

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

June 16, 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 John Meredith  
Asst. Chief David Rice  
Office Manager Monique Brooks

**Absent:**

Union Representative Slaybaugh

**Invocation:**          Commissioner Tom Mere

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Gatewood

**Minutes:**    Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept May 19, 2014, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

**Treasurer's Report:**    The May treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 67% through the budget year, have received 99% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 70% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- Beginning to speak to groups about the fire fee assessment. Working closely with Bayshore. We are also trying to get the News Press to do a fair and unbiased article about the fire fee
- Attended Lee County Fire Chiefs Meeting last week – it is a lot of doom and gloom county wide, and we are trying to figure out how to help each other
- Lee County has put the CAD system update on hold, indefinitely. This causes problems because not sure how to replace the sending unit (air card, etc.)
- Meeting with Lee County EMS this week to discuss the expansion and costs of the Trail Dairy Station
- Met with Sawyer Smith today, he is currently seeking a county commissioners seat position and was here to just ask questions about fire districts
- Regarding the Brooks Road Property – we have a Development Order in place, civil engineering has been done which would save a buyer money. Realtor from Market America feels the property is worth \$159,000. Chief Noble feels we should look at other realtors. He would like to get at least 3 more proposals from other realtors.

By Asst. Chief Meredith-

- Met with Chief Cochran at Cape Coral Fire about the mutual aid agreement and everything looks good. Commissioner Mere asked where does the Cape Coral boundary end behind Home Depot? Chief Meredith responded behind the Children's Science center.

## **Training:**

Report is attached. There were no questions.

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

**Public Education:** Report is attached. Chief Noble noted that we are looking in to an annual awards ceremony. There were no questions.

**Union:** Union Representatives were not present, but we are working together on a database of Super voters.

**Old Business:** NONE

**New Business:** NONE

**Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Ballard inquired about our recent venture with Bayshore Fire and Forestry. Bayshore had a truck break down, and had to pay to have it towed. He wondered why Forestry didn't put it on their truck and take it for them, since it was their fire. Chief Noble responded that we work under a mutual aid agreement, and it is probably also a liability issue. He also added that we are all a part of Region 6 and have agreed to respond.

Commissioner Mere noted that if we are not going to help Division of Forestry or others, then we are opening the door for criticism from the public.

**Public Input:**

Debbie Ballard was disappointed that there was no union representation at the union conference in Naples, which is only 50 miles away, and does not feel there are any excuses why no one was there.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

City of North Port

Donation by Robert Soderquist

**Commissioner Mere 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. May minutes
2. May Treasurers Report