

January 21, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Resource Center of Station Two.

Present:	Paul Pitcher	Chairman
	Donald Olmstead	Commissioner
	Amy Willis	Commissioner
	Michael Browning	Commissioner
	Scott Smith	Commissioner
	Michael S. Rampino	Fire Chief
Absent:	Robert Bell	Vice-Chairman
	James Alderman	Commissioner

Chairman Pitcher opened the meeting.

Chairman Pitcher inquired if there was any public wishing to make comment; as no public was present or wishing to comment, Chairman Pitcher proceeded with the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held November 19, 2015 were approved on motion by Commissioner Olmstead, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chief Rampino indicated that Jonathan Cannon had recently been hired and was present with his wife, Dana, for his employee oath and pinning ceremony. Also present to receive Years of Service Awards were Ben Miller, John Mueller, and Ryan Cooper. Commissioner Willis was also presented with a Years of Service Award. Congratulations were offered to all of the recipients.

Administrative Services Manager Vicky Polston indicated that the largest portion of tax assessment dollars had been received. Approximately \$2.7M remains to be collected. Impact fees have recently been received averaging about \$14,000 monthly. The financial reports for the months ending November 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015 were presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve the November and December 2015 reports, seconded by Commissioner Olmstead and carried by a vote of 5-0.

During Chief Rampino's Administration Report he indicated the as a follow up to the American Tower lease discussion at a previous meeting, he had our attorney, Maggie Mooney-Portale, review the proposed contract changes. The attorney recommends the Board be cautious about any long-term commitment. It was suggested that perhaps the current contract could play out until its expiration date and possibly more favorable terms would be offered. It was also her

suggestion that the Board might seek a valuation of this property. Chairman Pitcher felt this cautionary approach would be appropriate now. Chief Rampino offered that he would try to research information on someone who could provide the District a valuation of this lease property.

Chief also reported that all the fire districts in Manatee County, as well as the county, had joined together to apply for a \$2.8M grant to refurbish the alerting and tones systems currently in use. Chief advised Commissioners that he recently had been appointed as the Vice-president of the Manatee County Fire Chief's Association.

Commissioner Browning indicated that North River Fire District would be hosting the Manatee County Fire Commissioners Association quarterly meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at the Training Center.

Commissioner Olmstead motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 5-0.

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY
MICHAEL P. BROWNING