

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 12th, 2011
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Monday, September 12, 2011, 5:01 P.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Sports Complex
River Road, Englewood, FL

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bacon, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery.

Chief Gorski addressed and handed out copies of the adopted budget including the changes made at the September 8th, 2011 Board Meeting. The Chief stated that all this information is posted on our web site.

The Chief addressed a question posed by Commissioner Kern at the last Board Meeting regarding fire fighters hired in the past. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief gave the Commissioners a copy of Mr. Eisenberg's power point presentation from the last Board meeting.

Chief Gorski updated the Board regarding the events that occurred commemorating the 10th Anniversary of September 11th. He was honored with a certificate of appreciation from the First Baptist Church along with a \$100.00 check to purchase smoke alarms.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Ms Hawkins read the rules for addressing the Board into the record.

The Chief reminded the public that this meeting is for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012 Assessment Rates. Any other questions can be addressed at a later time.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding their concerns related to their property assessments: Ms. Nancy Galvin, Mr. R. Earl Warren and Ms. Mary Burney. Chief Gorski addressed each of the citizens concerns. Mr. Bray made a motion to direct the Chief to inspect the property sites discussed by these three residents. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding the assessment methodology, the fire fighters pension and future assessment rates: Ms. Donna Scionti, Mr. Paul Scionti, Mr. Ron Strich, Mr. Wayne White and Mr. Louis Doucet. Chief Gorski explained the assessment methodology, touched on the fire fighters pension issue and explained the projected rates for the future.

The following members of the public supported the assessment rates for the Fiscal Year 2012: Mr. Jon Bednerik, Mr. Ron Smith and Mr. Joe Blais.

Ms. Hawkins allowed the Commissioners to address any of the questions posed by the public.

ASSESSMENT RATES:


Chief Gorski presented the Board with Resolution #2011-1295, which adopts the Assessment Rates for the Fiscal Year 2012. The rates are as follows: Residential: \$140.57 per unit, Non Residential (commercial, institutional, nursing homes, industrial warehouse, hotel/motel and RV park): 20 cents per square foot, Churches: 13 cents per square foot, and Vacant Lots: \$54.47. Mr. Davison made a motion to adopt the Assessments Rates for the Fiscal Year 2012 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins advised the Board that there is an additional item Commissioner Kern wants to add to the agenda. It is regarding the Firefighters Pension. Mr. Kern addressed the firefighter's pension and asked for the Boards permission to have another study preformed by Foster and Foster regarding pension alternatives. Mr. Kern would like to authorize the Chief to hire an actuary to study on option of bringing back the funding floor of 16.6% and also research other pension options. Mr. Bray made a motion to authorize the Chief to contact an actuary regarding a pension study for a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:


Mr. Dan Eisenberg addressed the Board regarding the budget, the assessment rates and the cost of the pension. A short discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.



Denise Hawkins, Chairman

DATED: 9/28/11



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(A verbatim transcript of this meeting will be available at the Administration Building).