

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2007  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard  
Rotonda, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mr. Wellbaum.

**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 June 27, 2007. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 27, 2007 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:**

Mr. Kern advised the Board that he has received a survey from the Florida Department of Financial Services, bureau of accounting.

Ms. Hawkins stated that she has received an email from Mr. Phelps regarding an article in the newspaper, a copy of the email was provided to all the Commissioners. Ms. Hawkins advised the Board that she will contact him and address his concerns.

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

**SERVICE AWARDS:**

The Chief advised the Board the following firefighters, Peter Miles, Joseph Mills and Jeffrey Strong are receiving pins for five years of service. Firefighter Strong was in attendance to receive his pin.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mr. Bell and Chief Bonakoske advised the Board, the copy of the fire department year book presented at last month's Board Meeting has been reviewed by all three shifts with positive comments. All the shifts thought that this could be tied into the District's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and would like to move forward with this project. A lengthy discussion ensued.

### **INSURANCE AND PENSION:**

Mr. Kern notified the Board of a letter he received from Self Insured Plans LLC. This letter stated we had a \$4,383.00 refund due to the fact that claims were lower than anticipated.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Mr. Davison addressed the projected purchase of the office building in the Paul Morris Industrial Park. He stated that after several conversations with Mr. Wellbaum, he and Chief Bonakoske feel they are ready to make an offer. Mr. Wellbaum advised the Board he has researched the sales market for similar property and a purchase price of \$700,000.00 plus an additional \$25,000.00 for renovations is within the fair market value for this property. A very long discussion ensued. This will be discussed further under old business.

### **APPARATUS AND VEHICLES:**

Mr. Seneca inquired about the pump for the boat. Chief Bonakoske advised him that the committee has narrowed it down to two vendors. Lt. Fanti updated the Board further regarding the committee's findings. A lengthy discussion ensued.

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

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

Chief Bonakoske suggested that we implement a user fee ordinance for the automatic false alarms. He also suggested the use of an outside vendor to send out the bills and collect the monies due. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that the lot next to Station 74 has been bush hogged and the large rocks have been moved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief stated he has received the GSG report regarding the TRIM rates and presented the Commissioners with a summary of their report (copy attached for the record). A lengthy discussion ensued. The projected increase in the assessment rates will be an across the board increase of 5.78%. The Chief provided the Commissioners with the projected increases for Charlotte County (attached for the record). A very lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Kern had to leave at this time.

The Board recessed from 10:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Mr. Davison made a motion to adopt the TRIM rates with an across the board increase of 5.78% for the 2007 – 2008 assessments. The following is a breakdown of the assessment rates: Single Family Residences - \$122.00 per residence, Commercial Property - 22 cents per square foot, Nursing Homes – 285 cents per square foot, Hotel/Motel Units - \$63.46 per unit, Industrial/Warehouse - 22 cents per square foot, Institutional - 22 cents per square foot and Vacant Lots - \$48.79 per lot. The assessment rates will be discussed at a Public Hearing to be held on September 11, 2007, 6:00 P.M. at the Englewood Sports Complex. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously. Mr. Kern was not in attendance for the vote.

The Board re-opened the discussion regarding the purchasing of an office building in the Paul Morris Industrial Park. Mr. Davison made a motion to authorize Mr. Wellbaum to prepare a purchase offer for the 565 Paul Morris Drive property which will be contingent upon securing financing. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. A special meeting will be held on August 8, 2007, 9:00 A.M. to discuss and sign a purchase agreement.

The Chief suggested that the Board may want to have Board meetings every two weeks. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Chief addressed the DMK proposal and Mr. Kern's concerns regarding the site plan. Mr. Kern had two concerns: First concern: Whether the flood plain had to be redone for the existing structure. DMK stated that if this were not an item addressed during the rezoning process most likely you would not have to do it. This can not be predicted with 100% accuracy but if it were needed it will be an added expense. Second concern: How long is the site plan good for? DMK stated that this plan takes from 6 to 10 months to complete and after completion it is good for two years. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Davison made a motion to approve the site plan proposed by DMK. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

The Chief advised the Board the Chamber has asked is up to rejoin. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

Bbmt July 18, 2007