

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2020
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 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. Davison, Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Kimberlin, Ms. Emery, and Chief Easton. Mr. Bray was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the May 20, 2020 Board Meetings. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chief Easton updated the Board on the purchase of the new Thermal Imaging Cameras that was approved at the May Board. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the department and COVID-19. He continues to monitor the positive numbers and it seems they're on the rise however, Chief Easton has spoken with Health Department officials and these numbers can be attributed to the rise of testing sites. EFD is still on a No EMS response for Sarasota County; standard/routine procedures for Charlotte County. Chief Easton confirmed that the department has no employees quarantined for exposure and/or tested positive for COVID-19 as of June 24, 2020. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the boat lift canopy at Stump Pass. He went onto explain the installation was considerably delayed because of engineering and permitting, in addition COVID-19 closures. However, it was finally installed as of 06/22/20 and the canopy project is complete. Chief Easton provided pictures of the canopy for the Board to review. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton confirmed with the Board that the FEMA payment for Hurricane Dorian was finally received. He went onto add that FEMA assistance was also requested with the Collier County Fire which EFD assisted; Chief Easton feels confident that the application will be processed and paid expeditiously.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the new apparatus purchase. He will be traveling to Ohio to meet with Sutphen in August regarding the prebuild. A short discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about some concerns he had with the Training Center. He was considering the option of incorporating the Training Center however, after extensive conversations with the District's counsel, Ms. Emery, it will not be necessary to split the training center from the department. Chief Easton also went onto explain his plan to create stricter policies and waivers along

with the requirement for proof of insurance from other municipalities that use the facility. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about being contacted by Crown Castle and an offer for the purchase of Station 72 Easement. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton notified the Board that the next EFTC Class 720 was holding the abilities test today; 33 applicants were received however, only 18 students can be accepted into the July class. This number is to be compliant with CDC guidelines and proper social distancing practices.

Chief Easton notified the Board about the cloth mask giveaway later today; partnering with the Englewood Chamber of Commerce to supply masks to local businesses.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No comment from the DVP at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison spoke about a recent visit from North Port City Mayor, Chris Hanks who is running for Sarasota County Commission. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Davison also passed out the Fire Chief Evaluations forms to each Commissioner & requested they be completed before next month's meeting.

Mr. Kimberlin notified the Board that neither himself or Mr. Bray had any candidates running against them for their Seats 4 and 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.