

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

**Minutes – July 8, 2019
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Fire Commissioners Absent:

Edward FitzGerald – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2019 MINUTES

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2019 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the June 2019 Financials and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Chief Daigle presented years of service pins to Administrative Assistants Ashley Pounders and Anna-Marie Waller, both of whom have served for one year. Chief Daigle also presented a pin to Assistant Chief Greg DeWitt for thirty years of service. Probationary firefighter Kaleb Sparks received a new firefighter badge.

COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to name the park at Station 21 the “Chief Joseph Daigle Commissioner Stephen Lohan Reflection Park.” Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0, with Chairman Lohan not voting.

Commissioner Murphy congratulated the Union for the Fourth of July parade but expressed concerns about the occurrence of water fights with so many dignitaries in the parade. Chairman Lohan and Commissioner Kosilla concurred, and the Board discussed how these activities might be curtailed in future parades. Commissioner Maturo thanked the Union for the parade. Chairman Lohan also commended the Union, and he discussed having the monument at the Liles Hotel moved to the park at Station 21.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Seat 2

The Board had an extensive discussion about whether Board Seat 2 should be filled by appointment, according to state law, or by an application process, per District policy. The Board discussed whether the District's policy should be changed, amending the language to include "either/or" to provide more flexibility for the Board when faced with filling a vacancy—either the Board will appoint somebody, or at such time will complete the interview process. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to postpone a policy change until the next meeting to have the proper wording reviewed, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. After some discussion, the **motion failed 3-1**, and the Board decided to keep the existing policy and utilize the application process. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to declare Board Seat 2 vacant and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Assets Report

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the report and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Budget Transfer

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the budget transfer and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Tentative Millage

Commissioner Murphy made a motion that the millage rate not exceed 2.31 and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Boat as Surplus

Chief Dowaliby from Fort Myers Shore Fire Department requested to purchase the District's old Marine-27 for \$25,000. Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to accept the offer and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

New Burn Building Proposal

Assistant Chief DeWitt discussed the proposal. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the burn building prop replacement, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Joseph Daigle

Chief Daigle asked the Board to approve a Tentative Budget & Tentative Millage Hearing on September 9, 2019. Commissioner Kosilla made the motion to approve this date and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion; the **motion passed 4-0**. Chief Daigle also informed the Board of Chaplain Chitwood's new building open house on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grantt commented on the Board seat vacancy.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.