

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 9, 2008**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, July 9, 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 June 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mr. Seneca advised the Board that there will be a union negotiations meeting on July 22, 2008, 10:00 A.M. at the Administration Building.

The Chief advised the Board the trim rates will be finalized at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Bonakoske addressed the training facility. He advised the Board that Assistant Chief Lane has secured a portable building to be used at the training facility in lieu of building a building. The only cost for this building is the moving expense from North Port, which will be approximately \$3,900.00. The Chief stated that we could purchase a portable to be used for a meeting area at the Administration Building. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief addressed user fees and presented a draft copy of the resolution to the Board for their review. He would like to target August 1<sup>st</sup> as a start date to implement these fees. This will be addressed further at the next Board Meeting.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board the new truck has been received and is at Station 75. Ms. Hawkins asked about the Grand Opening Ceremony for Station 75. It was decided that the ceremony would be held, Friday, August 22, 2008 starting at 11:00 A.M. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Chief advised the Board the next truck will be in about 2 weeks and it will be housed at Station 71.

The Chief and Commissioner Kern addressed in great detail the health insurance and the dependent coverage. Mr. Kern made a motion to pre fund the HSA accounts of the employees with dependent coverage an additional \$1,000.00. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kern would like to see the money saved with this health insurance plan put into a fund to offset the rising cost of health insurance coverage for both employees and their dependents. The Chief explained that this is already in effect. A very lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board took a recess from 10:10 A.M. to 10:20 A.M.

Ms. Hawkins polled the Board regarding their feelings about the new health insurance plan. It was the consensus of the Board that we continue with this new plan.

The Chief addressed the Training Facility and stated that it is progressing nicely. We have moved dirt from the facility to Station 4 and the Administration Building. He suggested that each Commissioners go to the site and see the progress that has been made. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Seneca asked the Chief about the Apprenticeship Program. The Chief advised him that one student has been interviewed. A short discussion ensued.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Seneca would like to know if the commission will be doing anything to acknowledge the Extrication Teams National Championship. He would like to have a banquet to celebrate this accomplishment. Lt. Fanti advised the Board that the union donated \$300.00 to the Extrication Team to help offset their expenses. The issue of a banquet will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.

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

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

**Bdmt June 25, 2008**