

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2007  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, August 20, 2007, 5:00 P.M.  
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard  
Rotonda, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mrs. Wellbaum-Emery. Mr. Kern was not in attendance.

**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 Meetings of July 18, and August 8, 2007. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meetings of July 18 and August 8, 2007 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the written report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief addressed the financing for the new administration building and discussed the commitment letters received. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board recessed from 5:32 P.M. to 5:45 P.M.

The Chief would like to have all the financing in place by the next Board meeting, September 12, 2007.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief addressed the renewal of Mr. Markus' six month contract, which will end September 1, 2007. The Chief advised the Board that eventually he would like to cut down on some of Mr. Markus' responsibilities but he would like to continue using his services for the Grid Maps. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Davison made a motion to appoint Mr. Bell to negotiate with Mr. Markus regarding his contract. In the mean time the District will continue to pay Mr. Markus on a month to month basis. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

The Chief addressed the renewal of the Sarasota County rental contract for Stations 1 and 3. He advised the Board of the need to send a letter to Sarasota County addressing this issue prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief Bonakoske will meet with Mrs. Emery to discuss this contract.

Chief Bonakoske would like a commissioner to serve on the Training Committee. This person will work on all promotional issues. Mr. Seneca volunteered to serve on this Training committee.

Mr. Seneca addressed Station 75 and the new engine that would be housed there. The Chief stated, he heard Charlotte County will be furnishing us with the engine, but he has not been notified officially of this. He will keep the Board updated when more information is received. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed a change in the District's software package. A new program he is interested in is provided by Fire House and will cost approximately \$15,000.00. The Board gave the Chief the authority to purchase the new software program.

Lt. Fanti advised the Board the MDA Boot Drive will be held August 24, 25 & 26. He thanked the Board for their support. He also advised the Board that the Blood Mobile will be at Station 1 in support of the Guns and Hoses competition between the police officers and the firefighters at the end of August. A short discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

Bdmt August 20, 2007