

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2009
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Area Fire Control District's
Station 4
403 Boundary Blvd., Rotonda, Florida 33947

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Jon C. Bednerik, Executive Director for the Charlotte Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce introduced himself to the Board and thanked them for being members. Mr. Bednerik stated that the members of the Chamber are very interested in the new assessment rates regarding commercial property.

BC Al Sardina, Lt. Kappelmann and BC Lang addressed the Board about extending the early pension buy out deadline. The Board decided to discuss this issue further under old business after the vehicle policy.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 10 2009. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 10, 2009 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. Mr. Seneca made a motion to approved the corrected minutes of the May 27, 2009 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no committee comments.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief advised that the switch in the health insurance from Self Insured Plans to Great West has been completed.

Assistant Chief Gaskell advised the Board of a plumbing repair at Station 72. A short discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Lane stated the academy is doing well and wanted the Board to know that the Firefighter's will be doing night LP burns, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights starting at 7 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief advised the Board that an architect has been selected for the Station 1 renovations. He will be meeting with Lt. Rossow this afternoon to address the FEMA Grant.

The Chief advised the Board that the RFP's for the 800 Radios were sent out Monday. He is working to get an advertisement in the paper that would notify anyone who may be able to supply us with these 800 Radios. The RFP's are to be back in no later than July 8th. A lengthy discussion ensued. There will be a panel put in place to evaluate the RFP responses.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the awards ceremony. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board decided that the awards ceremony will be held Sunday, August 16th from 2-4 at the Suncoast Auditorium.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the vehicle policy. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Bray would like to change the time limit portion of the policy to a 20 mile limit. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept The Staff Vehicle Policy and Procedures, with one change noted under requirement #2, from 30 minutes travel to a distance of 20 miles. The effective date of this policy will be today's date. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins re-addressed the early pension buy out which was addressed at the beginning of the meeting. The Board listened to several of the potential retirees regarding moving the notification date. Mr. Bray advised the Board that this change must be addressed in a special meeting of the Pension Board. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board recesses at 10:42 A.M to 10:55 A.M to allow the Pension Board members to meet and authorize an extension in the submitting of the early buy out letters. The pension board agreed to amend their resolution to extend the time for submitting the letters of acceptance for the early buy out by three weeks (July 15, 2009). Mr. Seneca made a motion to extend the date for the receipt of the early buy out letters to July 15, 2009. Assistant Chief Gaskell was asked to read in to the record the Resolution that was approved by the pension board. "Motion to change the irrevocable date of the retirement from June 30, 2009 to July 15, 2009 and turn the letters back to Commissioner Bray with the amended July 15th date". A lengthy discussion ensued. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the district email addresses for the Commissioners. The Chief advised the Board that BC Sardina is working at getting these addresses in place. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that the tour of Little Gasparilla Island will be July 8th after lunch.

Chief Bonakoske stated that the impact bargaining meeting is scheduled immediately following this board meeting. A short discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the Marina at Sand Piper Key. He received a telephone call from Jerry LeFave who anticipates building the marina and is requesting a letter from us stating that this would be a good thing. He is offering space at not cost to the police and fire for their boats. A short discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

Bdmt June 24, 2009