

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

**Minutes – May 17, 2023  
Budget Workshop**

**Fire Commissioners Present:**

Steve Lohan – Chairman  
Jeffrey Maturo – Secretary/Treasurer  
Thomas Hugo – Commissioner

**Absent:**

James Murphy – Vice Chairman  
Steven Slachta – Commissioner

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief  
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief of EMS  
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief of Fire  
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director  
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Coordinator  
Brad Johnston – Assistant Fire Marshal

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. Chairman Lohan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief DeWitt discussed the 2023-2024 fiscal year budgeting process, types of revenues, and different categories of the fund balance and reserve accounts. The District will not know what Hurricane Ian has done to property values until June 1<sup>st</sup>, when the estimates will be released. Chief DeWitt also informed the Board that the tax collector had refunded approximately \$190,000 in ad valorem taxes due to Hurricane Ian.

Chief DeWitt explained that payroll would increase by 4.5% based on the CPI-W released in April per the bargaining contract.

Secretary/Treasurer Maturo inquired about adding landscaping to Station 24 on Bonita Grande but said it would be a low priority. Chairman Lohan raised his concern about the price increases regarding the suppression engines and trucks. He also stated that instead of entirely replacing the squad, staff should look into refurbishing the squad.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.