

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 26, 2021**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 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 9:01 A.M. by Vice Chairman, Mr. Benedetti. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Knauf, Lori Emery and Chief Easton. Absent: Mr. Davison and Mr. Loisell.

**CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING**

Mr. Benedetti asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the April 28, 2021 Board Meetings. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf 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 House Bill 1103 / Senate Bill 1624. The Performance Audit for the District has been changed to begin next October 2022. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke briefly about his recent findings for a policy and procedures for a Department Chaplin. He also went onto explain some conversations he's had with other Department Chaplin's. Chief Easton said the position is still in a fact-finding stage but will continue to update the Board. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the ground water sampling at the training center. Chief Easton confirmed that our legal counsel, Ronald Noble sent a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP responded and Chief Easton is awaiting to hear from Mr. Noble about the next steps. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the production of the three (3) new fire engines. He went onto say that their scheduled to be completed on June 22, 2021. He will be sending members from the apparatus committee to fly to Ohio for the final inspections. Chief Easton said looking ahead, the Push Ceremonies will take place approximately July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A short discussion ensued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Easton introduced the Board to Lexipol, a Risk Management company. He went onto explain that department necessity to adequate and updated policies; in addition, working towards our compliance for next years Performance Audit. Chief Easton went over the cost of the service; \$15321 (Tier 1 and 2) 57 High Risk / High Liability policies and another 15K in October for Tier 3 and 4). The annual subscription would be covered by our insurance company. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Knauf made a motion to approve the purchase of Lexipol services. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton provided an update on the ALS licensing. The next steps to obtaining the certificate for the COPCN (Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity) from Charlotte County is to schedule an equipment inspection however, Chief Easton will need to purchase a Cardiac Monitor to be

compliant for \$22K. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the Cardiac Monitor. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf and the motion passed.

Chief Easton presented the Board with a Power Point to discuss the Impact Fees. He went onto explain that District reduced the Impact Fee during the 2008 economic recession from \$252.44 to \$230.68 per residential home and \$0.71 to \$0.41 per sq ft per commercial building. Then, in 2015 – Resolution No. 2015-1379 the Board changed it back to \$252.44 and \$0.71. which was the original rate adopted October 18, 2006, Resolution No. 06/10-1107. Chief Easton also spoke about a current House Bill 337 / Senate Bill 750 which outlines that an increase to any rate can only be raised by 50% over a four (4) period; 12.5% per year. A long discussion ensued. It was determined that Chief Easton will obtain additional quotes for Impact Fee studies and the subject of increasing the Impact Fee will be continued at the next Board meeting.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

No Public comment at this time.

**DVP COMMENT:**

No comment from the DVP at this time.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the Charlotte Coutny Dispatch. A short discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am.