



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 12, 2008**

**MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Schweers, Commissioner Sassano, Commissioner Morris.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Dan Wilson of Deangelis Diamond provided an update on the status of the administration building and provided recent photographs. Mr. Wilson introduced Shane Williams the new site superintendent. Commissioner Morris inquired as to the cost breakdown of the doors. Chief Lindsey and Chief Patrick will get the information and provide to the commissioners.

**PRESENTATION ON ALARM PANELS**

Inspector Phillip Green provided a brief presentation regarding alarm panels and nuisance alarms.

**FIREWORKS REPORT**

Deputy Chief Siegfried provided an update as the legislation regarding consumer fireworks and the committee continues to move forward and going to legislature for next session recommending expansion of consumer fireworks. Deputy Chief Siegfried will continue to keep the commissioners advised of the situation.

**RETIREMENT PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION**

Battalion Chief Reisen introduced attorney Scott Christiansen and Paul Shamoun with Florida League of Cities. Mr. Christiansen provided a background description of Chapter 175 and explained in detail the resolution before the board. Mr. Christiansen noted the resolution is asking to increase the multiplier from 3% to 3.867% which will utilize all the monies from the state; state money – use it or lose it. General Counsel Charles Schoech noted that the state has set policy and program in place and it is the decision of the commissioners to either follow it or not, however, there is some latitude in how you use the monies. General Counsel stated the recommendation is appropriate and recommends adopting the resolution. *After further discussion, Commissioner Sassano made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Akins seconded. After further discussion a vote was taken. Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Sassano and Commissioner Schweers were in favor, Commissioner Levy and Commissioner Morris opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2.*

*Commissioner Schweers called for a 5 minute recess at 6:10 p.m.*

*Commissioner Schweers reconvened the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and would like to entertain a motion to reconsider the motion adopting the resolution so as to discuss other options at another regular board meeting. Commissioner Akins made a motion to reopen the discussion on the resolution.*

*Commissioner Schweers passed the gavel to Commissioner Levy. Commissioner Schweers seconded the motion. No further discussion. A vote was taken and Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Schweers were in favor; Commissioner Sassano opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1.*

Commissioner Schweers provided a brief explanation as to the need to table the resolution until a later meeting so as to address other options and provide further explanation of questions. *Commissioner Levy made a motion to table this item for additional questions at the next regular board meeting or at a time when Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Shamoun can attend. Commissioner Morris seconded. No further discussion. A vote was taken and Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Schweers were in favor, Commissioner Sassano opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Frank Mescana of 9896 Colonial Walk S., Estero, Florida addressed the board and expressed his concern of tabling the resolution to another meeting.

#### **ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

No items to be pulled for discussion.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

1. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A BATTALION VEHICLE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$29,831.00.** Deputy Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation. *After discussion, Commissioner Sassano made a motion to authorize Administrative Agenda Item 1. Commissioner Akins seconded. No further discussion. A vote was taken, Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Sassano and Commissioner Schweers were in favor, Commissioner Morris opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1.*

#### **WALK-ON ITEMS**

1. **APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2007 BUDGET LINE ITEM SHORTAGES.** Chief Lindsey noted this is a routine function performed by management throughout the year. *Commissioner Akins made a motion to approve Walk On Item 1. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **APPROVE THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL FEES CHARGED BY EFR.** Chief Lindsey provided a brief explanation and noted Lee County Fire Chiefs is working to develop a uniform schedule for inspection fees. Public Relations Manager Lindenmuth provided further information as to the increase in CPR and BLS fees. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to adopt the Walk On Item 2. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

No commissioner items.

#### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Estero Community Safety Fund – update regarding Estero and Village with a Vision shirts now being displayed at Realty World and two Colonial Bank locations
- Administration Building – extended an invitation to the commissioners to tour the admin building with either himself or Chief Patrick
- Brush unit – noted the skid unit was not a grant but a loaner
- Rescue is in the parking lot and Chief Vanderbrook would be available to show the vehicle to you following the meeting
- January 16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. – Open House at Coconut Point Station, Station 2
- January 15 at 6:30 p.m. – joint meeting at Three Oaks Banquet Center
- February 9 at 6:30 p.m. – Awards Banquet at Pelican Sound
- Input/direction from the board as to the January 29 Constitutional Amendment on Tax Reform

*Commissioner Schweers adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary**