

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 25, 2022**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, May 25, 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. Benedetti, 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 April 27, 2022 Board Meeting. Mr. Kimberlin 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. As he stated at the previous meeting, he's still experiencing supply chain shortages and delays. Also, the Florida Department of Health run reporting has been finalized. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the Charlotte County Dispatch project. He met with Charlotte County but after reviewing the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), but the clause of financial impact clause is still being negotiated. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated to the Board about the upcoming Florida Special Fire District Performance Review in October. He has an RFP (Request for Proposal) prepared by the FASD to obtain a company that will meet the specifications and submit a formal bid to perform the review. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the recent Brush Truck donated from the Division of Forestry. He went onto explain that the pump motors are delayed due to low inventory from the manufacturer; in addition, there is no eta on the skid unit due to a fire at the manufacturing warehouse. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the current Fire Impact Fee Study with Raftelis. They're in the final stages of their data capture and should have the final reports and proposal in the next couple weeks. A short discussion ensued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Easton spoke about a recent performance audit by Motorola for all 6-station radio equipment (i.e., amplifier, antennas, etc.). It was determined that some equipment is extremely outdated or need repaired. The cost for new equipment and repairs is \$38,000. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the upgrades and repairs of \$38,000. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf. Opposed by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about his concerns for the current Fire and Life Safety Inspection Fee Resolution. He went onto explain that it's outdated and is recommending that a fee schedule increase be imposed but also to expand the categories for commercial and multi-residential. Chief Easton would like imposed this increase July 1, 2022. Mr. Knauf made a motion to approve the new Resolution 2022-1412 Fire and Life Safety Inspection. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton then spoke about the current Open Burn Resolution 2016-1384. He went onto explain that burn ordinances already exist for Charlotte County and Sarasota County therefore, would countermand the districts resolution. Chief Easton recommends dissolving Resolution 2016-1384. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Knauf made a motion to dissolve Resolution 2016-1384. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and passed unanimously.

Chief Easton addressed the Board about the distressing condition of Station 74 current roof. He went onto explain that there have been several attempts to repair the roof but it is not a permanent solution. Chief Easton will be preparing an RFP (Request for Proposal) to local contractors to submit bids to remodel the roof with new trusses; using rafters, posts and beams to achieve positive drainage. He added that once those bids are received, he will present them to the Board for review and approval. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton introduced the new hire, Paramedic John Wilcoxon to the Board; today is his first day with the department. Chief Easton also went onto say that he is still recruiting for additional Paramedics to replace firefighters retiring this summer. A short discussion ensued.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

No Public comment at this time.

**DVP COMMENT:**

No DVP comment at this time.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

No Commissioner comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06am.

  
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**Ron Benedetti, Vice-Chairman**

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