



MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 8, 2017

MEETING OPENED

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:30 pm., on August 8, 2017 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Boyer, Cottiers, Cross, Gerrity, Hemping, Stedman and Henning. Executive staff in attendance: Chief Schuldt, Chief Sapp, Chief McLaughlin, Directors Bishop and Martin, Deputy Chiefs McLaughlin and Hanson. Staff in attendance: Suanne Woeste and Nicole Chesser. Members of the public included: Norman Feder, Jim Burke, Kevin N., Jamie Popiol, Charles Heweker and Robert McGowan. Others were in attendance but did not sign in.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Page opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Commissioner Gerrity.

B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence

Chief Schuldt reported there were a total of 10 Firefighter fatalities for the month of July bringing the total for 2017 to 59, followed by a moment of silence.

C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Henning made a motion that a 7 page letter he just received in his mailbox not be added to the agenda, as he has had no time to review. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Henning moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for July 11, 2017

Commissioner Cottiers moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hemping seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hemping moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Operations Section Report – Assistant Chief Sapp
3. Administration and Finance Section Report – Deputy Director Bishop
4. Planning Section Report – Deputy Chief Martin
5. Logistics Section Report
 - a) Deputy Chief Low
 - b) Deputy Chief McLaughlin
6. Investigation Section Report – Deputy Chief Hanson
7. At-A-Boys
 - a) Enchanting Shores – Thank You
 - b) James Kehoe (Retired Fire Commissioner – Chicago) – Thank You
DE Schilling, FF Hamilton and FF/PM Jimenez

G. Awards and Recognition

Chief Schuldt recognized the following employees not in attendance:
FF's Gregory Arbogast & Nick Soto – 1 Year Anniversary
DE Dolores Perez - 10 Year Anniversary.

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Chief Schuldt congratulated LT. Scott Brewer on his recent promotion.

Chief Schuldt thanked Lt. John Handley for his years of service and presented him with a GNFD retirement plaque.

H. Fire Administration – Chief Schuldt

Chief Schuldt reported on the following:

- Local delegation if set for October 19th, any draft Bills would need to be submitted by September 29th.
- GNFD's Honor Guard participated in the FFCA Conference in Sanibel Island.
- Staff continues to work with North Collier regarding Fire Station 24/47 Staffing Options. Assistant Chief Sapp and North Collier Operations Chief Smith have been assigned to develop a plan for an October 1, 2017 implementation.
- Inter-Agency Cooperation - Deputy Chief Low is working with North Collier Deputy Chief Jorge Aguilera to formulate a joint training agenda.
- F&LS has hired one full-time and one part-time Fire Inspector, Scott Brewer was promoted to Lieutenant, and Apprentice FF Hunter Sims has moved to full-time status. Four Driver/Engineer positions remain open until the promotional testing is completed. The Operations Section is currently coordinating interviews for Acting Battalion Chief.
- Greater Naples Fire Foundation is officially a 501 (c) (3) Foundation and is now eligible to receive tax exempt donations.
- Director Martin has been working with Collier County EMS to establish timelines for construction of a joint facility at the Lords Way property. Additionally Staff met with Collier County Sheriff's Office for a site visit at the Lake Park property.
- Chief McLaughlin continues to upgrade and standardize numerous items of equipment. New equipment includes structural firefighting gear, non-structural gear, battery powered hand tool, and hoses. Standardization of hose loads and testing remain in progress for all front-line apparatus. Discussion continued about hose and pump testing.
- Commissioner Boyer stated GNFD should go into reserves funds and do what it takes to bring our equipment and safety standards back up to a high level. Discussion continued about what is needed.
 - *Commissioner Boyer made a motion to release \$75,000 from Reserves to purchase new hoses. Commissioner Hemping seconded the motion. Discussion continued among the Board. Commissioner Boyer amended his motion to release \$135,000 from Reserves to purchase new fire hoses. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***
 - *Commissioner Boyer made a motion to release \$440,000 from Reserves to put towards the purchase of 4 new firetrucks (\$110,000 per truck). After discussion among the Board, **Commissioner Boyer removed motion.***
 - *Commissioner Boyer made a motion to purchase 5 sets of Jaws with mounts at \$35,000 each using funds from Reserves. Commissioner Stedman seconded for discussion purposes. Commissioner Stedman noted the purchase needs to follow GNFD's Purchasing Policy and have 3 quotes to compare. Deputy Chief McLaughlin stated there is a sole source for this item and will present letter stating that. Commissioner Boyer amended his motion to reflect that and Commissioner Stedman seconded. **Motion Passed 8-0.***

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- *Commissioner Boyer made a motion to purchase 10 Thermal Imaginers with funds from Reserves and to purchase an additional 5 in next year's budget. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Discussion continued. Director Bishop explained that if the purchases are not in house by 9/30/2017 they cannot come out of Reserves from the FY16 – 17 Budget, they will be put in the FY 17 -18 Budget from Reserves. **Motion Passed 8-1 (Cross).***
- *Commissioner Boyer made a motion to release \$15,600 from Reserves to purchase 10 sets of Mikta tools. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Discussion continued among the Board. **Motion Passed 6-2 (Cross, Gerrity).***

I. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo
Next Quarterly Meeting is Friday August 11, 2011 at 9:00am at GNFD's headquarters.

J. Local 2396 Report

- Vice President Brian Mading thanked the Board for the money just allocated for new equipment.
- VP Mading questioned the hold up of promoting more Captains and promotions to help with overtime. The Board asked if the Union would reopen part of the contract to allow changes that would open up the amount of candidates eligible for promotions. VP Mading stated they would be open to changes in regards to time in service and time in position but not qualifications.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Services Task Force Meeting – Commissioner Hemping

- Commissioner Hemping highlighted the points of the ESTF Merger Policy Framework document.

Commissioner Hemping made a motion for the Board to approve the ESTF Merger document and have merger ready to go via voter referendum in 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Gerrity. Discussion continued about the proposed merger.

Motion failed 2-6 (Cross, Boyer, Page, Stedman, Cottiers, and Henning).

*Commissioner Hemping amended his motion to have merger ready to go via voter referendum in 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Gerrity. Discussion continued among the Board. **Motion Passed 6-2 (Boyer, Cross).***

Commissioner Henning made a motion that Staff only attends ESTF meeting when it fits their schedule and they have the available time. Chairman Page seconded.

*After discussion **Motion Passed 6-2 (Hemping, Gerrity).***

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan Update – Deputy Director Martin

Deputy Director Martin highlighted the distributed document - an updated version of the original 2015 strategic plan.

Commissioner Stedman asked for document to be resubmitted next month in packet.

Chairman Page agreed that handouts for items on the agenda need to be included when the original packet is distributed.

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B. AIW – Ochopee Transition Time Line and Ad Valorem Variations

Chairman Page presented information on the Ochopee transition timeline and the option of having a Special Election instead of waiting for the General Election. Discussion among the Board focused on PHLT funding, homestead exemption increase and gradual Millage Rate decrease.

C. AIW – Supply Hose Purchase Request- Deputy Chief McLaughlin

Discussion and motion passed under Fire Chief's Report.

D. Topics Initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners

- Commissioner Cottiers asked Chief Schuldts to follow up on the pumps mentioned earlier. Chief Schuldts acknowledged that Fleet is aging and can be challenging. Director Martin has done an assessment of Fleet in the absence of Deputy Chief Low and made some recommendations that may help. Trucks in need of work are being redirected to the shop, mechanics are working together on trucks, and we are working on hiring another mechanic. Commissioner Cottiers also stated we need to be diligent with preventative maintenance to ensure our trucks stay in good working condition.
- Commissioner Cottiers explained how he has been approached by some Paramedics with concerns about our ALS Program. Discussion of whether this should be brought up at the Board meeting or to the Chief privately was debated among Board Members. Commissioner Cross suggested that all concerns be presented to the attorney so that no laws from the CBA, handbook, FF's Bill of Rights or contract are violated.
- Commissioner Boyer recommended that when there is a heat index warning the firefighters do training at night.
- Commissioner Boyer also stressed he feels strongly that GNFD needs to hire 2 mechanics not just one.

E. Public Comments

- A resident of the District (name unclear) questioned what we would do to replace the 3 fire trucks that just failed pump testing in the event of a fire tonight. The Board stated there are reserve apparatus at the fire stations. The resident also asked the Board if they are aware of the video on YouTube and that maybe those funds should have been used to fix trucks.

IV. SIGNATURE OF BOARD APPROVED ITEMS

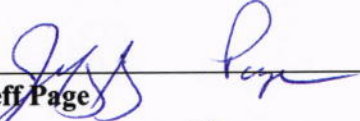
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V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Commissioner Hemping seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

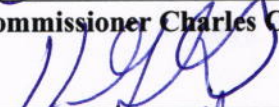
Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 13th day of September.



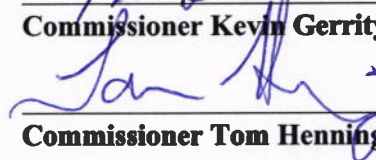
Chairman Jeff Page



Commissioner Charles Cottiers



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Tom Henning



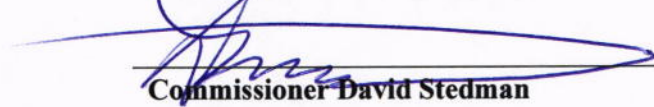
Commissioner Rob Boyer



Commissioner Brian Cross



Commissioner Steve Hemping



Commissioner David Stedman