

January 18, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the Resource Center of Station Two.

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

With the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Michael Browning chaired the meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting on November 16, 2017 were approved on motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Acting-Chairman Browning indicated that in order to facilitate the meeting, the regular business beginning with Item #7 would be conducted first and then the pinning and swearing In ceremonies would be held.

Chief Rampino indicated that Commissioners had before them the Pension Fund Expense Report and the Annual Report of Investment Activity for informational purposes only. Chief reported that the pension fund was doing well given the robust state of the stock market.

Chief advised during the Financial Report that additional fire assessment fees were recently received. Currently, only about \$800,000 in fire assessment fees remains uncollected. The financial report for the months ending November 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017 were presented. Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve the October and November 2017 financial reports, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 5-0.

During his Administration Report, Chief Rampino provided Commissioners with a copy of the FL Attorney General's Opinion Letter, which the District had requested with the Commissioners' approval. Chief indicated that Maggie Mooney-Portale, our attorney, will be providing a summarization of the document. It appears that the letter expresses what the District is not to do in terms of collection of fire assessments from State-owned properties, and does not directly address our inquiry about properties owned by not for profits, etc.

Chief will put together a packet with further information including the attorney summary for the next meeting. Other Boards have received a copy of the letter but have not yet met to discuss.

Chief Rampino conducted a pinning ceremony for recently promoted Captain Benjamin Miller, and Engineers Gerard Ardila and Andrew Clark. who were all “pinned” by their significant others. Congratulations were offered to the newly promoted employees.

Acting-Chairman Browning conducted a Swearing In Ceremony for the following recently hired personnel: Mark DeLibertis, Jacob Dillard, Geoffrey Evans, Joseph Houlihan and Daniel Phillips. Congratulations were extended to all.

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

MICHAEL BROWNING
ACTING CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
