

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

**Minutes – May 14, 2018
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Edward FitzGerald – Commissioner
Jeffrey Maturo – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Richard Scott – Deputy Chief
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director
Chrissy Biel – Admin. Coordinator

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.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the April 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with an amendment made under Chief's Reports: Commissioner Murphy had volunteered to be a "liaison to the Chamber of Commerce" not a "liaison to the community." Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2018 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the April 2018 Financials. Commissioner FitzGerald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Chief Scott presented a Phoenix Award, and the survivor and her husband publicly thanked the emergency response team. Randy McGovern presented a check in the amount of \$45,000 collected by the firefighters for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Cindy Nichols, Executive Director of the MDA, commended the firefighters for their hard work and presented the District with a banner for being the number one supporter of all districts in Lee County.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner FitzGerald reiterated his intention to write a letter to the press to encourage attendance at meetings and thanked Chief Daigle for posting the meeting dates outside the station. He discussed his concerns about fire hydrant coverage in Bonita Springs and inquired about the District's relationship with BSU. Chief Daigle referenced the ISO report that shows the highest marks for water supply and explained that the District has no authority over BSU to add hydrants. Chairman Lohan asked Chief Daigle if there are any areas where he does not feel that the water supply is adequate to put out a fire, and Chief Daigle said no. Commissioner FitzGerald requested a map of the city that shows where hydrant locations are beyond a

reasonable standard. Commissioner FitzGerald also expressed concern about vacation time for firefighters and civilian employees.

Chairman Lohan called a two-minute recess.

Commissioner Maturo stated his intent to nominate Chief Daigle for a Distinguished Service Award for his actions and duties during Hurricane Irma and highlighted his accomplishments. The Board gave its consensus to add the nomination to next month's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Station 27 Parking Structure

Chief Daigle gave an update on the parking structure and discussed City Council's reservations about the Chickee Hut design. Since his initial presentation to City Council, the design has been redrawn in an effort to obtain approval. Chairman Lohan advised Chief Daigle to have a contingency plan in the event that the design is not approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Assets Report

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the report, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Budget Transfer #2

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve Budget Transfer #2 and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Hansen Painting – Station 4 Approval \$21,800

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the project, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion after clarifying that this refers to the painting that has already been done at Station 4. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Acquiring the Services of an Attorney for Labor Management Negotiations

Commissioner FitzGerald made a motion to hire an attorney to negotiate the next Union contract. There was no second, and **the motion failed.**

Budget Calendar

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the calendar, and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Joseph Daigle

Chief Daigle discussed the newest ISO rating for the District, which improved from 3.9 to 2.2. Commissioner Kosilla commended him for this accomplishment. Commissioner FitzGerald brought up vacation time for firefighters, and Chairman Lohan called a point of order. Chief Daigle gave an update on the Memorial Park and presented photographs of the District's recent community involvement at the Galisano Children's Hospital and the Terraces. He introduced Councilwoman Laura Carr who will serve as liaison to the Fire District.

Assistant Chief Greg DeWitt

Assistant Chief DeWitt discussed the recent structure fire and displayed photographs of the scene.

Deputy Chief Eric Madden

Deputy Chief Madden submitted his monthly report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grant discussed concerns about the pension. Anita Vandergriff expressed her appreciation to the Fire Department for their services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

APPROVED