

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2022
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, December 14, 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 Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori 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 November 16, 2022 Board Meetings. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agendas and financials 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 Florida Special Fire District Performance Review. Fitch and Associates will start in January; needs the remaining 3 years for statical data. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the current Fire Impact Fee Study with Raftelis. The final report and presentation will be at the January meeting. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the station security. He explained that the project is till on hold suspended due to Hurricane Ian storm damage.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new generators. Commencement of work to start. Chief Easton is in the process of locating building plot plans for Florida Power Supply. In addition, Crown Castle approved the generator location, inside the fence of the cellular tower at Station 71. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton introduced the new Deputy Chief of Administration, Karl Bennett. Chief Easton also described Chief Bennett's qualifications and his previous experience as EMS Division Chief with North Port Fire Rescue. A short discussion ensued. Chief Easton also updated the Board of the second Deputy Chief (Operations/Training) position. He did offer that position to another candidate however; the candidate could no longer accept the position. Therefore, the position will be reposted. and the deadline for submissions is January 20, 2023. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the Fire Marshal position. The selected candidate will be interviewing on Friday, December 16, 2022. Chief Easton explained that if the job is offered, he will schedule him to start first of the year. A short discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the current situation of the EFD Fire Boat. Stump Pass Marina is under new ownership and will be making changes to the boat slips. He went onto say that the EFD Fire Boat will be moving to the front of the bait shop and the lift will also need to be moved. The cost estimated to move the lift is \$10,000. Chief Easton did say he'll confirm any discount or assistance from new owner. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the \$10,000 to move the lift. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about his recent meeting with Senator Gruters. He went onto explain conversations about the the Five (5) year Performance Review guidelines; that there's legislation that fire service accreditations could replace the performance review. Chief Easton added that he discussed funding initiatives to replace Station 72. Chief Easton has House of Representatives Mike Grants sponsorship plus, his legislative aide provided paperwork to apply. A long discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about recently being approached from a realtor regarding the neighboring property of Station 72 on Placida Road; it is for sale. Chief Easton spoke to the Board about their interest and if they would like to put in an offer. A long discussion ensued. Chief Easton will have Ms. Emery prepare an offer of \$400k and will update the Board at the next meeting regarding the offer and any counter offer made.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about his continued search of the replacement vehicles for the Deputy Chiefs. Chief Easton is looking at the possibility of leasing vehicles. He also mentioned that he's already having to make plans to begin the trade and building process for the next set of fire engines because the build is taking thirty (30) months. A short discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public Comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:


No DVP comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

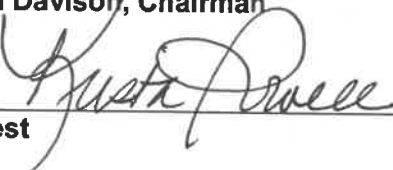
Mr. Davison asked Chief Easton about the Firefighter/Paramedic that applied from Charlotte County. Chief Easton confirmed that he was hired and started 11/23/2022. Chief Easton added that he received a phone call from a female Firefighter/Paramedic that is interested and may be applying soon.

Mr. Benedetti welcomed Chief Bennett. He also thanked Chief Easton for all his hard work over the year but also his tremendous efforts these last few months dealing with Hurricane Ian damages.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53am.



Ron Davison, Chairman DATED: 1/25/23



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