

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

**Minutes – August 13, 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:

Greg DeWitt – Assistant/Acting Chief  
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal  
Chrissy Biel – Admin. Coordinator

Absent:

Joseph V. Daigle – Chief  
Richard Scott – Deputy Chief  
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief  
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 2018 MINUTES**

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the July 5, 2018 Budget Workshop minutes and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the July 2018 Board Meeting Minutes with an amendment; at the last meeting he had requested that ranks and positions be noted in addition to the names of those that receive Phoenix Awards. Chairman Lohan seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended, and **the motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF JULY 2018 FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the July 2018 Financials, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

*Commissioner FitzGerald arrived at 5:08 p.m. and was not present to vote on the agenda items above.*

**PRESENTATIONS**

Assistant Chief DeWitt promoted Firefighter Mark Simon to the position of Lieutenant, and his father pinned him. Assistant Chief DeWitt presented Years of Service Acknowledgements to Training Captains John Nichols and Kelli Wilson, both of whom have served for one year.

## COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Kosilla wished Chief Daigle well. Commissioner FitzGerald requested that the July Board meeting video on the District website be fixed. Commissioner Maturo inquired about the District's involvement with arson investigations. Chairman Lohan requested consensus from the Board to have a discussion with the Superintendent about the possibility of having a new fire station on school district property. After some discussion, the Board gave consensus to pursue this idea. Chairman Lohan discussed an email from the Chairman of Fort Myers Beach Fire Department requesting that the District write a letter expressing its willingness to support a joint effort to combat red tide. The Board gave consensus to have District administrative staff send such a letter of support.

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Station 27 Parking Structure*

Assistant Chief DeWitt announced that the parking structure is complete, pending a few finishing touches, and will be done by the next Board meeting in September.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Disposal of Assets Report*

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

### *Station 23 – EnviroStruct Change Orders*

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve Change Order #3, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve Change Order #6, and Commissioner FitzGerald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

### *Approval of Purchase Orders Over \$10,000*

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

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the purchase order for InterTech Security, and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the purchase order for Municipal Emergency Services, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

## CHIEF'S REPORTS

### *Assistant Chief DeWitt (Acting Chief)*

Assistant Chief DeWitt gave an update on Chief Daigle's health. He also gave an update on the progress of Station 23 and stated that the target opening date is mid-November. Chief DeWitt

provided an artist's rendition of the 9/11 Memorial Garden at Station 21. He informed the Board of the District's presence at a fundraiser for fallen police officer Adam Jobbers-Miller on August 14, 2018 in which all proceeds go to the family.

***Deputy Chief Eric Madden***

Deputy Chief Madden was not present but his monthly report was submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alex Grantt commented on firefighter pensions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

APPROVED