

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2023
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at
Englewood Fire Administration Office
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Kimberlin, Lori Wellbaum and Chief Easton. Absent: Mr. Knauf.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the 03/15/2023 Board Meeting. Mr. Loisell made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Benedetti and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board on the Florida Special Fire District Performance Review. He is still currently working with Fitch & Associate's data analyst; currently reviewing dispatch data.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the station security. He is still anticipating a third quote to make a final decision.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new generators. He is still waiting for units to arrive from the manufacturer for installation. He went onto explain that he is working on additional funding to obtain a mobile generator for evacuation purposes. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board of the second Deputy Chief (Operations/Training) position. He has narrowed it down to two (2) candidates and will determine his selection with an assignment for the candidates to complete.

Chief Easton updated the Board about vacation rental property inspections. He explained that he is still communicating with the West Manatee Fire Rescue District about their implementation process. Chief Easton also explained that he looked over data the DBPR date and it's over 1,000 properties in Englewood. He also confirmed with GSG that if coding changes are received and sent to tax collector's office, the implementation can happen by this tax year. A small discussion ensued.

Ms. Powell confirmed the FASD conference dates and accommodations made for the Board and its members.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Brown from Ashley, Brown, Co., presented and reviewed the district financial statements to the Board. A short discussion ensued.

Ms. Wellbaum addressed the re-elected officers, Ronald Davison - Seat# 2, Ronald Benedetti – Seat #3 and Eldon Loisell, Seat #1 and performed the Swearing-In and asked them to raise their right hand and to repeat the Oath of Office. Once the swearing-in was complete the officers executed the Oath of Office by signing along with a Notary present.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the new performance review program, Tenzinga. He explained the program capabilities and that Commissioners will be accessible to the program and to evaluate Chief Easton's performance all year long. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about Engine 72. He continued to explain the engine is over 10 years old and with long production times, it will be almost 14 years old if a replacement is ordered this year. Chief Easton is recommending to begin the process of it's replacement and then eventually the current engine will be placed in reserves. A small discussion ensued. Mr. Loisell made a motion to approve the purchase of the engine 72 replacement. Mr. Kimberlin seconded, and the motion was approved.

Chief Easton explained to the Board that today is Lieutenant Roman Grabowski's last shift with the department. Roman is retiring after 30 years of service. He did continue to explain that Roman will remain the Union DVP and the Chairman on the Pension Board. Chief Easton expressed his gratitude for Roman's dedicated service to the department. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Benedetti spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the overtime budget. He explained that as of March 2023 we're significantly over budget; in addition, Mr. Benedetti created an outline of the past six (6) years overtime budgets and the increases. Chief Easton reviewed the figures with the Board and explained the staffing has had a significant impact on the overtime. A short discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public Comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No DVP comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Benedetti expressed his gratitude to Roman for his 30 years of dedicated service to the department and expressed his best wishes for his retirement.

Commissioner Kimberlin expressed his gratitude to Roman and conveyed his best wishes for his retirement.

Commissioner Davison thanked Roman for his hard work and dedication to the department and wished him a happy retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.



Ron Davison, Chairman

DATED: 6/28/23



Attest

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