

April 19, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the Resource Center of Station Two.

Present:	Paul Pitcher	Chairman
	Robert Bell	Vice-Chairman
	Michael Browning	Commissioner
	Scott Smith	Commissioner
	James Alderman	Commissioner
	Harry L. Blenker	Commissioner
	Michael S. Rampino	Fire Chief
Absent:	Amy Willis	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 March 15, 2018 were approved on motion by Commissioner Blenker, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Pitcher opened the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding adoption of the proposed resolution setting fire assessment rates for 2018. Chief advised Commissioners that the Commission had for their consideration the proposed Fire Assessment Rates for 2018, which was being recommended for approval with a 4.16% increase or generating approximately \$307,358.18. As there was no public present who wished to speak, Commissioner Bell motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 6-0. A question arose regarding the exemptions for churches. Chief indicated that he had attended the Manatee County Fire Commissioners most recent meeting at which the issue was discussed. He indicated that there was no interest in the MC fire districts collectively pursuing this avenue. He advised that if the NRRFD Fire Commission wished to pursue the fire assessment for churches they would probably be pursuing this alone. Several of the districts were requesting a clarification of the most recent opinion that was received. Commissioners briefly discussed the issue. Chairman Pitcher then read the Resolution into the minutes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTING FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES FOR 2018, AUTHORIZING REVIEW OF THE FIRE ASSESSMENT ROLL, DESIGNATING AN INDIVIDUAL TO REVIEW AND TRANSMIT FIRE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Browning motioned to approve Resolution 2018-01 with the 4.16% increase, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief advised that ADMIN had arranged for the District's antique fire truck to be donated to the Palmetto Historical Commission. They are still working out where it will be stored. Commissioner Blenker motioned to approve the donation of the antique fire truck, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino indicated that the budget categories were in good shape. A few categories that were over 100% would be adjusted before the end of the budget year. The financial report for the month ending March 31, 2018 was presented. Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve the March 2018 financial reports, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 6-0.

During his Administration report, Chief Rampino indicated that the Air/Light truck had been auctioned for approximately \$31,000. The 2007 Ford Explorer was auctioned for \$4,200. He indicated our next purchase would be a rescue pumper that could handle equipment from A/L 1. Chief also reminded Commissioners that Commission Seats 1, 3 and 7 were going to be up for re-election in November of 2018.

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