

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2010
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, July 14, 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 9:02 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery (arrived at 9:03).

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one wished to address the Board.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Chief Gorski advised the Board of an incident that occurred during a training exercise on June 3, 2010 for Special Operations Confined Space Rescue. He explained that the employees being acknowledged today showed their ability to work as a team as well as individuals under emergency circumstances. The following employees were presented with a Unit Citation Bar: FF Jason Hirschy, FF Joseph Mills, Lt. Justin Blais, FF Derek Kemerer, FF Richard Chapura, FF Lynn Edmonds, FF Jesse Vecchione, Lt. Raymond Reese, FF John Lichtenstein, FF Richard Gilbert, FF Christopher Miller, and FF Jonathan Faulkner. Also recognized were three members of the Boca Grande Fire Department, FF Pat Bigness, FF Justin VonMarshall and Lt. Pete Kirbin.

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 23, 2010. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 23, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Seneca presented information to the Board regarding his recent trip to E-One with Chief Gorski. A short discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Davison stated that there was a good turnout, 18 persons, at the mandatory meeting for the Call for Professional Services meeting held on July 10th. This mandatory meeting was held to discuss the qualifications of the firms interested in providing professional services and to discuss future construction projects. Chief Gorski will address this issue further under new business.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief updated the Board regarding the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico.

Chief Gorski stated that several more customer satisfactions surveys have been received, all with positive responses. The Chief will prepare a report addressing these survey responses for the Public Hearing in September.

The Chief advised the Board that we have been officially notified that we were awarded the Sarasota County Grant for the replacement of the fire boat. The funding for this grant will become available in October 2010.

At the July 28th Board Meeting there will be employee recognition for Firefighter of the quarter.

The Englewood Water District's elevated tower will be out of use for three weeks for reconditioning. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that the District had applied for the FEMA Grant for the Station 71 hurricane shutters but do to a change of personnel we have not received all the money we are due. The information has been resubmitted and we should be receiving the money, approximately \$49,000.00 in the near future.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that the new academy class started Monday night with 31 students.

Assistant Chief Lane stated that the Flashover Simulator should be here the end of this week or next week. A short discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he prepared a letter that was sent to all the area churches inviting them to attend a July 8th meeting. At that meeting he discussed and explained why churches will no longer be exempt from the non ad valorem special assessment. He feels the meeting went very well.

The Chief addressed the Call for Professional Services and advised the Board of the mandatory pre submittal meeting held on July 10th. This meeting was to advise the architectural firms that we were looking for their qualifications. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that at the last meeting the Crown Castle lease for Station 71 was signed by Commissioner Davison. Unfortunately the appendix was not attached, therefore it needs to be resigned and sent back. Commissioner Davison resigned the agreement with the appendix, which Chief Gorski will return to Crown Castle. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Commissioners that he has a party interested in purchasing our four lots in East Englewood for the amount of \$12,000.00. An appraisal has been done on these lots and the value is between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00. In the Chief's opinion we should sell these lots for the \$12,000.00 offer. Mr. Bray made a motion to authorize the Chief to accept the \$12,000.00 offer. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

The Board took a ten minutes recess at 9:45 A.M. and reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief presented the Commissioners with a book containing the projected budget and conducted a Budget Workshop where he went over and explained the budget line item by line item. He suggested that the Commissioners retain this book so it can be amended during the budget process which will be completed and voted upon at the Public Hearing, September 13th, 5:01 P.M. at the Suncoast Auditorium. After a lengthy discussion the Chief stated that there will be no need to increase the assessment rate for this year.

Chief Gorski addressed the need for setting up four reserve accounts with a bank. They would be as follows: Emergency Disaster Relief Reserve, Compensated Absences Reserve, Budget Stabilization Economic Uncertainty Reserve and Vehicle Equipment Station Construction Reserve. These reserve accounts would be funded for programs associated with these categories. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Bray made a motion to set up accounts with Florida Shores Bank for these four reserve accounts (Emergency Disaster Relief Reserve, Compensated Absences Reserve, Budget Stabilization Economic Uncertainty Reserve and Vehicle Equipment Station Construction Reserve). It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

At the September 13th Public Hearing the Chief would like Commissioner Hawkins to open the meeting then turn the meeting over to him prior to the Open to the Public portion of the meeting. He has a presentation which would review the accomplishments of the District.

Mr. Seneca asked the Chief if he had any speaking engagements coming up in the near future. The Chief said he would contact him with any engagements he may have.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

Bdmt July 14, 2010