

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 23, 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 Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kern, Mr. Bacon, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 9, 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 9, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurers' Reports for January 2011. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report for January 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

No correspondence had been received.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were no Commissioner comments at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief explained the changes in format of the January 2011 operations summary report.

Chief Gorski addressed the January Treasurers' Reports.

The Chief handed out copies of the customer satisfaction surveys he received, all with positive responses.

He advised the Board that the two engines purchased from Sarasota County have been received and are being stenciled at this time.

The Chief addressed the Fairway Vistas development in Myakka Pines and advised that Board that it has gone through Sarasota County's process. He stated the developer has to deed the District 2.5 to 3 acres of land for a fire station. The build out date for this project is projected for 2021. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that a development on Indiana Avenue and Larwick Circle, which has been dormant, has been purchased by a developer in Manatee County and construction should be restarted.

The Chief stated that he received an email from the Englewood/Cape Haze Chamber of Commerce reminding him of their Hob Nob on February 24th from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Tringali Center.

The Chief advised the Board that he met with the property appraiser from Charlotte County. He addressed the properties that have been omitted from the assessment rolls. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed the Citizens Academy and asked if anyone planning to attend would RSVP, so a head count could be obtained.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he spoke to ISO (Insurance Services Office) and they are scheduled to be here either March 7th or March 21st. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Lane advised the Board the last CAF System is being completed at this time, the new platform truck should be in service by the end of next week and the our two existing engines are on GOV DEALS for sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski updated the Board in detail regarding the non ad valorem assessment rates. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief presented and discussed two plans which addressed categories. The first plan was for three categories; Residential, Non-Residential and Vacant Lots; the second plan was for four categories, Residential, Non-Residential, Vacant Lots and Churches. Mr. Bacon made a motion to authorize Chief Gorski to proceed with Plan 2 (four categories, Residential, Non Residential, Vacant Lots and Church) and submit this information to GSG for calculation of the assessment rates. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Chief Gorski wanted to put a discussion of the Strategic Plan on the March agenda.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

John Cates, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Englewood addressed the Board. He stated that if the impact of the churches is so little on the budget and the impact on the churches is so great, why can we not move into the area of wholly exempt? Another thing he wanted to bring to the Boards attention is the statement, "it is defensible", not what's right or wrong. He stated these assessments are crippling to the local churches. If the churches have such little impact on the district we need to move to have the churches wholly exempt. A short discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Bdmt February 23, 2011