

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9TH, 2009
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Area Fire Control District's
Station 74
403 Boundary Blvd., Rotonda, Florida 33947

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bray, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Emery.

The Board went into executive session from 9:02 A.M. to 9:25 A.M.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Chief Bonakoske presented twenty year pins and certificates to BC Russell McCord and Lt. Peter Ojeda.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of November 18, 2009. Ms. Hawkins had a correction to the minutes. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of November 18, 2009 with the correction. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Bray asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report for October 2009. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2009 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that we did not need to open the line of credit this year. A short discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no committee comments.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. Seneca would like to see the response times added to the report. Assistant Chief Lane will add the times to the report in the future. He also provided the Commissioners the time for his October report.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that the three vehicles that were placed on GovDeals have been sold. The flat bed truck sold for \$6,780.00, the 95 Ford sold for \$5,310.00 and the Chasse \$1,335.00.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board the next Academy class will start in January with 21 students. We should see a profit of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 after the class is completed. Ms. Hawkins asked if the facility is being used by other agencies. Assistant Chief Lane stated that several agencies have used the facility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Bonakoske addressed the Battalion Chief and Lieutenant's promotions. He advised the Board that the two persons who would be promoted are: Lt. Peter Ojeda to Battalion Chief and FF Keith Medvar to Lieutenant, these promotions would become effective on January 1, 2010. The Board authorized the Chief to proceed with the promotions which would be effective on January 1, 2010.

The Chief asked about Assistant Chief Lane filling in as Acting Fire Chief until a new Chief is hired. He also addressed the possibility of moving a Battalion Chief up to a forty hour position to assist him. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Bray made a motion to appoint Assistant Chief Lane to the Acting Fire Chief's position on January 1, 2010 until a new Fire Chief is hired. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bray suggested that Assistant Chief's compensation be raised to the level of the Fire Chief for the time he is the Acting Fire Chief. A short discussion ensued. Assistant Chief Lane stated that, that would not be necessary. The Board thanked Assistant Chief Lane for his decline of an increase in his wage.

The Chief addressed the Crown Castle contract for Station 72 and notified the Board that an update has been received. He will be meeting with Ms. Emery to discuss this contract. Also discussed was the small space being rented at Station 71. This will be discussed further at the February 2010 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of Roman Grabowski to the firefighter's pension board for a four year period. Mr. Bray made a motion to appoint Roman Grabowski to serve on the firefighter's pension board for a four year term. It was seconded Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the proposed meeting schedule for 2010. The Board opted to omit the November 24th and December 22nd dates from the schedule. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the 2010 Board Meeting schedule with the November 24th and December 22nd dates omitted. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief Lane addressed the Safer Grant. This grant would allow the District to hire two new firefighters. This grant would pay for all benefits and salaries, approximately \$267,000.00 for the two firefighters for two years. Mr. Bray made a motion to proceed with the Safer Grant process. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

The Board recessed before continuing with Mr. Bowman's interview.

The Board interviewed Mr. Bowman. After Mr. Bowman's interview the Board recessed from 10:58 A.M to 11:02 A.M. After the recess the Board voted for the top three candidates who will proceed to the second interview phase. Ms. Hawkins read the results from the Commissioner ballots. The three final candidates with the number of votes received are as follows: Kevin Bowman 4 votes, Tim Lang, votes 4 and Brian Gorski and 5 votes. Ms. Hawkins asked Ms. Tomlinson to notify and schedule interview time for each candidate. The interviews will start at 9:00 A.M.. After all the interviews are concluded, the Board will conduct a discussion regarding each candidate. The Board authorized Assistant Chief Lane to do a background check on the three candidates and call references.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Vice Chairman

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Attest