

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

**Minutes – October 9, 2023
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Steven Slachta

Administrative Staff Present:

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

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

Chaplain Chitwood led a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and their families, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the September 22, 2023, Final Budget Hearing Minutes. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the September 2023 Financials. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the budgeted and unbudgeted P.O.s over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Maturo presented Chief DeWitt the Distinguished Service Cross for his exemplary efforts in response to the community's needs before, during, and after Hurricane Ian.

Chief DeWitt thanked the Board and his crews and accepted the award on their behalf as well.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the September disposals. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohan asked if there had been any progress regarding the TECO shut-offs. Chief DeWitt has taken it to the state level and has called the representative.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the State Mutual Aid Contract. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the Mutual Aid Resolution. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Chief DeWitt thanked the Board for approving the coming year's budget and keeping the millage the same. Everyone got what they needed, and some got what they wanted.
- The Chief remarked that hose testing occurs during October, November, and December.
- Chief DeWitt informed the Board that he would attend FASD at the week's end, along with Commissioner Lohan, Commissioner Murphy, and Admin-Finance Director Lisa Gendron.
- The Chief told the Commissioners that Station 27 is finished in our section. Landscaping is going in. We are still waiting for some work to be completed on the dock and fuel pumps. Also, we will wait for the signage until the end of the budget year.
- Chief DeWitt commented that a desk donation was received from the former Commissioner Donald Colapietro and is set up in the Commissioners' office.

Commissioner Maturo asked Assistant Chief Brod if there had been any issues with the firefighters overheating. AC Brod responded that the heat index is being monitored, and they are keeping hydrated. There have been no incidents in house.

Commissioner Maturo also asked AC Brod if there have been any fires involving electric vehicles. AC Brod said there had been none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grant congratulated Chief Dewitt. He also wanted to let the Chief and Board members know that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has scheduled time for public comment until November regarding the effect of foam on uniforms. He also said in light of the international problems taking place, he volunteered his help regarding chemicals.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.