

May 18, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the Resource Center of Station Two.

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

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 April 20, 2017 were approved on motion by Commissioner Browning, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino advised Commissioners that he was seeking approval for the EPR Software Agreement and authorization to sign and negotiate the agreement. EPR is the "FireWorks" records management system for all response calls and NFIRS Reporting. It also allows for hydrant records, mapping and inspections to be recorded. He indicated that it is expected that the cost will be approximately \$10K yearly after the first two years. Our attorney has reviewed and approved the contract. Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve the EPR Agreement and authorize Chief Rampino to negotiate and execute the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution 2017-02 was before Commissioners ratifying the appointment of members of the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals. It is a follow-up to the establishment of the Board of Appeals done last year. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve Resolution 2017-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS BY THE MANATEE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Administrative Services Manager, Vicky Polston, advised that \$75K in fire assessments still remained to be collected. Impact fees of \$18K have recently been received. Some budget transfers can be expected in the next few months. The financial report for the month ending April 30, 2017 was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve the April 2017 report, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino advised that it has been the practice of NRPD not to levy tax assessments on churches, non-profits and other charitable organizations. Maggie Mooney-Portale, the district's attorney has advised and is working on a position paper that explains that exemptions are not allowed on non-ad valorem tax assessments. These organizations will be advised of this change for the 2018 tax year.

Chief Rampino and some staff returned from a trip to Pierce for the "acceptance" of new Engine 551. We expect to have the truck around June 2, 2017.

Chief advised that NRPD staff is working with the Director of Port Manatee Security in formulating and applying for a Port Security Grant. Their expertise will assist in the process for securing a grant for a new marine unit.

The COPCN resolution was passed by the Manatee County BOCC. This will allow fire districts to move forward with training and equipping an ALS Engine, once employees can be trained as paramedics. Currently 10-11 NRPD employees have expressed interest in going to paramedic school. Chief will work with Labor to formulate a selection process.

We will be adopting a 3 digit numbering system for our apparatus; our numbers will be preceded by a numeral "5".

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

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
