

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

**Minutes – September 13, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy 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. There was a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and their families, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lohan called for a recess to convene the Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:02 pm. The Hearing concluded at 5:05 pm

Chief DeWitt called for a Point of Personal Privilege to allow Lt. David Brewer and members of the Firefighters Olympic team to thank the Commissioner for their support and gift them with team shirts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the August 9, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the August 2021 Financials, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Budgeted PO's over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motions passed 4-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Kosilla thanked everyone for their hard work. Commissioner Murphy conveyed his concern for Commissioner Slachta. Commissioner Lohan expressed his condolences to Commissioner Murphy on the loss of his wife.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief DeWitt presented a 20 Years of Service pin to Assistant Fire Marshal Eric Scholz.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the disposal of six computers, one adult manikin, and one suction unit. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the non-budgeted PO's over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08-01 of the Firefighters' Pension System. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08-01 of the General Employees' Pension System. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the appointment of Jim Kauffman to the Firefighters' Retirement System Board. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Thanked the staff for their work on the budget and the Patriots Day program
- Commented that USAR will be at the station for a Rope Refresher for a few days and will be back at the end of October working on Structural Collapse
- Asked if anyone was going to Business After Hours this month, no one from the District will attend this time
- Informed the Commissioners that FASD will be in Destin, FL this October, and Commissioners Lohan and Murphy stated they were going to attend
- Commented that we have four out with COVID and are waiting to hear about two others
- Said that Fire Marshal Washburn raised \$5000.00 for Clips for Cancer benefitting children with cancer
- Remarked that the Final Millage and Final Budget Meeting will be September 22, 2021, at 5:01 pm, and the ad will be placed in the Naples Daily News
- Informed the Board of Commissioners that Harvey Haines passed away, and his service will be Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 3:00 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 and that he was volunteering to help in any way. The second was to find out if there was a better way to serve the community during weather events.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.