

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

November 17, 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 Michael Gatewood
 Tom Mere

Chief Chris Noble Asst. Chief John Meredith
Asst. Chief David Rice
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Gatewood

Minutes: **Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept October 20, 2014, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)**

Treasurer's Report: The October treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 9% through the budget year, have received 35% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and have spent 7% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- ISO was here and the process was very easy and painless. A few areas that we are correcting for them are: some hydrants pressures and a second (backup) means of communication.
- There should be a media release soon about area fire districts and their response times

By Asst. Chief Meredith –

He has slightly changed the run sheet layout

Training:

Report is attached. Also added that two of our Lieutenants began the ESLI (Emergency Services Leadership Institute) officer development program. There are six sessions, and they have just completed one. We had 10 personnel attend the “Art of Reading Smoke” presentation. There were no questions.

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

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

Union: Nothing to report

Old Business:

- **Special Event Policy –**
Chief Noble discussed the policy.
Commissioner Ballard asked about the participation of Engines in parades? Chief Noble responded that is not really a big deal, and will just depend on staffing levels and other events going on

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-006, which adopts fees for special events, false alarms and special live fire training. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The resolution was put to vote, all were in favor and the vote was unanimous. (3)

- **EMS discussions** – EMS has countered our offer, with \$2,000 per year. This is an insult to us. The Board stated that there would be no bargaining with EMS at this point – the fee is \$15,000 per year, or vacate our station by December 31, 2014.

New Business:

Appointment of New Fire Chief –

Chief Noble noted that the Board has been given resumes of the two candidates, the job description for the position, and they know both people. Chairman Nottingham handed out slips of paper, to the Board members, and they cast their vote, and turned the papers in to the Chairman. Chairman Nottingham counted the votes, and it was announced that David Rice has been selected as the new Fire Chief. The Board agreed that the salary for the position will remain the same as the current base pay rate of the Chief. Congratulations David Rice!

Commissioner Items:

2014 Annual Awards Ceremony -

After lengthy discussion, back and forths, the Board finally agreed to approve the ceremony, that has been planned and arranged by Administration. **Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to hold the annual awards ceremony at Victory Lane Café, on December 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, all were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Mere asked if the interns were eligible for the special event detail, and if so, would they be paid? Chief Noble responded that we would have to ask the Auditors, and the Insurance agent.

Public Input:

Question was asked about clarification of the special event detail – does this mean that the District will be charging to attend High School and Pop Warner football games? Chief Noble responded yes.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

North Fort Myers Soccer Club

Commissioner Hoke 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 5:55 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. October Minutes
2. October Treasurers Report
3. Resolution 2014-006