

November 17, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Resource Center of Station Two.

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

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 presentation of a retirement plaque was added to the Agenda for former Fire Marshal Johnny Rigney. Chief Rampino extended congratulations to Mr. Rigney and presented him with a plaque commemorating his years of service from 2008-2016.

The meeting was adjourned sine die and the oath of office was administered by Vice-Chairman Robert Bell to the newly elected Commissioner Harry L. Blenker and the three re-elected Commissioners, Paul Pitcher, Amy Willis and Scott Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pitcher.

The minutes of the previous meeting held October 20, 2016 were approved on motion by Commissioner Browning, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief advised that a list of 2017 Commission meeting dates was attached for the Commission's review. Commissioner Browning motioned to approve the meeting dates as listed, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Pitcher indicated that the 2017 nominations were open for discussion. After a brief review of the positions and the Commissioners holding them, Commissioner Willis motioned that all current positions continue as they currently are. Current office holders were agreeable to continue with their respective offices as follows:

Commissioner Pitcher	Chairman
Commissioner Bell	Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Browning	Secretary
Commissioner Smith	Treasurer

seconded by Commissioner Bell and carried by a vote of 6-0

Appointments for the Attorney, the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Commissioners Association were open for discussion. Commissioner Smith motioned that we approve the following as appointments for 2017, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 6-0.

- Maggie Mooney-Portale – Attorney for District
- Michael Browning - Delegate to Commissioner's Association
- James Alderman - Alternate Delegate to Commissioner's Association

Chairman Pitcher indicated that Resolution 2016-09 was before the Commission,

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS COMMENDING FORMER FIRE COMMISSIONER DONALD A. OLMSTEAD FOR HIS DEDICATION

Commissioner Bell motioned to approve Resolution 2016-09, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino indicated that due to additional changes to Exhibit C requested by Manatee County, the Interlocal Agreement to collect user fees for the North River Fire District by the County was being brought back before the Commission for their re-approval. Commissioner Browning motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Manatee County and the North River Fire District to collect user fees with changes to Exhibit B, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 6-0.

As a result of the approval of the above Interlocal agreement, it was necessary to approve Resolution 2016-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT AND MANATEE COUNTY

Chairman Pitcher read the resolution into the record and Commissioner Bell motioned to approve Resolution 2016-10, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino indicated that the budget was in good order. Some budgeted items have been paid ahead at the beginning of the budget year and therefore

are reflected at a higher percentage. Tax assessment funds have begun to be received for the current tax year. The financial report for the month ending October 31, 2016 was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve the October 2016 report, seconded by Commissioner Bell and carried by a vote of 6-0.

In Chief Rampino's Administrative Report he indicated that the annual Christmas Party will take place on December 9, 2016 at Heritage Harbor, through the generosity of It Works supplying the venue. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Chief Rampino indicated that with the Commission's consent, staff would be looking at surplus Car 9 and the Ford Explorer currently used by the bureau. The vehicles together would bring in funds that could be used to purchase a replacement Ford Explorer. An additional approximately \$14,000 would be necessary to make the purchase; these additional funds could be taken from the Repair and Maintenance of Vehicles budget category. Commissioners were agreeable to pursue this process. Chief indicated that we would be looking at selling an old brush truck on Govdeals.com, as well. Commissioners expressed concern about selling a truck with a tank that wasn't appropriate for the truck and wanted Chief Rampino to check with the District's attorney to find out about the District's liability should there be an issue for someone purchasing the truck. Chief Rampino indicated he would do so.

Chief also indicated that the District was replacing the old antiquated phone system currently in use starting in the coming week. The systems will allow calls directly to the stations, among other features.

Commissioners offered congratulations to the newly seated commissioner, Mr. Blenker. Chief indicated that he would be in contact with the Chairman if there was no new business for the December meeting and the possibility of cancelling that meeting.

Commissioner Bell motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 6-0.

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
