

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

**Minutes – April 9, 2018
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Richard Scott – Deputy Chief
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director
Christine Biel – 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.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the March, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with an amendment made to Commissioners’ Business: changing “tabled” to “postponed.” Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2018 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the March 2018 Financials. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

A new firefighter received his firefighter pin. The USCG presented BSFD with the Meritorious Public Service Award. Deputy Chief Scott presented a Phoenix Award.

COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS

Commissioner Kosilla asked Chief Daigle for an update on the progress of the Station 6 punch-list. Commissioner FitzGerald spoke about low citizens’ attendance at Board meetings and proposed writing a letter to the editor to encourage the public to attend. He expressed his concern about how the pension will be fully funded and requested documentation to show how it will be accomplished. He suggested adding reminders about future Pension Board meetings to the agenda. Commissioner FitzGerald also discussed concerns about vacation time for firefighters, the need for an attorney to negotiate the next labor relations contract, and why no other commissioner has sought the position of Chairman of the Board. He inquired about the retirement dates of Chief Daigle and Assistant Chief DeWitt and expressed concern about how two chief executive officers will eventually be replaced. Commissioner FitzGerald also spoke about the number of fire hydrants in Bonita Springs and questioned how the District works with the Forestry Department on controlled burns. Chief Daigle addressed the policies in place. Chairman Lohan commended the 2017 Annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Fitness Proposal

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the fitness proposal. Chief Daigle cited a survey that was conducted to measure the level of employee interest, and the majority of those surveyed were not interested. The motion failed 4-1.

Station 27 Parking Structure

Chief Daigle gave an update on the parking structure. The Chickee hut design will be presented to City Council on April 18.

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Assets Report

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the report and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Joseph Daigle

Chief Daigle presented the Chief's report, including the potential need for an additional administrative assistant and the progress of the 9/11 Memorial Park design. Chairman Lohan suggested making the park a public/private partnership and the Board agreed. Commissioner Murphy volunteered to be the liaison to the Chamber of Commerce. Chief Daigle requested Board consensus to accept the 2017 Annual Report so that it could be posted to the website, and consensus was granted. Chief Daigle commended Deputy Chief Scott for being invited to present at a conference on behalf of BSFD about RFID technology. He reminded the Board about the FASD conference in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grant discussed concerns about the pension.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.