

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes – March 11, 2024**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Steven Slachta – Commissioner

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 Hugo motioned to approve the February 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the February 2024 Financials. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve Budget Transfer #1. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the P.O. over \$10,000.00 to replace the fuel pump at Station 27 after Hurricane Ian. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Murphy expressed how impressed he was with the professionalism of the members on B Shift, Ladder 22. He had the opportunity to witness them in action during an incident that occurred on the street.

Commissioner Hugo mentioned that he heard the lights on Truck 26 were not too bright. Chief DeWitt commented that they had been changed to LED bulbs.

## **DISPOSALS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commissioners received copies of the Fitch and Associates report. They provided three reports for the District: the Standards of Coverage, GIS Data, and the Performance Audit Review, which the state mandates.

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

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

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Reminded the Commissioners that “Business After Hours” will occur on March 28, 2024, at HeadPinz Bowling Alley.
- Informed the Commissioners that FASD is April 24 through April 26 in Sarasota.
- Noted the new Firefighters will start their three weeks of training on March 18, 2024.
- Commented that Greater Naples will be training their new recruits from March 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> and will assume the liability.
- Remarked Iona-McGregor will be using our facility for live-fire training.
- Apprised the Commissioners that Squad Saturdays have begun, focusing on tech rescue and vehicle extrication.
- Informed the Commissioners that an offer was presented for the property on Hickory Blvd. However, it is not correct, and it will change. It should be ready for a vote at the April board meeting.
- Commissioner Lohan noticed a rise in false alarm calls. Chief DeWitt responded that the Fire Marshal is contacting the frequent offenders, informing them that fines for future false alarms will be forthcoming.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Alex Grant commented on the upcoming hurricane season and preparedness. He suggested working with other districts and using the train tracks to evacuate people via Amtrak. He also expressed his concern about the build-up of nuclear weapons by foreign countries and our readiness to handle the aftermath.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.