

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 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. Loiseil, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Knauf, and Chief Easton. Lori Emery was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the January 26, 2022 Board Meeting. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agendas and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton briefly updated the Board about the ground water sampling at the training center. He went onto explain that Montrose Environmental developed a remediation plan to install five (5) additional wells for testing for \$6100. The (DEP) Department of Environmental Protection has agreed to this plan therefore the installation is scheduled for March 3rd and sampling to start 5-8 days later and those results will be sent to the DEP. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the ALS program. He went on to explain that he's still experiencing tremendous delays. Dr. O'Leary is still in the process of reviewing protocols however, he was recently deployed to Poland. Chief Easton did briefly explain the advances he's made to prepare for control substances to be available on the engines; he recently purchased a safe and narcotic dispensing units for accountability and tracking. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the Charlotte County Dispatch project. He explained that the testing phase has begun and Marine calls will be the first phase while also utilizing the MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team) nautical grids he's spoken about previously.

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the Maintenance Technician position. He explained the position has been re-posted and he will be accepting applications until late March.

Chief Easton spoke about the recent ISO (Insurance Services Organization) inspection. He met with the assessor and it will be approximately six (6) months or more before receiving the department rating. Chief Easton also added that moving forward, the department will make appropriations to improve the departments evaluation and future scoring with training, hydrant inspections, etc. A small discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Easton opened new business with the possibility of a new fire station to replace Station 73. It has received tentative approval from Sarasota County; funding from county surtax. It was the only project that received citizen input and support but wouldn't know more until the surtax is approved in November. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about a recent donation from the Division of Forestry; a LMTV / Brush Truck. He went on to say that the vehicle is in tremendous shape and would like to invest \$25,000 from Impact Fees funds to outfit the truck with proper equipment; adding a Skid unit, lights, decals, etc. Chief Easton's plan is to utilize the brush trucks primarily for wildfires rather than using engines since they cannot navigate through difficult terrain and to avoid damage to the apparatuses. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the \$25,000 from Impact Fee funds. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf the motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No DVP comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Knauf updated the Board regarding the EFBF (Englewood Firefighters Benevolent Fund) new licensing status; things are moving in a positive direction. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimberlin thanked Chief Easton for all his hard work and all the improvements he's made to the department thus far.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49am.



Ron Davison, Chairman

DATED: 3/17/2022



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