

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Minutes – August 8, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan - Chairman  
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. - Vice Chairman  
James Murphy - Secretary/Treasurer  
Jeffery Maturo - Commissioner  
Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief  
Jason Brod - Assistant Chief  
Eric Madden - Deputy Chief  
Andy Schmidt - Deputy Chief  
Janet Washburn - Fire Marshal  
Lisa Gendron - Admin-Finance Director  
Anna-Marie Waller - Admin Coordinator

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Chaplain Chitwood led a moment of silence for eight fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Slachta motioned to approve the July 7, 2022, Budget Workshop Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the July 2022 Financials. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the P. O.'s over \$10,000.00 for Stanley Steamer, Ten-8, Gear Wash, Fitch & Associates, and Four Season's Lawn Service. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**DISPOSALS**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the disposal of 11 Knoxbox key boxes. Commissioner Slachta seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

There was no Commissioners' Business to report.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Chief DeWitt and Deputy Chief Madden presented a Phoenix Award to Lt. Eric DelPozo, Lt. Tom Harrison, Firefighter Sean Linehan, Firefighter Jordan Sauerwald, and Firefighter William Scott.

Chief DeWitt presented a 5 Years of Service pin to Training Captain Kelli Wilson. Training Captain John Nichols has also been with the District for five years but could not attend the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

### ***Chief Greg DeWitt***

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Chief announced that the Patriots Day ceremony would be Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 9:00 at the Station 1 Memorial Garden.
- Chief DeWitt informed the Board that the touch-up of the Station 1 mural would start this week with some changes to emphasize the firefighter theme. This should be completed by Patriots Day.
- The Chamber's "Business After Hours" is Thursday, August 11, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at "The Hub."
- Chief also remarked that the Chamber would be hosting a State of the Region event on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- Chief DeWitt said the Shell Point training would run for 6 to 8 weeks. Some of the skills focused on will be high-rise fire tactics, search and rescue, and technical rescue.
- Chief DeWitt stated that he is keeping an eye on Invest 97L, which is off the coast of Africa. He confirmed that sand and sandbags are available if needed.
- Chief DeWitt commented that the next Budget Workshop is September 1, 2022, at 3:00 PM, and the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget Meeting is September 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM during the regularly scheduled Fire Board Meeting. The Final Millage and Final Budget adoption meeting is Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5:01 PM.
- Chief told the Board that on August 17, 2022, the District's Pension and VEBA Boards would be meeting.
- Chief DeWitt mentioned that on August 23, 2022, we would be hosting the Election Primaries.
- Chief announced that Dr. Rodi would retire as Medical Director on October 1, 2022. Dr. Abo will take over as Medical Director at that time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Alexander Grant is concerned about the fallout from current world issues. He also shared a photo of Station 5 with some antique fire trucks that were published in the July edition of the Leaky Bucket, the Florida Antique Bucket Brigade newsletter.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.