

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at
Englewood Fire Administration Office
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman, Mr. Davison.
Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori Emery and Chief Easton.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the 01/25/2023 Board Meeting. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the offer for purchase of the property on Placida Road. He explained that the Seller received a higher bid and the property has gone under contract with another buyer.

Chief Easton updated the Board about acquiring an I.T. service for the department. Chief Easton received bids and has selected PCM Networking out of Sarasota Florida. He explained that remote services are currently being established plus, PCM is setting up a help desk service for all crews. Chief Easton also added that the timing of these services are beneficial, as the current server is expiring October 2023. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated to the Board about interest rates that were discussed at last month's meeting. He began by praising the Financial Director, Jolanda DeWaard's efforts as she contacted Centennial Bank and was able to negotiate a rate increase. Chief Easton continued by confirming old rate of 0.03% is now 4.425%. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton confirmed with the Board that the pre-build meetings for the ladder truck and pumper are complete. Chief Easton also explained that originally both apparatus were to be replaced 2025 however, manufacturing for ladder trucks are currently 25-27 months and pumpers are 38-44 months. He also noted that the prices have increased; the total for both apparatuses are \$1,986,780.00. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about a recent request received from Crown Castle for Station 71. He reminded them that Crown Castle has requested a 4th amendment to the lease; adding 130 square feet to their property for additional generator to accommodate T-Mobile. He and Ms. Emery have reviewed the previous leases and the current amendment; the request will have to be approved. As short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about a recent update he received about the new construction at Myakka Pines. He explained that 800 homes are anticipated for Fairway Villas plus, an additional 10K homes expected for Winchester Ranches therefore, Chief Easton did confirm that an additional station will be needed. A short discussion ensued.

Commissioner Benedetti addressed a question to Chief Easton about the Sarasota dispatch project. Chief Easton confirmed that the project is still underway and will continue until the end of this year. A short discussion ensued.

