

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

**Minutes – July 12, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffery Maturo – Commissioner

Via Phone:

Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Absent:

Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Richard Scott – Assistant Fire Chief
Jason Brod – Deputy Chief
Janet Washburn – Fire Marshal
Anna-Marie Waller – 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the June 7, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the July 6, 2021, Budget Workshop Minutes, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the June 2021 Financials, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioners wanted to thank all those deployed to the Surfside Condo collapse. They all agreed that an appreciation bar-b-que be planned for all the members and families of BSFCRD, thanking them for their work and dedication thru COVID and the Surfside Condo deployment.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief DeWitt presented a 15 Years of Service pin to Firefighter Andrew Ctvrtnik. Receiving their badges as the Department's newest members were PFF David Lees, PFF Christopher Sanchez, PFF Kevin Schultz, and PFF William Scott.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the disposal of some exercise equipment. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

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 that the Millage rate is set not to exceed 2.2300. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Unbudgeted PO's for Laerdal ALS Manikins and the Zoll AED's. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Remarked that all apparatus is in service and have been reassigned to their appropriate stations.
- Commented that there have been five new reported cases of COVID at the District.
- Stated that Elsa was a good practice run for our area. However, North Port had some flooding, and 2 of our USAR Swift Water Rescue members were deployed.
- Thanked those deployed to the Surfside Condo collapse for their hard work and dedication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Grant commented on how nice the new ladder truck is. He also suggested an option for how the Department could use public service announcements on the local stations to get more people vaccinated against COVID-19 and the variants.

Councilmember Laura Carr also thanked the Board for their participation in the City's Fourth of July event.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.