

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 9:06 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Kern, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Mr. Bacon arrived late and Mr. Bray was not in attendance.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Mr. Dan Eisenberg addressed the Board and presented a power point presentation regarding pension funding.

Mr. Paul Scionti addressed the Board and thanked three commissioners; Mr. Kern, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Bray for looking into the firefighter's retirement and its unfunded liability. He feels that they are looking forward to the future and must listen to the citizens. Ms. Hawkins and Chief Gorski explained that all the Commissioners are involved in the pension issue not just three.

Mr. Roman Grabowski addressed the Board regarding the Firefighter's Pension.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup> and the Public hearing of September 12th, 2011. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of September 8th, 2011 and the Public Haring of September 12th as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Reports for August 2011. The Chief explained the revenues and expenditures for August and addressed new laws regarding reporting of revenues and expenditures. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for August 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Ms. Hawkins addressed and explained the request for travel form. She advised the Board that this form should be filled out prior to travel. Chief Gorski suggested that the Board establish a written travel policy. The Board authorized the Chief to prepare a travel policy.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief advised the Board that he attended the Sunrise Rotary meeting this morning. His topic was Fire Safety.

The Chief handed out the customer satisfaction survey results that were received, all with positive responses.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that we received another 50 Smoke Alarms from KIDDE.

The Chief gave each Commissioner a copy of the Fiscal Year 2012 Rate Resolution for their books

He advised the Board that on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. he will be on WENG addressing the kickoff of Fire Prevention month. He went on to say that on October 8<sup>th</sup> we will participate in the annual county wide event for Fire Prevention in Sarasota.

The Firefighters are again selling pink tee shirts for Cancer Awareness month.

The Chief advised the Board that he will be filling out an application for us to be considered for a makeover on the 'Extreme Makeover' television show. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Lane advised the Board that he received a grant in the amount of, approximately \$10,000.00 from Firehouse Subs. This grant is for a washer extractor which will be used to clean the bunker gear. The washer will be delivered and installed at the Administration Building.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief recapped the year 2012 Assessment rates and would like the Board to look at the past years, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) as well as the budget process. He would like the Commission to advise him of any improvements they would like to see.

At the last meeting the Board instructed the Chief to look at several parcels of land to determine if their assessments are correct. The first parcel to be addressed was regarding lakes. After an inspection the Chief determined that the assessment was indeed on the lake. He advised the Board that our methodology does not assess lakes and the assessment will be reduced to \$0.00. The next issue he addressed was the hotel/motel assessment rates. He advised the Board that the corrections have been made regarding hotel/motel assessment rates. Regarding Attorney Warren's 8 parcels of land that were declared wetland. The Chief inspected this property, and seven of these lots are indeed wetland but one is not. Mr. Warren's assessment will be reduced to one vacant lot and lastly the Chief examined the property owned by Mrs. Nancy Galvin. After a through inspection of her well maintained lots it was the Chief's determination that the assessment is correct. The Chief suggested that in the future the Board may want to have two rates for lots, one for maintained lots and one for lots that are not maintained and present a fire hazard. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski showed the Commission our updated website.

The Chief updated the Commission regarding the Barrier Island fire protection. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski discussed the pension issue stating that there is no right or wrong answer, no silver bullet. It is something the entire country is dealing with. He would not like to see this become an issue between the public and the District. This issue has to be investigated fully before any decisions can be made. A lengthy discussion ensued. He would like to set up an executive session to discuss this issue.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief advised the Board that the Smoke Alarm Program has been implemented. The firefighters have been going door to door handing out a brochure educating the public on the importance of smoke detectors. On October 3, 4, and 5 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the firefighters will return to the area and offer to install the smoke detectors in the homes that do not have them.

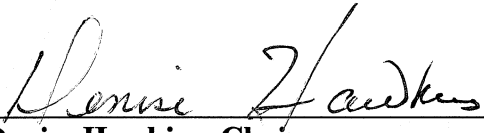
Negotiation dates have changed they are as follows: September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 10:30 A.M.


**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Paul Scionti addressed the Board regarding the Barrier Island fire protection.

Mr. Roman Grabowski gave more information regarding the firefighters pension.  
Commissioner Kern commented on Mr. Grabowski information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: 10-12-11  
**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

  
\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: 10-12-2011  
**Attest**

Bdmt September 28, 2011