

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

**Minutes – August 9, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffery Maturo – Commissioner
Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Chaplain Chitwood gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL MINUTES

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the July 2021 Financials, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioners Slachta presented the District with a \$1,000. 00 donation from Jenell Smith. She is appreciative of the care her husband received in his time of need. Mrs. Smith stipulated that the money be used however the District saw fit. Chief DeWitt stated the gift would be used to benefit all employees of the District.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief DeWitt presented a 15 Years of Service pin to BC Andrew Schmidt, Lt. Adam Hughes, and Lt. Giovanni Zamora.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the disposal of 4 AED's, two air packs, and four computers. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner inquired about how we respond to alternate power vehicle incidents. Deputy Chief Brod answered that he would forward his report as soon as it was completed. He is waiting on some additional information. **The motion passed 3-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve Policy #507 Overtime retro effective 6/1/2021. Commissioner Slachta seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve Budget Transfer #2. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Remarked that he is keeping an eye on the two lows in the tropics.
- Commented that Business After Hours is August 12 at The Hub. He will be attending along with Commissioners Lohan and Murphy.
- Stated that this year marks the 20th anniversary of September 11. The District will be hosting a remembrance program and open house from 10:00 to 11:00.
- Informed the Commissioners that September 18 is the tentative date for the Appreciation bar-b-que. All employees and their families are invited. We are working with Bonita Village to have it there.
- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend FDIC. He stated it was an excellent program, and all who attended participated in as many classes as possible. Because of the new Ladder trucks, the Aerial classes were beneficial as well as the management classes.
- Reiterated important upcoming dates:
 - 9/7/2021 – Budget Workshop at 3:00 pm
 - 9/13/2021 – Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing at 5:01 pm followed by the monthly Board Meeting
 - 9/22/2021 – Final Millage and Budget – 5:01 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Grant had two comments he wanted to make. The first was asking the District to do whatever it could to get more people vaccinated. The second was to encourage people to read the book *Report from Engine Co. 82* by Dennis Smith.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.