

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, May 25, 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 9:05 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.

The Chief stated the big change in the appearance of the conference room was done by C Shift. The new/used furniture was secured from the Sarasota County surplus furniture distribution at no cost to the District.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Chief Gorski presented five year service pins to the following firefighters: FF Mark Miller and FF Shane Williams. FF Jonathan Dausy, FF Jonathan Faulkner and FF Lee Pasick were not in attendance to receive their pins.

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 May 11, 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of May 11, 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 Treasurer's Reports for April 2011. The Chief explained the expenditures. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

No correspondence had been received.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were no commissioner comments at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief advised the Board that the second Town Hall Meeting was held on May 17th from 5 to 7 P.M. with approximately 12 members of the public in attendance. He advised the Board that good questions and feed back were received. The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Chief updated the Board regarding the fuel being secured from the Sarasota County. He will meet with Charlotte County regarding the use of their fuel on May 31st.

The Chief addressed the letter received at the last meeting from the Christ Lutheran Church. After checking the records back to 1990, regarding their assessments, he found that they were paying other assessments but not for the Englewood Area Fire Control District until that started in 2010. He will try to schedule a meeting with them to discuss this issue.

The Chief advised the Board that he will be on vacation for the next Board Meeting, June 8th. It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting of June 8th.

The auditors will start the District's audit commencing on May 31st to June 2nd. At that time the Chief will address their charges. Mr. Bray offered to give the auditors a 2 bedroom/2 bath condo to use while they do the audit to save on costs. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief met with Chief DiDio regarding fire protection on Palm Island. This Thursday the Chief and Chief DiDio will attend a meeting on Palm Island to discuss this issue with the residents. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he has received the preliminary report from Foster and Foster regarding the firefighter's pension plan. He would like the Commissioners to review this report. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief updated the Board regarding changes in FRS.

The Chief advised the Board that in March he applied for two WCIND grants, one for Charlotte County and one for Sarasota County. He was advised that Charlotte County no longer gives grants for boats but Sarasota County does and we were awarded a grant for the new fire boat. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board proceeded into the bays where Chief Gorski gave them a tour of the boat and explained the equipment from approximately 9:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. The old fire boat will be put up for sale on GovDeals and the monies received from that sale will be used to offset the difference between the purchase price of the boat and the amount of the grant.

Chief Lane advised the Board the Academy graduation will be held June 1st at the Englewood Elks Lodge. The next Academy class will start on July 11.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief gave the Board an updated Strategic Plan for their review. He would like their comments, changes and feed back prior to the June 22nd Board Meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief presented a draft copy of a portion of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget (copy attached for the record). The portions addressed were: purchase services, utilities, meetings, supplies, materials, and capitol and debt services. During the discussion the Chief stated that he would like to see one or two telephone service providers used instead of several for the telephone, internet and television. Also addressed was the possibility of refinancing the lots at Station 74. This would be done to secure a lower interest rate. The Chief projected a saving of approximately \$99,000.00 for next fiscal years budget on these categories but the final determination will be when the entire budget is discussed. A lengthy discussion ensued. The budget will be discussed further at the June 22 Board Meeting.

Mr. Kern addressed the report received from Foster and Foster. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief would like the Commissioners to forward their questions for Mr. Lozen directly to him prior to the June 22 Board Meeting. He will advise Mr. Lozen of what needs to be addressed. The Board suggested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss the pension, possibly in the evening.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Paul Scionti addressed the Board regarding budget and the expansion of the District regarding Palm Island.

Mr. Louis Douat addressed the Board regarding the distribution of funds and the paying down of the unfunded liabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 P.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

Bdmt May 25, 2011