



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

May 12, 2009

MINUTES FROM APRIL 14, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Messina, Commissioner Sassano, Commissioner Schweers and Commissioner Akins. Commissioner Levy was not present.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

- Division Chief Green, 5 years of service
- Chief Vanderbrook presented the Good Samaritan Award to Reneford McDonald

EXPLORERS PRESENTATION

Division Chief Coulter and Explorers Amy Craft and Victor Maduro presented information and highlights from Winterfest.

PRESENTATION ON NEW LIGHT WEIGHT TRUSS RULE

Division Chief Green provided information regarding the new light weight truss rule and the procedure for notification and enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

No items to be pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Messina made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **COME TO A RESOLUTION ON THE OVERPAYMENTS THAT WERE MADE TO ESTERO FIRE RESCUE EMPLOYEES.** *As this item was tabled from an earlier meeting, Commissioner Akins made a motion to remove the Self Insured Plans (SIP) overpayments discussion from the table, therefore allowing further discussion. Commissioner Messina seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.* Chief Vanderbrook provided the history of the health care benefits for EFR employees. *After much discussion, Commissioner Akins made a motion that the discussion of overpayment be concluded, therefore resolving the issue. Commissioner Sassano seconded. After a brief discussion, Commissioners Schweers called for a vote. Commissioner Sassano, Commissioner Akins and Commissioner Schweers were in favor; Commissioner Messina opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 3-1.*

2. **APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,119 TO REDUCE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AND RETURN IMPACT FEES TO LEE COUNTY FOR A 2007 CANCELLED PERMIT.** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Messana made a motion to approve the budget transfer in Administration Agenda Item 2. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

WALK ON ITEMS

No walk on items.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 1st Quarter Report
 - Open House a success
 - Alarm responses are up due to brush fires; Chief Vanderbrook noted the assistance provided to area counties and the assistance we receive from other districts and counties
- Resolution between Lee County and Bonita Springs in reference to the boundary
- SOG 222 EFR Facilities Chief Vanderbrook requested direction in order to bring draft to the Board. Counsel recommended including language that in no case shall the Fire Chief or his/her designee discriminate against any group or organization based on race, gender, religion or age. Commissioner Akins would like all put in writing, including the language to be added by counsel, to be adopted at the May Board Meeting.
- Bonita Springs Chili Cookoff – 2nd place in the international competition
- 2008 Annual Report is on the web site
- Maps are on the web site
- Chief Vanderbrook noted we encourage people to go to our web site to find information
- TriData draft should be available by the end of next week (draft is a working document, not available to the public)
- 5k Valor Run/Walk on Saturday, April 18 – EFR Team
- Public Safety Softball Tournament on Sunday, April 19
- Budget Workshops – discussion on dates to hold budget workshops after June 23; email dates you are not available to Ms. Poli.
- Chief Vanderbrook will bring budget planning information to the May Board meeting; where we are in the current budget year and indentify some problem areas we anticipate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

No Commissioner items.

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary