



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2007**

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.
Silent Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Schweers, Commissioner Sassano and Commissioner Morris were present. Commissioner Akins was absent.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Information Technology Administrator LuAnn Delo provided information as to her responsibilities and goals for the ever changing world of information technology.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

No items were pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Commissioner Levy seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 1. APPOINT A REPLACEMENT TRUSTEE FOR THE FIREFIGHTER'S RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM CARR FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM THROUGH JUNE 2007.** Commissioner Schweers stated that there are no applicants at this time, therefore, no action required at this meeting.
- 2. ACCEPT THE SUMMARY OF OPTIONS RESEARCHED FOR FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADMIN BUILDING, THE ADDITION TO STATION THREE AND THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE EAST SECTION OF DISTRICT.** Finance Director April White provided a brief description of the information provided to the board and stated that at this time Bank of America and Fifth Third Bank are the best options. Commissioner Schweers stated that no vote is needed for Administrative Agenda Item 2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- ✓ Commissioner Sassano expressed her holiday wishes to the Commissioners and employees of Estero Fire Rescue and is looking forward to working together in 2007
- ✓ Commissioner Schweers provided information to the board regarding his continuing efforts into the traffic signal concerns. At this time Commissioner Schweers recommends board to seek preemption for the lights by Station 1 and 2 (Broadway/US41 and Corkscrew/US41; Williams/US41 and new light at Coconut Point Mall/US41). Preemption allows Estero Fire Rescue the ability to turn nearest light red (north and south). Commissioner Sassano asked if impact fees could be used for the cost involved (\$10,000-\$15,000 approx.). Finance Director April White provided clarification as to why impact fees could not be used for the cost involved. Commissioner Morris inquired as to whether it is the county or the state that has the final say in the matter. Commissioner Schweers stated that the state (FDOT) makes the final call but works closely with the county. Commissioner Levy commented that this is a long term project and looks at this issue as somewhere that the county failed in the safety for emergency responders and the growth of the community. Commissioner Levy commended Commissioners Schweers on his efforts.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- No report from Chief Lindsey.

Commissioner Schweers stated that the board must set the date, time and location for the Financial Plan Workshop which involves review of a draft and comments from the board and the public. Commissioner Schweers recommend January 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 102B at Estero Community Park with the regular board to be held at its regular time of 6:00 p.m. at Estero Community Park. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to hold the Financial Plan Workshop on January 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 102B at Estero Community Park with the regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Estero Community Park. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary