

August 16, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, August 16, 2018, 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

Also Present: 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 July 19, 2018 were approved on motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chief Rampino presented to the Board the need for Budget Amendments to the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget. He explained that the department would like to purchase a new fire truck. If the District ordered and placed a 100% deposit on the truck prior to 10/01/18 the District would save \$19,000.00. The amendment would move \$516,416.00 from the Committed portion of the Reserve Fund "Vehicle Apparatus" to "Deposit on Fixed Assets" (1600). Secondly, a portion of the Committed Reserve Fund was designated for the new Alerting System, installed and required by Manatee County. Funds of \$30,000.00 to be moved from Committed Reserve to Capital Expenditures (7170). Thirdly, for the Bunker Gear Replacement Plan, the \$75,000.00 portion of Committed Funds to be moved to the Uniform Expense category (7970). Chief also explained that the other requested amendments to the 2017/2018 budget are to reflect the ending reserve fund balances of the 2016/2017 Financial Audit. The reserve fund balance of the General Fund to reflect \$3,135,494.00 and the Impact Fee Fund Reserve balance of \$250,870.00. Commissioner Alderman made a motion to approve the budget amendments as stated above, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution 2018-03 Adopting the 2017/2018 Budget Amendments was approved by a motion from Commissioner Browning, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Pitcher opened the Public Hearing for consideration of the Proposed 2018/2019 Budget. Chief Rampino explained any changes from the previous budget year; a brief discussion took place. No public present or wishing to speak Chairman Pitcher closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Browning made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution 2018-04 Adopting the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget was approved by a motion from Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chief Rampino informed the Commission that a Public Hearing needed to be established in September to hear any Assessment Appeals from property owners. Commissioner Willis made a motion to set the public hearing date as September 20, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chief Rampino presented the financial report for the month ending July 2018. Chief Rampino indicated that the District's expenses were at 79.2% and income was at 102.4% of the general fund FY budget. Chief explained to the Commission that we received our FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Irma overtime expenses of \$45,000, which were deposited back into overtime payroll. Commissioner Browning motioned to approve the July 2018 financial report, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Administrative Report: Chief Rampino shared with the Board that SMFR went out for an RFP on Insurance. Chief spoke with the attorney and if we chose to, the district could piggy back off their RFP. During this renewal, our agent of record Boyd Insurance reduced our fee from 5% to 4%. The district will likely do an RFP for 2019/2020.

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

PAUL J. PITCHER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

MICHAEL BROWNING, SECRETARY