

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

**Minutes – November 8, 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 Chief  
Eric Madden – 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 led a moment of silence and a prayer for fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVAL MINUTES**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Slachta seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

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

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Slachta informed the Board he had heard from the American Legion that a 98-year-old World War II veteran, a resident of Bonita Springs, needs help. Because of a fall, he is looking for transportation back to Bonita from the Tampa area. He needs to be transported lying down and can't afford the options given to him. Commissioner Slachta was looking for any suggestions on how this veteran could be aided.

Commissioner Maturo inquired about supplies and if the District needed anything. Chief DeWitt remarked that don't need anything at this time.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Chief DeWitt presented 5 Years of Service pins to Firefighter Declan Allison, Firefighter Jacob Driskell, and Firefighter Dylan Hood. Firefighters Nicholas Kemerer, Joshua Simon, and Richard Wilson were not present to receive their pins. Also receiving their 5 Years of Service pins were Fire Inspector Debbie Ravener and HR Coordinator Jenny Transou.

The Phoenix Award presentation was postponed.

### **DISPOSALS**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the disposal of equipment, office equipment, and vehicles. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to donate the two firetrucks to Jackson County Fire Rescue in Marianna, Florida. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to accept the 2022 Meeting Dates:

January 10, 2022	May 9, 2022	September 12, 2022
February 14, 2022	June 6, 2022	October 10, 2022
March 14, 2022	July 11, 2022	November 14, 2022
April 11, 2022	August 8, 2022	December 5, 2022** -

First Monday-Toys for Tot

Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

### **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

#### ***Chief Greg DeWitt***

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- NRC Rope Tech Training taking place 11/8/2021 – 11/10/2021
- Call volume is increasing:
  - 2019 – 6167 calls
  - 2020 – 6112 calls
  - 2021 – 6644 calls – starting our busy time
- Has been speaking with State Legislators regarding the COPCN
- Upcoming events:
  - 11/11 Veterans Day at the bandshell at 11:00 am
  - 11/18 Business After Hours – Tin City in Naples
  - 12/16 Chamber Holiday Party
- The renumbering of trucks is completed.
- December meeting will be on December 1, 2021, due to Toys for Tots
- We are working with LCSO with donations for their Shop With a Cop program

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.