



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2008**

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 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

Shane Williams of Deangelis Diamond provided an update on the progress of the administration building. A breakdown of the doors was provided to Commissioner Morris as requested.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Educational Achievement

Scott Vanderbrook – BS

Ron DuBock – BS

Diego Carmona – BS

Years of Service Award – 5 Years

Jean Strobel John McDougall

Todd Coulter Larry Nisbet

Chris Krajic Jeannine Horton

Unit Citation for July 2007 Accident

Lt. Wahlig FF Murray

Lt. Brann FF Goodlad

Lt. Althouse FF G. Maradona

FF Harris FF Chasser

FF Pagnutti FF Krohnfeldt

Unit Citation for child stuck in pool

Lt. LaBree

FF Hedengren

Lt. Wahlig

FF Escarra

FF Pagnutti

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

John Goodrich of 20877 Pinehurst Greens Drive, Estero, Florida, addressed the board regarding Administrative Agenda Item 3 and commended the board and the Fire Chief for their efforts in pursuing the matter of consolidation or merger and continuing efforts with other districts and the need to possibly consider an advisement/advisory group.

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 Morris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE PAYMENT OF \$56,492 FOR 2007 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT PLAN.** Finance Director April White provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion acknowledging Administrative Agenda Item 1. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **APPROVE THE PAINTING OF FIRE STATION 3 FOR THE BUDGETED SUM OF \$15,050.00.** Chief Lindsey provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Administrative Agenda Item 2 as presented. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
3. **DISCUSS RFP AS PRESENTED IN MOTION DURING JANUARY 12, 2008 JOINT BOARD MEETING BETWEEN ESTERO FIRE RESCUE, SAN CARLOS PARK FIRE DISTRICT AND BONITA SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT.** Discussion on motion as presented as at the meeting to approve the cost of a RFP. Brief discussion and explanation by Attorney Schoech as to the difference between a RFP and RFQ; both cases look at the cost. Chief Lindsey noted Bonita Springs approved by a vote of 5-0 at their meeting on February 11, 2008. *After a brief discussion, Commissioner Levy made a motion to approve the expenditure for the RFP as presented at the January 15, 2008 joint board meeting. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner Sassano addressed the summer meetings (June, July and August) and the importance to not miss regular meetings. All agreed that the meetings are important and to look at vacation schedules. At this time, Commissioner Levy will not be present for the August meeting; Commissioner Sassano will not be present for the July meeting; Commissioner Schweers will not be present for the June meeting; Commissioner Morris is good until November; Commissioner Akins did not have her schedule for June, July and August. Commissioner Schweers noted the need for a quorum of 3 commissioners at each meeting.
- Commissioner Levy inquired as to the change from response time to turnout time in the January Monthly Report. Chief Lindsey and Chief Vanderbrook provided an explanation.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Admin Relocation – Chief Lindsey provided an update on the relocation

- Station 2 emergency signal is in the design phase; no new developments at this time
- Rescue went into service on February 11, 2008
- February 16 – Celebrate Estero at Miromar – chili cookoff, safety fund, shirts
- March 11 Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, March 12 Open House at Station 4 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Administration Building – tours can be provided by Chief Lindsey and/or Chief Patrick, however, protective shoes and pants must be worn
- 2008/2009 Budget – since tax reform it is suggested we hold an earlier budget workshop
- Chief Lindsey brought to the attention of the board approximately 62 sq. ft. which is not able to be occupied in the new administration building which goes back to the design/architects. The cost is approximately \$14,000 and Chief Lindsey requested direction from the board and whether or not they would like him to pursue negotiations with Deangelis Diamond on this issue. *After discussion, Commissioner Akins made a motion for Fire Chief Jeff Lindsey and Commissioner Morris to negotiate with Deangelis Diamond to bear the cost of accessible storage. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
- Commissioner Levy inquired as to a financial plan update. Ms. White noted this will take place after the audit is complete; planner is on standby; anticipate audit in April.
- Commissioner Akins inquired as to the success of the Open House at Station 2 and how it was promoted. Chief Lindsey and PRM Lindenmuth noted the various means of marketing: community newsletters, website, email contacts through homeowners associations, media – television and newspapers and the Estero Chamber of Commerce.
- Commissioner Morris inquired as to the status of the existing modular office building and if the cost involved is the responsibility of the church. Chief Lindsey noted the church would be responsible for the expenditure.
- Commissioner Akins suggested her wish for a budget workshop in May.

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to the adjourn. All were in favor. Commissioner Schweers adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary