

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2007
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 12, 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.

MINUTES OF LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Board Meetings of August 20 and September 11, 2007. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meetings of August 20 and September 11, 2007 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

AUDITORS REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins introduced Richard Cristini and Jeanine Bittinger of Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., the District's auditors. Mr. Cristini discussed in detail the 2006 year end audit. A short discussion ensued. A copy of the draft audit is attached for the record.

The Board took a short recess from 6:25 P.M. to 6:40 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Hawkins addressed the financing for the Paul Morris Drive property. The Chief handed out and explained the proposal from Fifth Third Bank. A very lengthy ensued. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the proposal from Fifth Third for a 20 year, fixed rate loan in the amount of \$699,000.00, as discussed. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and it passed unanimously.

The renovations to the building in the amount of approximately \$32,000.00 will be paid out of the general fund and will not be included in the loan amount from Fifth Third Bank.

Mr. Bell advised the Board he tried to call Mr. Markus regarding his contract. There was a problem in the telephone connection and he was unable to get any information from Mr. Markus. He will contact him again and have the information at the next meeting.

Mr. Seneca addressed the new software program the Chief discussed at the last meeting. The Chief stated that at this time he has not purchased a new program. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Seneca addressed the new engine from Charlotte County. The Chief advised him that we have been awarded the money for the engine but he needs to finalize the procedure. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be addressed further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the need for the appointment of a new member to the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund's Board. A lengthy discussion ensued. The consensus of the Board was that the new member should not be a firefighter.

Chief Bonakoske handed out and discussed the new operating budget. He advised the Board he would like to have an additional budget which would address capitol expenditures. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief would like to meet with each Commissioner prior to the next Board meeting to discuss the budgets.

The Chief stated that he would like to address the Training Facility expenditures and the percentage of those expenditures to be paid out of impact fees at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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