

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 09, 2008  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 09, 2009, 5:01 P.M.  
Meeting held at the Englewood Sports Complex  
1300 River Road, Englewood, FL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Bray, Mr. Bell, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mrs. Emery.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Jon C. Bednerik, Executive Director of the Englewood Cape Haze Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board and applauded them for their efforts in reducing the District's expenditures and gave his suggestions on how the District's budget could be cut further. He would like the Board to look into the way the assessments are calculated for commercial properties. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**PROTESTS:**

Ms. Hawkins advised the Board that Attorney Mark Draper, representing Gasparilla Marina submitted a protest for this year's assessment. Ms. Emery read the protest into the record (copy attached for the record). After a short discussion, Mr. Bray made a motion to deny the protest from Attorney Mark Draper who represents Gasparilla Marina. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

**ASSESSMENT RATES:**

The Board discussed the Assessments Rates for the year 2009-2010. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the percentage increase in the assessment rates for the year 2009-2010. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept an increase of 5% in the assessment rates for 2009-2010. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca. The vote was three in favor (Mr. Bray, Mr. Bell and Mr. Seneca) and two opposed (Mr. Davison and Ms. Hawkins). The motion passed. Ms. Emery read the rates into the record (copy attached for the record).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 P.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**