

October 18, 2018

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

Present:	Paul Pitcher	Chairman
	Robert Bell	Vice-Chairman
	Amy Willis	Commissioner
	Scott Smith	Commissioner
	James Alderman	Commissioner
	Harry L. Blenker	Commissioner
	Michael S. Rampino	Fire Chief
Absent:	Michael Browning	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 minutes of the previous meeting on September 20, 2018 were approved on motion by Commissioner Alderman, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief advised Commissioners that they were presented with the FY 2018-2019 Pension Fund Budget for informational purposes only, no action required.

Chief Rampino initiated a discussion with Commissioners regarding loan payoff options for Stations 2 and 5. During September's Commission Meeting it was determined that Commissioners preferred to payoff the loan early rather than refinance the existing loan. Administration presented two early payoff options of either 2 or 3 years, offering a range of savings between \$138,326 to \$158,660. The amount fluctuates due to daily interest accruing. Commissioners held a discussion reaffirming that they would like the loan paid off early rather than refinance. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the logistics of the early payoff as soon as possible and to determine whether the payoff would come from the Impact Fee Fund or through the General Fund or a combination of both. Admin will consult with Maggie Mooney-Portale, the District's attorney, and Randy Dillingham, Auditor, to help determine the appropriate steps in accomplishing the payoff of the loan in a timely manner. Once this information is available, Admin will present the Board with an appropriate course of action and request authorization to proceed with the payoff process.

Chief Rampino presented the financial report for the month ending September 2018. September reflects the year ending totals for budget categories. We are currently 18 days into the new budget year. Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve the financial report for September 2018, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 6-0.

During Chief Rampino's Administration Report, he advised that seven NRRFD personnel as well as NRRFD equipment have been deployed to the Florida panhandle area because of Hurricane Michael. They are part of Engine and Tanker strike teams deployed from Manatee County. Also, the District's EVT, Mike Henry, has also been deployed to the area to assist local fire departments.

Chief informed Commissioners that Mary Egan has indicated that she will be stepping down from her position on the NRRFD Pension Board. He advised that it will be necessary to seek a suitable replacement for her position.

During his Admin Report, Chief also mentioned that the auditors have begun work on the 2017-2018 FY audit. They will complete their work during the first week in December.

Captain Rod Griffon, who attended the meeting, requested permission from Chairman Pitcher to address the Board outside of the public comment segment of the meeting regarding the Pension Board position that will be vacated by Mary Egan. Captain Griffon offered the suggestion that he might be a suitable candidate for this position, as he would vacate his current seat on the Pension Board and move into the "citizen appointee" seat, allowing him to continue on the Board once he retires, and opening his current seat for an elected firefighter. Captain Griffon felt the Pension Board could be well served by his experience yet opening up a seat for another younger firefighter to train and participate on the Board. Commissioners will be considering their options to make this appointment in the near future.

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

PAUL J. PITCHER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

MICHAEL BROWNING , SECRETARY