



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 13, 2008**

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

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Chief Lindsey read a proclamation of Emergency Medical Services Week, May 18-24, 2008, from Governor Charlie Crist. Public Relations Manager Susan Lindenmuth then presented Community Service Commendations to Nancy Nier, Riverwoods Plantation and Corkscrew Woodlands. Ms. Lindenmuth also presented recognition/pins from Altra Medical to Jim Farley, Ray Johnson, Nancy Nier, Steve Goodyear and Jackie Kirby.

**INTRODUCTION**

Deputy Chief Patrick introduced Guillaume Nouvion, the intern from France. Mr. Nouvion will be housed at Station 3 and will be assisting with an Employee Handbook.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

No items to be 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. **ACCEPT THE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007.** Finance Director April White introduced Marty Redovan of LarsonAllen LLP. Mr. Redovan briefly reviewed the audit. *Commissioner Levy made a motion to accept the audit for fiscal year 2006/2007 as presented. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02 A TOBACCO FREE POLICY FOR EFR.** Chief Lindsey provided a brief explanation of the resolution. *Commissioner Akins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-02. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

**WALK ON ITEMS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- Commissioner Sassano inquired as to the possibility of having AED's at the elementary school level, specifically Pinewoods. Chief Lindsey instructed that this would go through the Board for the Lee County School District.
- Commissioner Akins inquired as to the tentative budget preparation schedule and expressed her desire for the Board to be more involved in the budget process. After discussion, it was agreed to change the workshop to June 10, 2008 from 9:30-11:30 am with a location to be determined. The regular June Board Meeting will be held on June 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Akins expressed her gratitude for being included on the furniture selection committee and that it was a privilege to be a part of that group. Commissioner Akins also noted that she was very pleased with the professionalism of those on the committee and asked Chief Patrick to relay the message to those on the committee.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Retirement issue – Chief Lindsey noted that he has discussed the options with DVP Collins who will discuss with the union; the ball is in their court to bring something back to Chief Lindsey.
- Functional Consolidation – Chief Lindsey noted the efforts being made with regard to functional consolidation between Bonita Springs Fire and Estero Fire Rescue. Ladder testing will be performed on the same day and at the same time with Bonita Springs Fire; more cost efficient. Chief Vanderbrook will continue to work on functional consolidation with Bonita Springs and San Carlos.
- Merger/Consolidation – Chief Lindsey noted the need to appoint a commissioner representative to be involved with the RFP process. Commissioner Levy noted that he would be honored to serve. Chief Lindsey will provide the information to Commissioner Levy.
- Chief Lindsey noted the prevention vehicles have now been marked to be identified as EFR vehicles.
- Chief Lindsey noted the earlier special presentation and the efforts of Ms. Lindenmuth and the commitment of EFR to be involved with the adult community.

*Commissioner Akins made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Sassano, all were in favor.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary