

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2020
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Thursday, January 16, 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. Bray, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Kimberlin, Ms. Emery, and Chief Easton.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the December 18, 2019 Board Meetings. Mr. Loisell made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Davison addressed the Board about the 2020 Board Meeting Calendar; asked the Board if any of the dates were conflicting. A short discussion ensued. The meeting scheduled for May 27, 2020 was changed to May 20, 2020.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the purchase of new apparatuses. Chief Easton has arranged for South Florida Emergency Vehicles to attend the February Board meeting with a presentation of their purchasing program and options for new apparatuses. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton explained to the Board that the Specialty and Healthcare Reserve bank account paperwork has been prepared and will need to be signed, executed by the Board members at the conclusion of today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Easton spoke to the Board concerning a property located at 6900 San Casa Drive. He went on to explain that in recent weeks the property owner contacted the EFD concerning a possible discrepancy on their tax bill for the Non-Ad Valorem assessments. Chief Easton confirmed it is not a discrepancy; it's a rezoning update at the Tax Collectors office. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the multiple software's being utilized by the department; he emphasized that none of the programs have interfaces to communicate with one another plus some have multiple performance failures. To reduce membership costs and for better performance, Chief Easton met with representatives from STAT Portals. This new software can facilitate the needs of all the current systems being used by the department in one program. The cost for this new program is \$6000. By cancelling the multiple programs, there will be no additional cost to the district. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the purchase of STAT Portals for \$6000. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton provided an update on the Fire Fighters attending Paramedic school starting February 10, 2020. The students have been registered, supplied with school materials and the staffing schedule has been adjusted to accommodate their schooling. A short discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No comment from the DVP at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Bray asked about the status of the new contract negotiations. Chief Easton confirmed that the paperwork has been filed with PERC; awaiting their approval. A short ensued.

Mr. Bray also asked about an update on the meeting with West Villages. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Benedetti asked Chief Easton to update the Board on the Charlotte County one (1) cent Sales Tax renewal. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimberlin spoke about the Bike 4 Tikes event held December. He expressed his thanks for Battalion Chief Donald Pasick's tremendous efforts plus all the other Fire Fighters, Administration and Volunteers for hosting a wonderful event. He also mentioned the extraordinary efforts Battalion Chief Pasick made to help a family of seven after suffering a tremendous loss just days before the event and Christmas.

Mr. Davison asked Chief Easton for an update on the water testing at EFTC. Chief Easton confirmed the well installation is scheduled for the week of January 20th and a laboratory has been selected to perform the testing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53a.m.