

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2010
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 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. Bray, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Mr. Wellbaum.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Chief Gorski stated that we have a special guest in attendance, Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Staub. Commissioner Staub stated it is a pleasure to be here. She advised the Board that she and Commissioner Skidmore from Charlotte County work very closely to provide for this area and if we need anything she will be happy to help.

Chief Gorski and Retired Chief Bonakoske presented a twenty year service pin to Lt. William Kimberlin.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the corrected minutes from the Board Meeting of January 27, 2010 and the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 10, 2010. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from the Board Meeting of January 27, 2010 and the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 10, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report for January 2010. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2010 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no committee comments.

Mr. Seneca asked if the two staff vehicles had been sold. Assistant Chief Lane advised him that they were sold on Gov Deal for a total price of \$21,000.00. He purchase a 2007 Ford F 150 pick up truck for \$15,000.00, there will be an additional cost of between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00 to outfit the truck.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Gorski updated the Board on the status of FEMA Grant monies. He is looking into several other grants. One being the navigational grant for marine services offered from both Charlotte and Sarasota Counties and another for smoke detectors.

He advised the Board that the boat is being worked on at this time and is expected to be back in service within two weeks.

The Chief advised the Board that starting today he will be conducting in servicing for all shifts regarding the new format and procedure for operating procedures, rules and regulations as well as the general orders book. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski stated that he has prepared a customer satisfaction survey (copy attached for the record). This survey will be given to all person we provide service to. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief is working on getting dates set to meet with all the Commissioners individually.

He asked the Commissioners if any one of them would like to be included in meetings with various county departments or civic associations. Mr. Seneca and Mr. Davison stated that they would like to be included in the meetings that pertain to their specific committees.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that several letters and email have been sent to the various neighborhood associations introducing him self. He has received feed back regarding his communications and asked again, if any Commissioner would like to attend these meeting, Ms Hawkins expressed interest in being notified of the meeting schedule.

At the last meeting the Chief had advised the Board that the National Incident Management System had to formulated and adopted. This has been completed (copy attached for the record).

The Chief addressed the light weight truss Safety Act Law. After two deaths in 1989 the Fire Chiefs Association pushed for legislation requiring a sign to be posted on all building, both public and private notifying firefighting personnel that the building has light weight trusses. Last year the State passed this legislation (copy attached for the record). A lengthy discussion ensued. We will be inspecting the existing building in the District and issuing stickers. The new construction will be done by both counties, at the time of c.o. or certificate of occupancy.

Chief Gorski addressed the strategic planning. He would like to put this issue on future agendas so the entire Board could address it.

The Chief advised the Board that Battalion Chief Sardina has prepared instructions regarding the new email addresses for each commissioner. If they have any questions they can contact Battalion Chief Sardina.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that over the weekend the Englewood firefighter's softball team won the championship in the Annual Manatee County Mutual Aid Softball Tournament and received a large trophy. He would like to send a letter to each member of the team congratulating them on the win. The Board agreed.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that the 800 Radios should be up and running by the end of March. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Lane advised the Board that six firefighters are being sent to Orlando to train on 9 different subjects. They will come back and train the other firefighters.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bray advised the Board that the retirement party for Chief Bonakoske is on track.

Chief Gorski and Mr. Davison discussed the roof at the Administration Building. Each Commissioner was given a report on this issue (copy attached for the record). Chief Gorski feels that we have spent enough money on patch repairs and feels the roof needs to be replaced. Funding for this project could come out of the account titled, Land and Building Maintenance and Repair (34.111) or from the excess money received from the sales through Gov Deals. Mr. Bray made a motion to secure three qualified bids and select the best bid to replace the roof. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

The Chief address the Crown Castle Lease for Station 71. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski would like the commission to think about replacing Station 71 instead of remodeling it. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

Bdmt Feb. 27, 2010