

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

**Minutes – June 13, 2016  
Monthly Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman  
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman  
James Murphy – Commissioner  
Patrick McCourt – Commissioner  
Frank W. Liles – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief  
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief  
Frank Giuliano – Deputy Chief  
Cesar Sanchez – Deputy Chief  
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal  
Jessica DeWitt – Admin Coordinator

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Lohan opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the families of the firefighters that lost their lives during the past month as well as the victims of the recent mass shooting in Orlando. The moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2016 MINUTES**

Commissioner McCourt made a motion to approve the May 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2016 FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the May 2016 and Current Expenditures and ACH Payments, Acknowledgement of the Financial Report, and Acknowledgement of Wire Transfers and Transfers Between Accounts. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kosilla recognized the Chief and Staff for their diligent work for the station on Hickory Blvd.

Chairman Lohan suggested making an Ethics course mandatory for Board members, as it was around the State of Florida for many other elected officials. He suggested the Board also consider requiring the Board members become a Certified District Officer through the program with the Florida Association of Special Districts. Commissioner Murphy and Commissioner Kosilla each noted they had completed the program and become certified and acknowledged its benefits. Chairman Lohan stated the topic would be put on the July Board meeting's agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Artist Rendering of Proposed Mural on Station One***

Assistant City Manager Arlene Hunter gave a presentation of the proposed mural on the side of Station One as part of the City's "Art in Public Places" program and downtown revitalization. The artist of the proposed mural, Laurent Dareau, gave a presentation and explanation of the artwork, a tribute to 9/11. Chairman Lohan suggested making a 9/11 memorial at Station One including a small park, the mural and the District's piece of World Trade Center cornerstone currently located in front of the Liles Hotel. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to further explore how to get the mural on the side of the building without damaging the brick. Commissioner Liles seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** Ms. Hunter gave an estimate of the mural's initial cost of \$4,000-\$5,000 if it were painted directly on the brick.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Proposals for Public Facilities & Operations Plan***

Chief Daigle explained the state statute that requires all independent fire control districts to have a public facilities and operational report prepared. He explained that the report evaluates emergency responses and organization throughout the District. The report would use NFPA and other national standards to make recommendations to the District. The District had budgeted \$50,000 for the plan in the current 2015-2016 fiscal year. Chief Daigle noted the District had received four proposals for the report and recommended Fitch & Associates be selected. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the recommendation and Commissioner Liles seconded the motion. Commissioner McCourt asked if the motion could be postponed and asked if the report would evaluate EMS services. Chief Daigle explained that it would somewhat cover the District's EMS services, but the report's purpose is to comply with the state statute which requires the evaluation of independent fire control districts and how they operate through meeting the mission of providing fire control and rescue services. In a roll call vote, **the motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner McCourt dissenting.**

### ***Appointment of Josh Meyer as Fifth Member of Firefighters' Pension Board***

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to accept the Firefighters' Pension Board's appointment of Josh Meyer as its fifth member trustee. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no more discussion and the **motion passed unanimously.**

### ***Resolution 16-06-01***

As Secretary of the Board, Commissioner Murphy read Resolution 16-06-01. The Resolution acknowledged the Commissioner seat terms that would end in November and described the elections process. Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. There was no more discussion and the **motion passed unanimously.**

### ***Discussion of Advanced Life Support under COPCN***

The Board discussed continuing to pursue a transport COPCN. Commissioner Kosilla motioned to submit a new application for a transport COPCN and Commissioner Murphy seconded. Commissioner McCourt stated it was a waste of time. **The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner McCourt dissenting.**

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

### ***Chief Joseph V. Daigle***

Chief Daigle reported that the Staff had received proposals for the boat lift at Station Seven on Hickory Blvd. The Chief noted that Nelson Marine provided the lowest comparative bid for the boat lift and electrical work.

### ***Deputy Chief Frank Giuliano***

Deputy Chief Giuliano noted that it was his last Board meeting, as he would be retired on July 1. Chief Daigle gave Deputy Chief Giuliano recognition for originating the operational reviews given to the Commissioners and the Public at the Board meetings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alex Grantt suggested the District's Staff investigate the use of solar power for the boat lift at Station Seven on Hickory Blvd. He also suggested that the taxpayers of Bonita Springs pay for additional coverage from Lee County EMS. He reiterated his suggestion for a trauma ambulance provided by Estero Fire District, Bonita Springs Fire District, and Lee Memorial Hospital.

Peter O'Flinn thanked the Board for agreeing to work with the City on the art project on Station One.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.