

August 17, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, August 17, 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
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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 20, 2017 were approved on motion by Commissioner Browning, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino indicated that Captain Matthew Thornton had recently retired. He was present to receive a retirement plaque commemorating his more than 25 years of service to the residents of the North River Fire District. Congratulations were offered to Captain Thornton for his dedication and years of service.

Admin. Services Manager, Vicky Polston, indicated that a budget transfer totaling \$42,000.00 was necessary for the 2016-17 FY budget as follows:

Moving from: (7680) Misc. Supplies \$5,000, (7810) Radio Repairs \$5,000, (7430) Fuel \$10,000, (7360) Fire Prevention \$3,000, (7530) Workers Comp \$3,000, (7710) Physicals \$5,000, (7910) Repairs/Maint. Vehicles \$11,000,

Moving to: (7190) Capital Plan \$32,500, (7830) Refunds \$1,700, (6505) Misc. Payroll Exp. \$ 700, (7155) Air Pack \$3,100 & (7330) Fire Rescue Equip \$4,000.

Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve a total budget transfer of \$42,000.00 from and to the above-referenced line items for the 2016-2017 FY Budget, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Pitcher opened the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. As no public was present or wishing to comment regarding the budget, Chairman Pitcher closed the Public Hearing and continued with the meeting.

Commissioners briefly considered the 2017-2018 FY Budget. Commissioner Blenker motioned to approve the proposed 2017-2018 FY Budget, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Alderman motioned to approve **Resolution 2017-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

seconded by Commissioner Blenker, and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino indicated it was necessary to establish the date for a public hearing to hear fire assessment appeals from property owners. Commissioner Willis motioned to establish the next regularly scheduled meeting date, September 21, 2017 at 6 p.m. as the public hearing date and time for fire assessment appeals and to authorize administration to advertise, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Administrative Services Manager, Vicky Polston, advised that the current budget was in good order. Additional Impact fees have recently been received and were not reflected in the current financial report. The financial report for the month ending July 31, 2017 was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve the July 2017 report, seconded by Commissioner Blenker and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino indicated that our grant request for funds a boat had made it to the second phase. He feels positive about NRRFD's chances of securing the grant. He is seeking possible Senate appropriation monies with the assistance of Senator Bill Galvano, to help with the portion of the grant for which NRRFD would be responsible.

Chief Rampino advised that FF Matthew Stone and FF Blake Hunniford had both recently passed the Engineer's exam. A pinning ceremony will be held in September for their promotion to Engineer.

Commissioner Browning advised that the MC Fire Commissioners' Association will be meeting at North River on October 2, 2017. Commissioners offered their congratulations to Captain Matt Thornton. The preparations for the NRRFD sponsored 9/11 Blood Drive continues. Flyers are expected shortly.

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

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
