

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Minutes – November 12, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan - Chairman  
James Murphy – Vice Chairman  
Jeffery Maturo – Secretary/Treasurer  
Tommy Hugo - Commissioner  
Stephanie Kissinger – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief  
Jason Brod – Assistant Chief  
Eric Scholz - Fire Marshal  
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director  
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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

Chaplain Chitwood began the meeting with a moment of silence for the fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the October 2024 Financials, including P.O.'s over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Chief DeWitt presented Commissioner Murphy with his 10 Years of Service pin. Commissioner Lohan presented Chief DeWitt with his 35 Years of Service pin and Mrs. DeWitt with flowers as a thank-you for her support.

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lohan extended a big thank you to the citizens of Bonita Springs for re-electing him to his position on the board.

Commissioners Murphy and Lohan thanked Commissioner Kissinger for her service on the board and said they enjoyed serving with her.

Commissioner Hugo expressed the great job the District did at Halloween in the park.

**DISPOSAL**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the October disposals. Commissioner Kissinger seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Maturo confirmed the meeting with TECO on November 26, 2024 at 9:00.

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

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

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- The Toys for Tots campaign is underway. Boxes have been dropped off, and families have begun registering.
- We are proud of our Extrication team. They came in 12<sup>th</sup> out of 32 worldwide teams. They held a few fundraisers to help defray the cost of the trip.
- Station 27 is getting restored after the damage from Hurricane Milton. There is a meeting with the adjuster on Thursday.
- On December 3 – 5, we will have Live Fire Training.
- The last Squad Saturday is this Saturday, November 16, 2024. It is in conjunction with BSU, and we want to thank BSU for working with us. After this Squad Saturday, it will rotate to another district.
- Wants to thank Firefighter DelPozo for his help and all those who worked on the city's Halloween in the Park event.
- VEBA and pension board meetings are Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 8:00 to noon.
- This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bonita Springs Christmas Boat Parade, which will be held on December 14, 2024. Organizers would like the fire and sheriff's departments to lead and end the parade.
- We are considering having the crew go to Station 27 from 8 am to 8 pm so there is a presence on the island until the station is complete.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Alex Grant gave a summary of his educational background, including his degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He joined the department as a volunteer in January 1987, and because of his degree, he was the HazMat person. He wanted to offer his help in the event a need arose.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.