

November 16, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2017, 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
	James Alderman	Commissioner
	Harry L. Blenker	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 October 19, 2017 were approved on motion by Commissioner Browning, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chief Rampino conducted a pinning ceremony for recently promoted Captain Anthony Cioni, who was “pinned” by his spouse. Congratulations were offered to Captain Cioni on his achievement.

Chairman Pitcher opened the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding adoption of the proposed Ordinance 31:

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.

As there was no public present who wished to speak, Commissioner Bell motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve proposed Ordinance 31 as stated, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chief Rampino introduced Jeff Kern and Brent Wertz, representatives of Water Walker Investments. Mr. Wertz and Mr. Kern were both in attendance to give a presentation to Commissioners regarding the Florida Fixed Income Trust and its availability to the District. They have been the investment managers of the Trust since 2010. The Trust is a local government investment pool created by Florida State Statute. Local government can invest public funds under Chapter 218.415. Many governmental entities throughout the State participate in this Trust. Chief Rampino expressed Administration's interest to participate in the Florida Fixed Income Trust. Various fund options would be available to the District. Commissioners expressed interest in the program and the investment options it would provide. Commissioner Bell motioned to approve participation by the North River Fire District in the Florida Fixed Income Trust, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chaplain Kelvin Foster was in attendance at the meeting to meet the Commissioners and provide them with an overview of his extensive experience and what services he can provide to the employees of the District. Commissioners welcomed him.

Chief Rampino indicated that Commissioners had before them the proposed Commission Meeting dates for 2018. Commissioner Bell motioned to approve the meeting dates as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Pitcher indicated that the 2018 election of officers of the Fire Commission was up for nominations. Commissioner Bell motioned to retain the current Commissioners in their present elected offices. After a brief discussion Commissioner Alderman seconded the motion to retain Paul Pitcher as Chairman, Robert Bell as Vice-Chairman, Michael Browning as Secretary and Scott Smith as the Treasurer and carried by a vote of 7-0.

The 2018 appointments for Attorney, Delegate to Commissioners' Association and Alternate Delegate to Commissioners' Association were before the Board. Maggie Mooney-Portale has agreed to serve as the District's attorney for 2018. Commissioner Alderman motioned to reappointment Maggie Mooney-Portale as the NRRFD attorney, Michael Browning as the Delegate to the Commissioners' Association and Harry Blenker as the Alternate Delegate to the Commissioners' Association, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mary Egan, the Citizen Trustee for the North River Firefighters Pension Plan was up for reappointment. Mrs. Egan has expressed interest in continuing to serve. Commissioner Willis motioned to reappointment Mrs. Mary Egan as the Citizen Trustee for the NRRFFPP through November 2019, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Vicky Polston, the Financial Services Manager, indicated that the Financial Audit was currently in progress. Additional fire assessment fees of \$92,000 had recently been received. The Impact Fee Fund had recently received \$16,151 for October. The financial report for the month ending October 31, 2017 was presented. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the October 2017 financial report, seconded by Commissioner Bell and carried by a vote of 7-0.

In his Administration Report, Chief Rampino indicated that currently Administration was working on the FEMA reimbursement process for Hurricane Irma. He was meeting with FEMA reps on Monday. Chief also indicated that the District's Christmas Party was scheduled for December 16, 2017 at Heritage Harbor Clubhouse.

Commissioner Bell inquired about the District's arrangement for a physician for the District. Chief Rampino responded that we currently utilize an urgent care for Workers Comp issues. Commissioners expressed their congratulations to Captain Cioni on his promotion.

Chairman Pitcher indicated he felt that unless any urgent business arose, it would be appropriate to cancel the December 2017 Fire Commission Meeting due to the holidays. Administration will process the cancellation of the meeting unless otherwise advised.

Commissioner Bell motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 7-0.

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
