

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

**Minutes – February 16, 2016
Monthly Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Fred Forbes – Secretary/Treasurer
James Murphy – Commissioner
Patrick McCourt - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Frank Giuliano – Deputy Chief
Rich Scott – Deputy Chief
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director
Jessica DeWitt – Admin Coordinator

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

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for the families of the six firefighters that lost their lives during the past month and an invocation by Chaplain Chitwood. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2016 MINUTES

Commissioner Forbes made a motion to approve the January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2016 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the January 2016 and Current Expenditures and ACH Payments, Acknowledgement of the Financial Report, Acknowledgement of Wire Transfers and Transfers Between Accounts, and Budget Transfer #1, “Interim Reallocation of Line Items.” Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion and the **motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS

Years of Service Pins

Chief Daigle recognized Firefighter Mike Bucher, Firefighter Jared Carey, Lieutenant Andy Chicas, Firefighter Steve Edelsberg, Lieutenant Tom Harrison, Firefighter Dan Jones, Firefighter Adam Nolin, Firefighter Andy Riggerbach, Firefighter Rob Schmidt, Firefighter Tony Valentino, and Firefighter Alex Wright for ten years of service with the District.

COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS

Commissioner Kosilla noted that the Chiefs and Commissioners had been trying to get a bill passed regarding COPCN applications and that several of them had gone to Tallahassee during the legislative session to speak with representatives and committees. Commissioner Kosilla

stated that he was impressed with what the Chief and the Chairman had been doing for the process.

Commissioner Murphy thanked all of the Chiefs and Commissioners who had traveled to Tallahassee to lobby for the bill.

Chairman Lohan wondered when a dedication ceremony for naming the training tower after Captain Paul Phillips would be. Chief Daigle noted that the event would be put together and Chairman Lohan noted it should be before the weather is too hot and uncomfortable outside.

Chairman Lohan asked if the Administration had been looking into a policy for false alarm fees. The Chief noted that a proposal was being worked on. Commissioner McCourt stated that he very strongly supported such a policy. Commissioner Murphy requested seeing a list of the repeat offenders of false alarms.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Bob Paterson, Commissioner-Appointed Trustee on General Employees' Pension Board and Firefighters' Pension Board

Chief Daigle stated that Administration would advertise for the positions immediately so that the appointments could be put on the March Board meeting agenda. Commissioner Murphy requested asking the Chamber of Commerce to help solicit for the positions.

Capabilities and Purchasing Options for Ladder Truck

Chief Daigle noted the need for a new truck when Station Six is open for operation, which could be as early as September 2017. He noted that it takes about one year to build a new ladder truck, and he also stated that the District could either get a 75' ladder truck or a 107' ladder truck. Deputy Chief Giuliano stated that the ISO rating could be improved to a "2" with a 107' ladder truck, along with other improvements already taking place, such as a new training software and the decreased response times that will come from adding Station Six. ISO had previously recommended to the District that it have two ladder companies. Commissioner Murphy asked if a 75' ladder truck would still get the District to a "2". Deputy Chief Giuliano could not say, and that ISO would not be able to give them a hypothetical answer either. Commissioner McCourt asked what benefits the ladder truck had compared to an engine. Deputy Chief Giuliano stated that there were several benefits of a ladder truck, including use for forcible entry, search and rescue and an elevated stream for high rises, as well as the fact that a ladder truck carried more tools than an engine. Fire Marshal Fernandez explained the fire codes and building codes that affected how close a ladder truck could get to a building. Deputy Chief Giuliano explained that insurance companies used ISO ratings to determine premiums and that residents will see a savings if the District's rating improves, but that businesses would save even more.

Chief Daigle explained the purchasing options for a new ladder truck. There would be a 3% price increase after March 31 that the District could avoid by ordering soon, and there was also a cost savings if the District prepaid for the truck. Unanimously, there was a Board consensus that the District should acquire a 107' ladder truck. Chief Daigle explained that prepaying for the ladder truck, before March 31, would save the most money, and it was possible with the current budget. He noted that the Depreciation Fund would need to be rebudgeted for 2016-2017. Commissioner

McCourt asked if Administration had already been through the bidding process. Assistant Chief DeWitt explained that the State collects bids through an annual process for certain goods and service, including fire trucks. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to prepay for a 107' ladder truck before March 31. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Years of Service Pins (Continued)

Chief Daigle presented service pins to the on-duty firefighters who were responding to a call during the presentation earlier in the meeting.

Annual Fire Sprinkler Inspection Report for All Stations and Budget Transfer #2

Fire Marshal Fernandez explained that the backflows at four of the five stations needed replacement. Chief Daigle noted that to pay for the repairs, there would need to be a budget transfer of \$18,150.00 from 'Capital Improvement' to 'Building Repair and Maintenance.' Commissioner McCourt made a motion to make the budget transfer and proceed with the repairs and replacements. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and **motion passed unanimously**.

Fire Marshal Fernandez added that Station Three was nearing the 20-year mark when fire sprinklers would need to be either completely replaced or periodically tested. He noted that he recommended replacing all at once if possible.

Surplus Asset Marine-21

Chairman Lohan suggested not placing a minimum bid on an advertisement for Marine-21. He also suggested placing an ad on BoatTrader.com. Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to place an ad for Marine-21 on BoatTrader.com and see what the highest offer would be. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and **motion passed unanimously**.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Joseph V. Daigle

Chief Daigle noted that the City was not interested in the mural unless it was directly on the building's brick. The general consensus of the Board was that the City should maintain the mural for the entirety of the building's life.

Chief Daigle discussed the Commissioner seat that would be vacant beginning March 25. Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to proceed with advertisement for the seat and conducting interviews before the April Board meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and **motion passed unanimously**.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonita Springs resident Alex Grantt addressed the Board during Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.