

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2008
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 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. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Boeller.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Chief Bonakoske presented service awards to: FF Adam Baer and FF Raymond Reese for Ten years of service and Lt. Roman Grabowski for Fifteen years of service. Ms. Hawkins presented Twenty Five Years of Service awards to: BJ Batchelor and Chief Michael Bonakoske.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms Hawkins asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's report for March 2008. Mr. Seneca made a motion to approve the March 2008 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison advised the Board the Administration Building is fully staffed and in operation at this time.

Commissioner Davison stated that the ground breaking ceremony for the Training Facility went very well and we had coverage in several of the local papers.

Mr. Kern advised the Board that a tentative meeting with the health insurance providers has been scheduled.

Mr. Seneca advised the Board the he, Mr. Kern and the Chief will meet with the union to start negotiations immediately following this Board meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Assistant Chief Gaskell advised the Board that Station 75 opened April 15, 2008. A short discussion regarding the radios ensued. He advised the Board that the truck for this station should be delivered in mid May. When it is delivered the Grand Opening can be scheduled. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting. There was a short discussion regarding the use of this Station during emergencies.

The Chief advised the Board that the move to the Administration Building is complete. The Board discussed holding the Board Meetings at the Administration Building. A short discussion ensued. They decided to hold the next Board meeting at the Administration Building.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the training facility. The Chief stated that we had nice press coverage for the ground breaking. Assistant Chief Lane stated that the tower should be delivered approximately May 13, 2008 and we should start erecting it by the end of the month.

Mr. Kern asked if he needed authority from the Board to request information from the actuaries regarding pension figures. A short discussion ensued. It was decided that he would be within his purview to contact them.

Mr. Davison reminded the Board of the demonstration to be held at Wal-Mart this Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. He also addressed the department barbeque to be held at the Administration Building, May 10, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Seneca asked if there was any way that the Board could be kept aware of any current or future development in our area from both counties. The Chief advised the Board he is receiving information from Sarasota County but is having some difficulty obtaining information from Charlotte County. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that we now have a contact person at Kimley Horn regarding the West Village project, there will a preliminary meeting next week to define the boundary lines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

