

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Minutes – September 14, 2020
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffrey Maturo – Commissioner
Steven Slachta – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Richard Scott – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Janet Washburn – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin – Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin. Coordinator

Via Telephone:

Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

Chairman Lohan called for the convening of the Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:02 p.m. The Hearing concluded at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL MINUTES

Commissioner Slachta made a motion to approve the August 10, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the September 1, 2020, Budget Workshop Minutes, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the August 2020 Financials, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Philip Kinsey III received his Lieutenants badge from Chief DeWitt for his promotion. Chief DeWitt also presented pins for one year of service to Firefighter Kaleb Sparks, Fire Marshal Janet Washburn, and Fire Commissioner Steven Slachta. Chairman Lohan presented Chief DeWitt with an award for his outstanding leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Board members commended the Department for the job they did on the 9-11 Memorial program at the Lohan-Daigle Park, as well as the handling of the funeral for Lt. Marc Weiss. They are impressed with the relationship between the Lee County Sheriff's Department and the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief DeWitt gave updates regarding the new District App, announcing it will be available for testing by the end of the week or the beginning of the next week. He also mentioned the audiovisual equipment for the conference room should be completed by 9/30/2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the Disposal of Assets. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Slachta made a motion to accept the Job Descriptions of the various positions. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the wording of Article 42 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Slachta seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Thanked the Commissioners for their support during the preparation and execution of Lt. Marc Weiss' funeral
- Also thanked the Lee County Fire Chiefs Association for their help in the logistical planning
- Stated that he was pleased with the 9-11 Memorial program
- Commended the Braxton College for the Stair Climb to raise money for the Weiss family and honor the fallen heroes
- Stated that surveying the District after Hurricane Sally passed, there was no significant flooding and there is no pre-deployment for Florida USAR teams at this time
- Mentioned he is not worried about Tropical Storm Teddy but is keeping an eye on Tropical Storm Vicky
- Announced that the job posting for Administrative Assistant closes on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and the posting for Firefighter closes Tuesday, September 22, 2020
- Commented that FASD is scheduled for October 21- 23
- Reminded everyone that the Final Budget Hearing is set for Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 5:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.