

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes – September 8, 2025**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

The meeting recessed to convene the Tentative Budget hearing at 5:01. The hearing was to adopt the tentative millage and budget for 2025-2026. Commissioner Maturo read the agenda for the hearing. Commissioner Lohan motioned to adopt and approve the tentative millage rate of 1.9466. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.** Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the tentative General Fund budget of \$56,870,913.93. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.** Commissioner Kerr motioned to adopt the tentative Impact Fee budget of \$200,000.00 for fiscal year 2025-2026. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the August 11, 2025, Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

Commissioner Lohan motioned to approve the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the August 25, 2025, Budget Workshop Minutes. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the August 2025 Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Deputy Chief Wilson presented the Phoenix Award to Lieutenant Adam Hughes, Paramedic Beverly Spates, and EMT Jeff Kerr. Not in attendance to receive their award were Firefighter Gabriel Puente and Firefighter Richard Elliot Wilson. The patient who received the life-saving care was also in attendance.

## **UNION BUSINESS**

Union Secretary Eric Del Pozo informed the board about the upcoming Armand Golf Classic, which is taking place on November 8, 2025, at Spanish Wells.

He also stated that contract negotiations are ongoing, with the next meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

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

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Eight firefighters are attending the Drone class, FAA Part 107, to learn to pilot the drone we received through a grant. The District received two free attendees since we are hosting the class.
- An ad for two new fire inspectors has gone out, one to take Inspector Krupp's place and an additional one to cover the growing number of inspections.
- The District will also be hiring three new firefighters from the pool of applicants we have, since Firefighter Cottrell and Lieutenant Brewer have retired, and one more in preparation for the retirement of Lieutenant Hernandez.
- The Patriots Day ceremony is September 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Station 21. The speaker is Barbra Hertz, who was with the Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corp for 32 years.
- "Business After Hours" is at the Fairfield Inn on September 25, 2025.
- Engine 23 should be back in service next month.
- FASD Quarterly Meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Lohan is the only one who is attending.
- FASD is also holding a Legislative Summit on September 25, 2025, from 9:00 to 3:00 in Wellington, FL
- The Final Budget Meeting is September 24, 2025, at 5:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

Commissioner Maturo adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.