

# **LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT**

## **COMMISSION MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**April 15, 2009**

The April 15, 2009 meeting of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was opened at 4:00pm by Vice-President Guzman. Present were Commissioners Adams, Guzman, and Barrett. Chief Don Adams, Assistant Chief Jeff Haugh, Assistant Chief Solon Duncan, Fire Marshal Ken Bennett, Administrative Assistant Sue Platas, Finance Specialist Anita Kressel, and Secretary Jill Marcolini. Attorney Richard Pringle was also in attendance. Commissioners Berndt and Hemingway had excused absences.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Guzman asked Chief Adams to give the invocation.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Guzman asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda. Chief Adams would like to add under New Business approval to begin negotiations with District 6. Chief Adams also stated he would like to table line of credit which is under Unfinished Business.

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended Commissioner Adams second. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Fire Board Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2009
- Treasurers Report

Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Commissioner Barrett second. Motion Passed.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **CHIEF ADAMS:**

- \* Received a thank you letter for our personnel assisting in moving patients from Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center to Gulf Coast Hospital.
- \* Leadership Lehigh starts June 4<sup>th</sup>. The District will be involved in the leadership Lehigh Class of 2009. We will be hosting Public Safety Day on August 26, 2009.
- \* Agenda items to think about for next Board Meeting
  - Organizational Chart
  - Work Schedule changes to 4-10s
  - LCEC requesting additional easement to install and maintain a power line (Thomas Sherwin Avenue S. & Milwaukee Blvd.).
- \* Received a letter to begin negotiation for District 6 and need to have an Executive Session
- \* Announcement of Richard Pride's promotion to the rank of Engineer

**DVP 6 and 19: None**

### **ATTORNEY RICHARD PRINGLE**

Attorney Pringle reported he received a letter of authorization from Verizon for their application for new special exception. He also stated a motion needs to be made to approve a negotiating team for District 6 and 19 Contract. The negotiating team would consist of Chief Adam, Assistant Chief's Haugh and Duncan and general legal and labor counsel.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Adams stated to the Board a motion needs to be made for approval to begin negotiations with District 6. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the negotiating team of Chief Adams, Assistant Chief's Haugh and Duncan, Attorney Pringle and Attorney Hament for District 6 contract. Attorney Pringle stated to the Board to generalize the attorney's to be present. Commissioner Adams amended his motion by stating the team would consist of General Legal and Labor Counsel. Also Attorney Pringle added this would be for the negotiating team for District 6 and 19. Commissioner Adams for a second time amended his motion by stating this would be the negotiating team for District 6 and 19. Commissioner Barrett second. Motion passed.

**PRESENTATION:**

Certificate of Appreciation

- \* Steve Schrader and Jim Ball rescued a sleeping teenager from his apartment where a DVD player was on fire. After getting the teenager to safety they extinguished the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher. Once the fire was extinguished they pulled the Automatic Fire Alarm Pull Station and then controlled all the electrical circuit breakers. Chief Adams presented a plaque to each of the Andros Isles Maintenance workers in Recognition of Actions and Dedication in the Preservation of Life and Protection of Property.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Adams: Thanked the public for coming out. Appreciate what the gentleman did regarding the fire.

Commissioner Barrett: Thanked the gentleman for their bravery and to always have smoke detectors.

Commissioner Guzman: Congratulations for doing a good job on the fire and getting the teenager out, and for their bravery.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: None**

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

