

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2007  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard  
Rotonda, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Wolff.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

**MINUTES OF LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Ms. Hawkins called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2007 and the Pre Agenda meeting of April 23, 2007. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 28, 2007 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the minutes of the Pre Agenda meeting of April 23, 2007. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2007. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2007 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ms. Hawkins advised the Board that we will be participating in the Prom Awareness Program at Lemon Bay High School this Friday. A short discussion ensued.

**INSURANCE AND PENSION:**

Chief Bonakoske notified the Board the VFIS insurance and health insurance policies are coming up for renewal. He is receiving quotes for the health insurance at this time and will keep the Board apprised of the progress. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

Mr. Davison advised the Board he and the Chief are looking at an office building located at Paul Morris Drive. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board took a break from 9:40 – 9:45.

The Board voted to have a special meeting at 9:00A.M., May 11, 2007 at the office building located at 565 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood.

**APPARATUS AND VEHICLES:**

Mr. Seneca stated that he has not received any information with regard to the fire boat. The Chief stated that the boat has been out of service for the last week getting the fiberglass work completed, it should be done today. The boat committee will address the replacement/repair of the pump next. A lengthy discussion ensued.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the three months of written reports submitted.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that we have applied for the FEMA Act Grant, which we will use for a radio system. The total amount of the grant we sent in for is \$277,260.00, the federal share is \$250,000.00 which leaves the District's share (10%) \$27,726.00. A short discussion ensued

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chief Bonakoske stated that he has nothing to report regarding Station 75 at this time but he has tried to contact Commissioner Moore to set up a meeting, but to no avail. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Seneca addressed the move in at Station 76. The Chief stated that the move should take place today. Ms. Hawkins would like to set up a press conference for the end of May to publicize the move. Ms. Hawkins would also like to see a flyer prepared for distribution to the public as soon as possible. A lengthy discussion ensued.

There was short discussion regarding the Training facility.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Hawkins addressed the re-organization of the department. The Chief described the changes he is projecting. It entails changing job titles (i.e. Deputy Chief) and an adjustment in salary for one of the positions. Ms. Hawkins would like to meet with the Chief to discuss this issue in more detail. A copy of his projections was presented to the Board and is attached for the record. A very lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Wolff suggested that the Chief come back with a more defined projection regarding both the job descriptions and the salary range. This issue will be discussed further at the May 11, 2007 Special Meeting.

The next item on the agenda is the District's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ms. Hawkins stated that she would be willing to work on this project and will start putting together a committee to start making plans on how to celebrate this anniversary. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board the new signature cards from Wachovia are in. The signors on the accounts are: Jeff Kern, Michael Bonakoske, Kirk Gaskell and Paulette Tomlinson. Mr. Seneca made a motion to approve Jeff Kern, Michael Bonakoske, Kirk Gaskell and Paulette Tomlinson as signors on the Wachovia accounts. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kern thanked Chief Bonakoske and Mr. Seneca for attending the Sarasota County Commission meeting yesterday. There will be another Sarasota County Commission meeting regarding the rezoning of the Allied Asphalt property on May 22, 2007

Ms. Wolff addressed the Board regarding the Sunshine Law guidelines and what they entail. A lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Wolff will try to get a packet together with all the pertinent information for all the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

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