

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

**Minutes – March 14, 2016  
Monthly Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman  
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman  
Fred Forbes – Secretary/Treasurer  
James Murphy – Commissioner  
Patrick McCourt - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief  
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief  
Frank Giuliano – Deputy Chief  
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal  
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director  
Jessica DeWitt – Admin Coordinator

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for the families of the firefighters that lost their lives during the past month and an invocation by Chaplain Chitwood. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2016 MINUTES**

Commissioner Forbes made a motion to approve the February 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the February 17, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2016 FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the February 2016 and Current Expenditures and ACH Payments, Acknowledgement of the Financial Report, Acknowledgement of Wire Transfers and Transfers Between Accounts, and Budget Transfer #3 for Purchase of Ladder Truck. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

**PRESENTATIONS**

***Medal of Valor for Jameson Gray & Cristian Valiente***

Chief Daigle explained that the medal of valor is the highest medal that the District gives. It is presented when a person commits an act of valor in the face of extreme danger and undergoes personal sacrifice for the benefit of a fellow human being. Citizens Jameson Gray and Cristian Valiente were awarded medals of valor for their act of running into a fully involved house fire on Dortch Avenue to assist in the successful evacuation of two residents.

***Certificate of Recognition for LCSO Sergeant James Bogliole, Deputy Kristen Ridenour and Lieutenant Brian Przespolewski***

Chief Daigle presented Certificates of Recognition to Sergeant Bogliole, Deputy Ridenour and Lieutenant Przespolewski for their assistance and their part on the scene of the house fire on Dortch Avenue.

***Pension Trustee Service Recognition for Bob Paterson***

Chief Daigle gave a presentation of a recognition award for Bob Paterson, who resigned after 13 years of service to the pension boards of the Fire District.

***Local 3444 Presentations – Special Thanks to Community Partner Best of Everything; Donation to Bonita Springs Assistance Office; Donation to Lee County Domestic Animal Services***

Natalie Hughes gave a presentation of Local 3444's 2016 firefighter and rescue pets calendar. She thanked community partner and local store Best of Everything for their event and high sales. She presented donations from the calendar's proceeds to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office and to Lee County Domestic Animal Services.

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Chairman Lohan thanked Commissioner Forbes for his years of service on the Board. Commissioner Murphy and Commissioner Kosilla seconded his statements.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Appointment of New Trustee to General Employees' Pension Board***

***Appointment of New Trustee to Firefighters' Pension Board***

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to appoint Sondra Gibbons to both Pension Boards, to complete Bob Paterson's respective terms. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. Chairman Lohan asked if there was any discussion and Commissioner Kosilla noted he found her highly qualified. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

***Resolution for Nuisance Alarms***

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the Resolution for Nuisance Alarms and Commissioner McCourt seconded. There was no further discussion and **motion passed unanimously**. Chief Daigle noted that from the proposed document distributed to the Board during the prior week, there was a slight nomenclature change recommended by the District's attorney. Chief Daigle also noted that the Board would need to accept the amendment to the fee schedule in Resolution 12-06-02. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the nomenclature change and the amendment to the fee schedule. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **motion passed unanimously**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Policy 701 Personal Appearance***

Chief Daigle explained the proposed new policy that would further define personal appearance regulations set in the Contract. Chairman Lohan inquired if Local 3444 approved of the policy and Chief Daigle responded affirmatively. Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the

new policy and Commissioner Murphy seconded. There was no further discussion and **motion passed unanimously.**

#### **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

##### ***Chief Joseph V. Daigle***

Chief Daigle reviewed the home fire on Dortch Avenue, noting the decision-making processes by the lieutenants and the importance of documenting emergency calls for the community. Deputy Chief Giuliano reviewed another recent home fire. He also noted decision-making by the lieutenants, which included discovering a unique type of roof tiles. Chief Daigle mentioned a recent small attic fire at local preschool Noah's Ark. He explained that the difference of each of the three mentioned fires was the amount of time the fire had to spread.

Assistant Chief DeWitt noted that the District's surplus asset, the out-of-service fire boat Marine-21, recently sold to Immokalee Fire District for \$1,700.

Chief Daigle stated that Senate Bill 742, which the District had been petitioning for during the legislative session and would amend COPCN issuance regulations, had died in the Rules Committee.

##### ***Assistant Chief Greg DeWitt***

Assistant Chief DeWitt reported that the new Motorola Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) had been delivered and would be installed and in service within the next few weeks.

##### ***Deputy Chief Frank Giuliano***

Deputy Chief Giuliano noted that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Community Outreach program requested information such as updated maps and hydrants. He explained that the changes made will have some effect on the District's rating.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Ferreira, John Beebe and Linda Poldoran spoke on response time issues on the beach, requesting the District continue searching for options to better serve the area.

Commissioner Forbes noted the meeting was his last and expressed gratitude for his time on the Board.

Commissioner Kosilla noted to the members of the public that the District and the Board would continue to work diligently on better serving the beach areas. Chairman Lohan stated the same.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.