



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

MINUTES FROM APRIL 29, 2008 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Schweers shared a brief statement and reviewed the agenda. After much discussion, Commissioner Schweers moved forward with the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM:

1. **Chief Lindsey's Official Resignation.** *After discussion, Commissioner Sassano regretfully made a motion to accept the resignation of Chief Lindsey effective July 31, 2008. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **Determine last day for Chief Lindsey.** *After discussion, Commissioner Sassano made a motion to allow the Fire Chief administrative leave with pay, effective May 1, 2008. Commissioner Morris seconded. Commissioner Levy asked to table the motion until an interim fire chief is decided. Commissioner Akins made a motion to table agenda item 2. Commissioner Levy seconded. Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Schweers were in favor, Commissioner Sassano opposed. Motion carried 4-1.*

Appoint Interim Fire Chief. *After discussion, Commissioner Levy made a motion to appoint Deputy Chief of Operations Scott Vanderbrook as Interim Fire Chief, effective May 1, 2008. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

Commissioner Akins made a motion to remove the tabled motion from the table regarding Chief Lindsey's last day. Commissioner Levy, seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. After further discussion, Commissioner Sassano amended her motion to allow the Fire Chief administrative leave with pay, effective May 1, 2008, waiving PPL accrual during the last 30 days. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

3. **Posting of available position.** Discussion on whether or not to post the position for inside and outside applicants and timing of posting. Further discussion and instruction to Interim Fire Chief Vanderbrook, Chief Lindsey and the Human Resources Coordinator to prepare the posting, a timeline, how to proceed, including the advertisement, possible periodicals to advertise, as well as cost to advertise, and possible changes to the position description and present to the Board at, the May 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. *Commissioner Levy made a motion to advertise the*

position of Fire Chief inside and outside of EFR. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were favor, motion carried.

Consensus among the Board to discuss agenda items 4, 5 and 6 (4-Determine what we are looking for; 5-Establish interview committee; 6-Set timeline for events) at a later meeting; be prepared to discuss at the May 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. Brief discussion on the application deadline to possibly be September 1, 2008, notice will provide wiggle room to extend the time if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

San Carlos Park Fire Chief Nat Ippolito and Bonita Springs Fire Chief Phil Kinsey expressed their well wishes to Chief Lindsey and congratulated Deputy Chief Vanderbrook being appointed as Interim Fire Chief and their willingness to provide support and encouragement.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary