



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

MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

No items to be pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-7 as presented. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **DISCUSS THE CONSENSUS REACHED AT THE JUNE 17, 2008 JOINT BOARD MEETING BETWEEN ESTERO FIRE RESCUE, SAN CARLOS PARK FIRE DISTRICT AND BONITA SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT REGARDING A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM TO COMPLETE THE CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDY.** Interim Fire Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation and recommended that we move forward with the consolidation study. San Carlos Park's regular board meeting is Thursday, July 10 and Bonita Springs' regular board meeting is Monday, July 14; Chief Vanderbrook will attend both meetings. Chief Vanderbrook noted that the work will not begin until October 1 and we will most likely see work start in January 2009. Chief Vanderbrook also noted that the study will drop if only 2 districts approve to move forward. *After discussion, Commissioner Akins made a motion to approve entering into a contract with TriData for a consolidation study at a cost of \$45,000 and authorize the Fire Chief to negotiate the contract with the selected attorney, Terry Lewis. Commissioner Morris suggested adding the words not to exceed \$45,000. Commissioner Akins agreed and the motion was changed as such. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

WALK ON ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Vanderbrook welcomed everyone to the new building. Chief Vanderbrook noted we are still working closely with Deangelis Diamond on the completion of an extensive punch out list; the items should be cleared up within the next 30 days. Chief Vanderbrook noted that we are also holding 5% of the retainage until the completion of the punch list. Chief Vanderbrook noted the wall behind Station 3 is going in and after 7 years the easement problem should be resolved. Commissioner Morris inquired about the stone work that needs to be redone. Chief Vanderbrook noted that it is still on the list however, items such as the hot water heater and things that don't actually function are being addressed first.
- Grand Opening during October, Fire Prevention Month, probably October 4. After discussion and comments by the commissioners, it was agreed to hold a soft Grand Opening on October 4 with a "hose" cutting ceremony and invite local fire chiefs, county commissioners and other dignitaries. A larger community wide Grand Opening will be scheduled in January or February when the seasonal residents are here. Chief Vanderbrook also noted including a health fair with the January or February Grand Opening.
- Chief Vanderbrook sought direction on the use of the building by the community. Chief Vanderbrook noted the security system and the need for an employee to be present during meetings held after hours. Commissioners agreed that the main purpose of the building is for the training of EFR employees and for the use for EFR purposes. Parking is limited with only 56 parking spaces. It was agreed that Ms. Poli will keep a record of requests by outside organizations over the next 30 days. It was also agreed that the 1st priority is EFR training. Chief Vanderbrook will check with other districts regarding their policy on the use of their meeting rooms. Attorney Schoech also noted that he works with several districts that have established policies and will get copies and provide them to Chief Vanderbrook.
- Chief Vanderbrook briefly noted the final signed resolution by EFR and Local 1826 regarding the health insurance. A copy was provided to each commissioner.
- COPCN renewal is August 5, 2008.
- Budget Workshop – July 21 budget workshop will be changed to July 29 at 9:30 am – 10:59 am
- Special Meeting to set the proposed millage rate will be held on July 29 at 11:00 am
- First Public Hearing and the Regular September Board Meeting – change the September 9 Board Meeting to Wednesday, September 10 at 5:00 pm and hold the First Public Hearing immediately following the regular meeting.
- Second Public Hearing will still be on September 23
- Chief Vanderbrook noted that Lt. Rodriguez has returned to work on light duty and we are complying with arbitration
- Commissioner Akins inquired as to when more definitive information will be made available to the commissioners with regard to budget information. Chief Vanderbrook noted that the information will be available to them at least 5-7 days prior to the Budget Workshop.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary