

October 19, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, October 19, 2017, 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
	Harry L. Blenker	Commissioner
Absent:	James Alderman	Commissioner
	Michael Browning	Commissioner
	Michael S. Rampino	Fire Chief

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 21, 2017 were approved on motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Pitcher read Ordinance No. 31 into the record for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTING A FIRE PREVENTION CODE FOR THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION, INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SAID RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, INCLUDING ORDINANCE 29; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Bell motioned to establish November 16, 2017, the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting, as the Public Hearing date for Ordinance 31 to be heard and approved, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vicky Polston, Admin. Services Manager, indicated that Commissioners had before them the Resolution prepared by the Fire District's attorney indicating that the Commission is seeking an Opinion from the Florida Attorney General's Office regarding Non-Ad Valorem fire assessments. Resolution 2017-06:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT SEEKING FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION

was presented and Commissioner Willis motioned to approve Resolution 2017-06 seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 5-0. All Commissioners will be asked to sign the resolution prior to forwarding to the Attorney General's Office indicating unanimous approval.

Commissioners were presented with the 2017-2018 North River Fire District Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund Proposed Budget for informational purposes only. No action was required.

The Financial Services Manager indicated that the 2016-2017 budget had gone over budget in the overtime category due to Hurricane Irma in the early part of September. However, overall the payroll category was under budget. Impact fees have been received for September, with a lower than expected amount. The financial report for the month ending September 30, 2017 was presented. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the September 2017 financial report, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Willis expressed thanks for the crew that was at Wee World. Commissioner Blenker expressed thanks for the job being done by the volunteers who were in the Florida Keys. Commissioner Bell inquired if other Fire Districts were aware of our request for opinion from Attorney General's Office. He was advised they are aware of our request.

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

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
