

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard
Rotonda, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Kern, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mrs. Emery.

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 November 14, 2007. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of November 14, 2007 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT:

A short discussion on the written report ensued.

Assistant Chief Gaskell addressed the FEMA Grants and the specifications required for the installation of the security shutters. Three stations have been completed with one receiving a reimbursement. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Lane addressed the Training Facility. He advised the Board that it is still in the site development phase. He has the plans available for anyone who wishes to review them. A short discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the Sarasota County rental agreement and asked the commission if they would like to see any changes made. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Chief Bonakoske discussed the Cell Tower Recovery agreement. The Chief advised the Board he has discussed this agreement with Mr. Meltzer and they have fine tuned the contract to the satisfaction of everyone involved. A revised contract will be submitted.

The Chief addressed the renewal of the GSG contract. He advised the Board that GSG has not increased their costs. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the contract with GSG with quarterly payments. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and pass unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the District's 25th Anniversary celebration. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board decided that the 25th Anniversary Celebration and the opening of Station 75 will be held in conjunction with one another.

Mr. Seneca addressed Station 75. Assistant Chief Gaskell stated that we will have approximately \$60,000.00 out of pocket expenses plus we will be hiring 3 new firefighters. A lengthy discussion ensued

Mr. Davison addressed the 516 Paul Morris Drive property. He advised the Board that this property came in with a fair market value of \$740,000.00. He feels that based upon our purchase price of this property we made a good deal. He went on to discuss the possibility of purchasing some of the office furniture and the phone system. Chief Bonakoske stated the next step is to contact Lori Rock, who will be handling the closing for this property. She will work with Josh McCoy from Fifth Third. A lengthy discussion ensued. The projected move in date will be approximately 45 days after closing.

Mr. Kern advised the Board he spoke with PCM Networking regarding a phone system for the 516 Paul Morris Drive office. The Chief is also talking to Verizon about this system. A lengthy discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the purchase of the truck for Station 75. He advised the Board, Charlotte County will be giving the District \$400,000.00 for this purchase. We will outfit this truck. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the contract to purchase this truck for \$346,176.00 plus \$53,800.00 for the equipment. The total cost for this truck will be \$399,976.00. An additional amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 could be added for additional equipment. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

The Board took a short recess at 9:55 A.M. and re-convened at 10:05 A.M.

Mr. Seneca inquired about the 25 year lease with Charlotte County for Station 75. He wanted to know if there were any costs associated with this lease. The Chief advised Mr. Seneca there were no costs attached to this lease. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed the employee's Sick "B" Bank which was added into the Union Contract. He explained that the 3 non-union staff employees are not being addressed. They are not covered under this contract. The "B Bank" is being revised at this time. A short discussion ensued.

Ms. Hawkins advised the Board that the Projected Board Meeting schedule for 2008 has been presented. She would like all the Commissioners to review the dates. This will be discussed and voted upon at the December 19, 2007 Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Bdmt November 28, 2007