

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2024
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 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. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori Wellbaum, and Chief Easton. Mr. Benedetti attended via telephone. Absent: Mr. Kimberlin.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections, or additions to the consent agenda from the 05/15/2024 Board Meetings. Mr. Loisell made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials from 05/15/2024 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 transient property inspections. He explained that Fire Inspector, Jeff Strong, has conducted over 70 inspections to date and noted the scheduling module added to department website has been part of that success. Chief Easton also explained that some owners have also contacted the department indicating their properties are no longer transient; those owners are required to sign a release to update their property status with the tax office. Chief Easton was asked about the penalties for unregistered properties; he and Lori Wellbaum are looking into the matter and will update the Board at the next meeting.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the Fire Prevention/Community Risk Reduction expansion project. He met with Sarasota County administration; they received the letter of request by Chairman, Ron Davison, to collect impact fee on behalf of the District as well as, EAFCD handling the new construction plan reviews and inspections within the district. Chief Easton added that the county has drafted an Interlocal Agreement as well as a protocol for the new construction inspections. Once completed, it will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The request to collect impact fees has been deferred for the time being. A small discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board about properties that may be available for the Station 72 project. He briefly described their locations; adding that he has spoken to both property owners, and each is open to selling and welcomes an initial offer. Chief Easton explained that he will research comparable properties and pricing and will speak to the Board about those findings at the next meeting. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the upgrades for Station 72. He went onto explain that he spoke with E-One, the fire truck manufacturer, and it's estimated Engine 72 could be completed and delivered as early as the end of 2024 therefore, the project for the metal garage has been expedited. He confirmed that trees and brush have been cut back to accommodate the new building. Chief Easton also explained that once the new garage is in place, he will be converting the current truck room into additional sleeping quarters which will be space for additional personnel and provide a separate bunk space to accommodate the female firefighters. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton presented the Board with Resolution IF2024-1421, the adoption of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. He explained that this agreement is a renewal from the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management. Chief Easton read the resolution and instructed each member to sign the agreement so it could be filed with the state.

Chief Easton updated the Board about contract negotiations for the IAFF (Suncoast Professional Firefighters & Paramedics, Local 2546). He confirmed that he hasn't received dates for the bargaining session dates however, he reminded the Board that a shade meeting would follow today's meeting.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (FROC) program; sponsored by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The FROC provides public assistance and resources for departments to recover disaster costs up to 80%. Chief Easton expressed his elation to have this program available at a state level as his experience on a federal level has been extremely challenging. A small discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No public comment.

DVP COMMENT :

No DVP comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

No Commissioner Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.



Ronald Davison, Chairman

DATED: 07/24/2024



Attest

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