

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, November 15, 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. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori Wellbaum, 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 10/25/2023 Board Meeting. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials from 10/25/2023 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board on the Fire Prevention/Community Risk Reduction expansion project. He is scheduled to meet with Sarasota's Fire Chief, David Rathbun to discuss the county collecting impact fees on behalf of EAFCD. Chief Easton is also going to be discussing EAFCD handling new construction plans review and inspections for properties within the district.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new generators. He explained the generators have been installed at the Administration Building and Station 73; each will require final testing. The generator for Station 71 is pending the new propane gas tank installation and the correct transfer switch to arrive but Chief Easton expressed how pleased he is that the project is finally coming to a close.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about Risk Management. He explained the improvements that have been made to reduce risk within the department and staff. Chief Easton went on to explain those improvements; security cameras, new locks, Knox box key tracking. He added that I.T. security and support and new website hosting were hired. Chief Easton also spoke about cancer preventions; yearly skin cancer screenings and health screenings for staff. They are also provided two sets of gear and hoods for immediate swap out after a fire and access to gross decontamination equipment. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton presented the Board with the 2024 Board meeting schedule. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the schedule. It was seconded by Mr. Benedetti and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton presented to the Board Resolution 2023-1420; the next and third increase to the new construction, Fire Impact Fee. The increase recommended by Raftelis 2022 study; 12.5% increase, each year for a period of four (4) years. This increase will be effective January 1, 2024. Mr. Knauf made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1420. It was seconded by Mr. Benedetti and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new positions. He has selected Bernadette Kerr as the new Administrative Assistant and she is scheduled to start on Monday, December 4, 2023. Jeff Strong has been selected as the new Fire Inspector and he is scheduled to start Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Lastly, the six (6) new Firefighters have been selected and are scheduled to start Monday, November 27, 2023.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No DVP comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison asked about the Bikes for Tikes program. A small discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44am



Ron Davison, Chairman

DATED: 12/13/2023



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