



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2007**

MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Silent Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

RECOGNITION OF EXPLORERS

Chief Coulter acknowledged the Explorers on their accomplishments at Winterfest 2006. Explorers Matt Mozes, Douglas Holden and Victor Maduro demonstrated rapid dress.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Chief Lindsey noted that a representative from Deangelis Diamond will be present at the monthly board meetings in an effort to keep the board informed as to the status of the construction of the administration building.

Bill Gaston of Deangelis Diamond provided an update as to the current status (preliminary permit review, DO review) and that things are moving forward according to the timeline.

Jim Boughton and Julie Oswald of Boughton Architects provided a detailed overview of the color scheme. It was discussed that different options for countertops and flooring would be provided with the pricing which will be available at the May board meeting. Commissioner Akins inquired as to the size of the kitchenette on the first floor. Chief Lindsey noted, depending on the requirements and what is allowed, the generator may be relocated outside the building which would provide additional space. Commissioner Levy inquired as to the painting of Station 3. Chief Lindsey noted that it has been recommended that we hold off painting Station 3 until the time the administration building is painting allowing for a match in color and better pricing. Commissioner Levy inquired as to the cleaning of station 3 for time being. Commissioner Sassano inquired as to security cameras in the stairwells.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Deputy Chief Support Services Richard Patrick provided an overview of his duties, one of which includes the construction of the administration building.

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 1-4 as presented. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS AND CHARGERS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.** Chief Lindsey provided a brief explanation and asked the board for any questions. *Commissioner Levy made a motion to approve Administrative Agenda Item 1 as presented. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT COCONUT POINT STATION – STATION 2.** Commissioner Schweers provided a brief refresher update regarding the installation of an emergency traffic signal at Station 2 and noted that the State (FDOT) has the final call as to warranting a full traffic signal. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to install the emergency traffic signal with \$150,000 to be paid back to EFR when the traffic signal is warranted. Discussion was held, no second to the motion. After much discussion, Commissioner Levy inquired as to whether or not there are any contractual obligations for a full traffic signal at Coconut Point Road and one at Rapallo and asked Commissioner Schweers to obtain something in writing from LDOT, Dave Loveland or Andy Getch, as to such. Commissioner Levy also stated that the board should see bids/proposals for the installation. After further discussion, Commissioner Morris made a motion to table until the April Board meeting to allow Commissioner Schweers to provide more documentation to support the traffic signal as well as a statement from LDOT and/or FDOT. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion to table, no further discussion is permitted. Commissioner Schweers called for a vote, Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Morris, and Commissioner Schweers were in favor, Commissioner Sassano opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- ✓ Commissioner Sassano inquired as to health insurance for the commissioners and whether or not this is something to pursue; an option to buy into the EFR group plan. Chief Lindsey suggested waiting for further discussion when general counsel Charles Schoech would be available.
- ✓ Commissioner Sassano inquired as to the date for the groundbreaking of the Administration Building. Chief Lindsey recommended May 8 at 5:00 PM, prior to the board meeting. Commissioner Akins will need to check her calendar and get back to Chief Lindsey. All other commissioners were available for the May 8 date and time.
- ✓ Commissioner Akins brought attention to the performance appraisal form as listed on the agenda. Commissioner Schweers stated that he has received several forms. Commissioner Akins suggested him select three of the forms that he feels best meet the needs of EFR and provide copies to the other commissioners for review and comment at the next board meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Open House, April 18 6:00-8:00 pm at Station 3 – Three Oaks Station
- Battalion Chief assessment on March 19 and 20
- Company Officer assessment on April 5 and 6
- DRAFT of Annual Report provided and requested comments and suggestions be directed to him within the next two weeks, with the anticipation of the final printed report by the April board meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary