



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2008**

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:02 p.m.
Silent Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

Interim Fire Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief review and recommendations to the Board which was followed by a brief discussion by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET ONLY

Phil Douglas of 10304 Cape Roman Road, Estero, Florida addressed the Board and recommended the 1.90; suggesting to look at contract negotiations and the decisions that need to be made with regard to employee costs, look at expenditures.

Nick Batos of 9165 Hollow Pine Drive, Estero, Florida addressed the Board and recommended the Board establish a committee to meet every 3 or 6 months to get community comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM 1 – ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 1.9741

Commissioner Schweers called for a motion. No motion was made. Administrative Item 1 failed due to lack of a motion

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM 2 – ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET OF \$20,560,584

Commissioner Schweers called for a motion. No motion was made. Administrative Item 2 failed due to lack of a motion.

RECOMPUTE THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

Interim Fire Chief Vanderbrook noted the process and instructions to recompute the tentative millage rate to a lower rate than the proposed millage rate indicated on the TRIM notices.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM 3 - ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 1.9037

Commissioner Schweers called for a motion. Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Administrative Item 3. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM 4 – ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET OF \$20,091,859

Commissioner Schweers called for a motion. Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Administrative Item 4. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

SET, DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR FINAL HEARING

Consensus among the Board to hold the Final Hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 5:01 p.m. at the Estero Fire Rescue Administrative Complex, 21500 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, Florida 33928.

Commissioner Schweers called for a five minute recess at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary