

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2007
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 27, 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. Bell, 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 from the Board Meeting of May 23, 2007. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of May 23, 2007 as presented. It was second by Mr. Seneca 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 May 2007. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2007 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Ms. Hawkins gave Mr. Bell a copy of a fire department year book. She thought this might be something the District would like to do as a fund raiser. This year book would not be for sale to the public. There is no cost to the District. A short discussion ensued.

INSURANCE AND PENSION:

Mr. Kern addressed a resolution he received from the Firefighter's Pension Trust Fund's attorney Scott Christensen. He advised the Board that this is an annual modification to the pension plan to keep it in compliance with the state requirements. This resolution will have no monetary impact on the District. A lengthy discussion ensued. This issue will be discussed later in the agenda.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

There was a short discussion regarding Station 76.

Ms. Hawkins asked if there had been comments regarding the insurance rates in Station 76's area. The Chief stated there has been very little input from the community at this time. He anticipates getting more information to the residents of that area in the near future.

The Chief advised the Board that both Assistant Chief Gaskell and Assistant Chief Lane will be attending the Board Meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Davison advised the Board that he and Chief Bonakoske have met with legal council to put together a proposal to purchase new office space. The Chief stated he is waiting for information from GSG regarding the amount of money that will be available to us for the purchase of this property. A lengthy discussion regarding several issues (renovations, towers, etc) ensued.

Mr. Seneca inquired as to the status of the boat. Assistant Chief Lane and Chief Bonakoske addressed this issue. They advised Mr. Seneca that the boat committee has been getting prices and information for pumps. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed Station 75. He advised the Board that he has been in contact with Charlotte County and they are no longer requiring us to come up with any monies to start this project. They are projecting the start of this project within the next few weeks and they anticipate completing it in approximately seven months. Mr. Seneca wanted to know if we should still meet with Charlotte County to address this project. Ms. Hawkins stated she has met with the Chamber of Commerce and they seem interested in helping us. They would like to review the figures for this project. Ms. Wolff advised the Board it may be a good idea for someone to represent the District at the Charlotte County Board meetings. A very lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Kern addressed the District's health insurance plan. He and Chief Bonakoske have decided the District will remain with Self Insured Plans LLC for our health insurance coverage. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Davison and Assistant Chief Lane addressed the need for a site plan for the Training facility. Assistant Chief Lane stated that without this plan we can not proceed. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Kern would like to talk to DMK to see what is included in their site plan proposal. Mr. Kern made a motion to hire DMK Engineering to prepare a site plan for the training facility as presented. This motion was put on hold until after the break.

The Board took a break from 10:30 to 10:50.

Mr. Kern advised the Board that he has had time to review the pension plan resolution. Mr. Kern made a motion to adopt the resolution to amend the 175 pension plan as presented (copy attached for the record). It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Kern resumed his motion regarding the training facility's site plan. Mr. Kern made a motion to hire DMK Engineering to prepare a site plan for the training facility as presented as long as it is not required by the County to incorporate the storm water model. Mr. Kern withdrew his motion and the issue was tabled until the July meeting when more information is received from DMK.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the Trim Notice date. He asked the Board if they wanted to add an additional meeting or move the July meeting date to address the Trim Notice. Chief Bonakoske advised the Board, GSG recommended that the meeting date be move up to July 18, 2007. The Board decided to move both meetings. The Pre-Agenda Meeting will be moved to July 16, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. and the Board Meeting will be move to July 18, 2007 at 9:00 A.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

Bbmt June 27, 2007