

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

Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Administration Building
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins Mr. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Emery.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the July 9th Board Meeting. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 9th Board Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kern asked if there were any question or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2008. The Chief advised the Board that he would like to change the look of this report. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2008 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Kern advised the Board of the change in the health insurance. The open enrollment has been extended so everyone has a chance to sign up for the dependant coverage. A short discussion ensued regarding the HSA accounts.

Commissioner Davison addressed the protection issue for the administration building. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the replacement of the windows, the installation of a generator and the repairing of the roof. The approximate cost for these three items would be \$25,000.00. Mr. Kern made a motion to continue with the upgrading of the administration building including repairing the roof, upgrading the windows and storm protection for all the openings in the building, supplying sufficient emergency backup power and allocate the appropriate portion of the costs to be funded from impact fees. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously. The Chief suggested that we allocate the \$92,793.33 carry over from last year to fund these purchases/repairs. Mr. Kern made a motion to transfer \$92,793.33 from miscellaneous income into the current fiscal year operating budget to be used for the administration building upgrades and storm protection. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Mr. Seneca stated that the union negotiations are going along very smoothly.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that he has been approached by Reverend Herb Agee, the Reverend from the Englewood United Methodist Church in regard to becoming the District's Chaplin. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief presented and explained a report on the five years of responses by property assessment categories (copy attached for the record) to the Board. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that Station 71 is having the wind protection completed at this time. It is the last station to be done under the FEMA grant program.

The Chief advised the Board that he has been unable to look at the portable classroom building the Board is considering using for a meeting area at the administration building. He did state that the property owners association of Paul Morris Industrial Park would like to see the building prior to having it placed on our property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Assistant Chief Lane addressed the Training Facility and advised the Board that it is coming along nicely. The tower is being installed at this time and the portable building should be delivered in the next two weeks.

The Chief addressed user fees and presented the resolution to the Board for ratification. He will work on a fee schedule. Mr. Davison addressed questions he had regarding the fee schedule. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board took a break from 10:30 A.M. to 10:43 A.M.

Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the resolution implementing user fees as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the grand opening for Station 75 it will be held August 22 at 11:00 A.M. A short discussion ensued. This opening will not be open to the public.

Mr. Seneca stated that he would like to have a dinner for the extrication team. Assistant Chief Lane stated he appreciated the thought but he feels that we work as a team and if one group was recognized for their accomplishments it may cause hard feelings and suggested that an annual party would be a way to pay tribute to all the persons who excelled in some way.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest