on the FEMA Grant.

Commissioner Nottingham noted that Grant Posey's son was killed last week in a motorcycle accident; however, several lives were saved, because he was an organ donor.

Commissioner Ballard mentioned the service being held tomorrow at McGregor Baptist, for Firefighter Jeff Newland from North Port, which our Honor Guard will be attending, as well as an Engine of ours.

Public Input:

None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Thank you letter from Troy Duda

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. April minutes
2. April Treasurers Report
3. 2013/2014 Budget Amendment