

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14TH, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, December 14th, 2011, 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 Chairperson, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Kern, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Bray, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

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 9th, 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of November 9th, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any question or comments regarding the Financial Report for the month of October 2011. The Chief advised the Board that we have started revising this report to be in compliance with the new regulations for fund balance reporting. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the Financial Report subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison asked if everyone has had a chance to review the Chief's evaluation form. He would like to have the Commissioners fill out this form and return it to Ms. Tomlinson (via email), who will then forward it to Ms. Hawkins for discussion at the January 11th Board Meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Gorski presented the customer satisfaction surveys received over the past month, all with positive responses.

The Chief suggested that everyone go to our web site and see the holiday safety information.

Chief Gorski explained the monthly report we are given by Sarasota County regarding our fuel consumption.

The Chief advised the Board that we participated in the North Port EVOC course. Four of the District's personnel had perfect scores: Lt. Dino Fanti, Assistant Chief Lane, Lt. Ray Reese and FF Shane Williams.

The Chief has been working with Charlotte County's property appraiser reviewing property boundaries.

The Fire Academy graduation was held on Wednesday, December 7th with 12 cadets graduating.

The Chief explained that the legislature goes into session in January. We should to pay close attention because Special Taxing Districts are being addressed.

This Sunday the annual Bikes for Tikes give away will be held at the Englewood Sports Complex. The Chief suggested that next year the area churches along with the schools be contacted to provide names of children in need.

The Chief was invited to speak at the Rotonda West Home Owners Association on December 19th. The topic was Holiday Safety.

The Chief addressed the District's Long Range Plan. A lengthy discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski updated the Commission regarding the Barrier Island fire protection inter-local agreement. He advised the Board that the training is going extremely well. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief presented the updated Travel Policy along with a resolution for the Boards approval. After a short discussion Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the Travel Policy, for all District employees as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

Chief Gorski stated that the fund balance policy discussed earlier in the meeting, can not be completed until our accountants have reviewed it.

The Chief asked the Board for permission to work with Ms. Emery to update the Commission By-Laws. The Board consented.

The Sarasota County Automatic Aid agreement is in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski presented and explained the packet addressing the Inter Local agreement between Charlotte County and the Englewood Area Fire Control District regarding fire rescue services for the Barrier Island Fire Protection MSBU (copy attached for the record). Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the Inter Local agreement as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed with a vote of 4 in favor of the agreement and one abstention. Ms Hawkins abstained from voting.

The Chief addressed the meeting dates for 2012. He suggested that we have one meeting a month and add an additional meeting when required. This will be addressed further at the January Board Meeting which will be January 11th, 9:00 A.M. at Station 74. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief along with Lt. Fanti have been honing the union contract. When all the changes are completed the Chief will forward a draft of the contract to the Commissioners along with a copy of the old union contract and the resolution addressing the new contract. Mr. Kern would like to have copies of all issues discussed at the pension board meetings forwarded to the Commissioners.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No one from the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____

Denise Hawkins, Chairperson

_____ DATED: _____

Attest

Bdmt December 14, 2011

