

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2009
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Administration Building
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Bray, Mr. Bell, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Emery

Ms. Hawkins added an item under Old Business between B and C, The District's Policy for Off Duty Work Hours for salaried employees.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Ms. Hawkins recognized Mr. David Lutz, a sales representative for Michelin Tire. Mr. Lutz explained to the Board that there is special pricing available to the District for their tire needs. A short discussion ensued.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of March 25, 2009. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of March 25, 2009 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Bray received a flyer from the Englewood Sun regarding the Englewood Water District's 50th Anniversary. This will be turned over to Mr. Bell to handle.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Seneca wanted to have the Station 71 renovations added to the agenda so the Board could review the plans. Ms. Hawkins stated the Board will take a short recess after the business portion of the meeting to allow the Commissioners to review the plans. Assistant Chief Gaskell advised the Board that what is available to the Board to review are the drawings not the plans. A short discussion ensued.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief asked if there were any questions regarding the written Chief's report. There were none.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that we are still working on the Stimulus Package Grant for Station 71.

The Chief advised the Board we will remain high on the list to receive the monies from the LMS grants offered through Charlotte County. These grants would be for roofs. Out of the three projects we submitted to Sarasota County only one project has been put on the priority list.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that he has 19 applicants for the Training Facility's class. These applications will be taken until the 20th of April.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Hawkins addressed the final policy for instructor’s wages presented by Chief Bonakoske and stated that is it the same as the District’s Off Duty Working Hours policy. Mr. Bray asked if this policy would effect the working hours of the three salaried employees in a time of an emergency. Chief Bonakoske state that it would not. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed the Cell Phone policy and advised the Board that he has checked with the surrounding departments and was told that company cell phones are not to be used for personal use. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board appointed Mr. Bray to check into different cell phone plans and meet with each of the three persons affected to see exactly what they require in a cell phone package. This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.

Chief Bonakoske addressed the GRIT issue and explained that we are in the final phase with this company and this claim. He stated that we are required to pay this attorney’s bill in the amount of \$31,000.00 which we will then be reimbursed from the re-insurance policy plus our \$10,000.00 down payment Mr. Bell made a motion to pay this final bill in the amount of \$31,000.00 to GRIT. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the 800 Radio Systems and advised the Board that she has done some research and found that we have other options other than Motorola. A lengthy discussion ensued. Assistant Chief Gaskell explained why he felt Motorola was the best choice. Mr. Davison would like to get bids that could be given to the commissioners for their review. This way an informed decision can be made regarding which system would be the best one to fit the District’s needs.

The Board took a break from 9:50 A.M. and reconvened at 10:10 A.M.

The Board went in a closed session to address Case Number 085568 PA, Progressive Investment, Inc. of Lake Placid, DBA Gasparilla Marina vs. Englewood Area Fire Control District. The persons in attendance are as follows: The Commission, the Chief, Ms. Emery, Mr. Spillias and the Court Reporter.

The Board reconvened to an open session at 11:02 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bray addressed the possibility of changing the meeting dated for the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting. This will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Bdmt April 8, 2009