

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2022
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 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 Vice-Chairman, Mr. Benedetti. Those present were: Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori Emery and Chief Easton. Mr. Davison was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Benedetti asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the July 27, 2022 Board Meeting. Mr. Loisell made a motion to accept the consent agendas and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board about the ALS program. He confirmed the ALS will go live Monday, August 22nd for Engine 71. Chief Easton extended an invitation to Commissioners to join him on Monday at Station 71 as they place the ALS sticker to the Engine 71 and place it in service. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton confirmed that a contract was received by Fitch and Associates for the Florida Special Fire District Performance Review. He sent it to Ms. Emery for review; it was approved therefore it's been signed and a deposit was provided. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the Brush Truck; the Skid Unit has an anticipated delivery date of mid-September. In the interim, the apparatus repairs are nearly complete. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the current Fire Impact Fee Study with Raftelis. The preliminary reports and new rates schedule were received. Raftelis recommended a 65% increase however, the departments current circumstances do not support an immediate increase; only a 12.5% increase within a twelve-month period is allowable. Mr. Knauf made a motion to approve the 12.5% based on the recent study and effective January 1, 2023. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton provided an update regarding station security. He received the first quote for security monitoring which includes cameras covering all entry doors and designated parking areas for \$19k. Chief Easton is anticipating additional proposals for comparison and should be able to make a decision soon. A short discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Easton spoke to the Board with the permission from the firefighter regarding a recent health incident. He went onto explain that while responding to a call, one of the EFD firefighters suffered a myocardial infarction. He was treated; received a stent and is currently recovering. A small discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No DVP comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Benedetti spoke to the Board about Chief Easton's current salary. He went onto explain that Chief Easton has not received a raise since he was hired in 2019. Mr. Benedetti recommended a \$6,000 yearly increase and then any adjustment can be addressed next year for his contract renewal. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the \$6000 pay raiser as per the date of his contract. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:57am.