

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard
Rotonda, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Kern, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mrs. Wellbaum-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 September 12, 2007. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of September 12, 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 August 2007 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2007 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the written report. A short discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Hawkins addressed the 2005-2006 fiscal year audit. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the 2005-2006 fiscal year audit as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the renewal of Mr. Markus' contract. Mr. Bell stated that he has still not been able to contact Mr. Markus to discuss this issue. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Kern suggested we investigate other sources to provide this service.

Chief Bonakoske and Assistant Chief Lane discussed the new truck for Station 75.

Chief Bonakoske presented and discussed in detail the new format for the 2007- 2008 fiscal year Budget. A very lengthy discussion ensued (included in that discussion were the addition of a Captains position, staff raises, adjustment in capitol purchases portion of the budget, etc). Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the Budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 as amended. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. Copy attached for the record.

The Board recessed from 10:25 A.M. to 10:40 A.M.

The Chief advised the Board that we have been in the due diligence phase of the 565 Paul Morris Drive contract, which was to expire on Friday, 9/21/07. A 7 day extension has been granted to receive the necessary inspections of the 565 Paul Morris Drive property.

Chief Bonakoske stated the appraisal was received late Friday. The appraised value for the building and land was \$560,000.00 with an additional \$101,000.00 for the tower. This appraisal is less than the contracted purchase price of the property. A very lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief and Board expressed their concerns regarding the purchasing of a piece of property where the appraised value is less than the purchase price. Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that another piece of property which was listed as a comparable on the appraisal is available for sale. This property is also located on Paul Morris Drive. Mr. Davison advised the Board this property is larger, newer, fully sprinkled, has a fire alarm, security alarm, three roll up over head doors, offices areas completely set up, and needs very little work and has an asking price of \$720,000.00 but he feels that it can be purchased for less. Mr. Davison stated that if this building is something they would like to pursue we need to cancel the current contract. The Board decided to cancel the contract on the 565 Paul Morris Drive property. The Board's reason for canceling the current contract is that the appraisal came in lower than the sale price plus the cost of the renovations needed to be done would not be considered a good use of public funds. A very lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Bell made a motion to cancel the contract for the purchase of the 565 Paul Morris Drive property within the due diligence period. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed and discussed the cell tower leases and advised the Board of a company that reviews cell tower leases to make sure all monies that are due are paid. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Bonakoske and Assistant Chief Gaskell addressed the Myakka Pines proposed development. They advised the Board that they have been approached by Wilson Miller, a developer wanting to develop the area around the Myakka Pines Golf Course. They have requested a letter stating that we could provide fire coverage to that area. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest