

MINUTES OF THE PRE AGENDA MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2007
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Monday, April 23, 2007, 4:00 P.M.
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard
Rotonda, Florida

The pre agenda meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Wolff.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison discussed the office space and explained that he and the Chief are investigating several locations. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Commissioner Davison also advised the Board that Captain Lane met with Sarasota County and received final approval regarding the zoning for the training facility. The next step is submitting the site plans.

Mr. Davison stated that Station 75 has run into another delay, due to a scrub jays survey. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Bonakoske addressed our move to Station 14 (76). There are problems with the computer system. These problems need to be fixed prior to our move. This problem should be resolved in the next few days. The Chief and Ms. Hawkins would like to see media coverage for the move. Ms. Hawkins would like to see Commissioner Moore, from Charlotte County and both Fire Chiefs in attendance. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the applications for Commissioner. Chief Bonakoske advised Ms. Hawkins that we received one application from Allen E. Bell. Ms. Hawkins asked the Board if they wanted to conduct an interview or does his past record speak for itself. Ms. Wolff explained the options they have in regards to the filling the vacancy on the Board. The Board decided that due to the fact that Mr. Bell had served on the Board before they would not have to conduct an interview. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Kern made a motion to appoint Mr. Bell to fill the vacant commission seat until the next general election. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. (Mr. Davison, Mr. Kern, Mr. Seneca and Ms Hawkins; all voted in favor of the motion.)

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief would like to advise the Board that the District will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in April of 2008. He would like the Commissioners to think about what they would like to see to commemorate this mile stone.

Chief Bonakoske would like to add the Training Facility, site work proposals, to the agenda of April 23, 2007.

The Chief presented a proposal for the re-organization of the current staff duties, i.e. Assistant Chief and the Captains positions. A lengthy discussion ensued. This issue will be put on the agenda of April 25, 2007 for further discussion.

Mr. Kern addressed the proposed building of condos on SR 776 at the Englewood Tennis Courts. A very lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Kern would like the Board's approval for him to speak on this issue and how this would impact the fire district. The Board said they were not opposed to him speaking on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Pre agenda mtg. April 29, 2007