

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

**Minutes – June 3, 2019
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director
Chrissy Stoker – Admin. Coordinator

Fire Commissioners Absent:

Edward FitzGerald – Commissioner

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 MAY 2019 MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF MAY 2019 FINANCIALS

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

COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo inquired about ways to assist the Bonita Springs Firefighter undergoing cancer treatments. Chief Daigle stated that T-shirts are being sold and that he will inform the Board of any fundraisers. Commissioner Maturo also read a statement proposing that the 9/11 Memorial Garden at Station 21 be named the “Chief Joseph Daigle, Commissioner Stephen Lohan Memorial Garden.” The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Commissioner Murphy recognized Councilwoman Laura Carr for being present and representing the City of Bonita Springs.

Chairman Lohan expressed concerns about the increasing number of false alarms cited on Deputy Chief Madden’s monthly reports. The Board discussed increasing the enforcement of fines for false alarms.

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Assets Report

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

Discussion of Board Seat 2

Chairman Lohan summarized the dilemma the Board is facing regarding Commissioner FitzGerald, who has sold his house, left the district, wrote a letter to the newspaper saying goodbye, and told people in the department that he is no longer here, but he has not formally resigned as commissioner with the Board. Chairman Lohan explained the policy stating that any commissioner who misses three meetings in a row unexcused is automatically removed from the Board. He suggested waiting until next month's meeting to see whether or not Commissioner FitzGerald attends and, if he does not, remove him from the Board at that point. The Board consensus was to defer any action on this matter until the next meeting,

Auditor Selection Committee

Chairman Lohan gave an overview of the new auditor selection process. Commissioner Murphy suggested that he, as Treasurer of the Board, Chair the committee. After some discussion, Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to name Commissioner Murphy the Committee Chairman with Commissioners Maturo and Kosilla as the other committee members. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, and **the motion passed 4-0.**

Budget Workshop Dates

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop dates on July 3, 2019 and August 23, 2019, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. After some discussion, **the motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Joseph Daigle

Chief Daigle informed the Board that the new boat is currently in service at Station 27.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.