

BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – September 9, 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
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Eric Scholz - Fire Marshal
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting recessed to convene the Tentative Budget hearing at 5:01. The hearing was to adopt the tentative millage and budget for 2024-2025. Commissioner Maturo read the agenda for the hearing. Commissioner Hugo motioned to adopt and approve the tentative millage rate of 1.9466. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.** Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the tentative General Fund budget of \$53,553,779.52 and the tentative Impact Fee budget of \$200,000.00 for fiscal year 2024-2025. Commissioner Kissinger seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

City of Bonita Springs Mayor Rick Steinmeyer wanted to commend the District for the excellent job it does for the citizens of Bonita Springs.

Commissioner Lohan welcomed City Council members Jamie Bogacz and Laura Carr to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kissinger motioned to approve the August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the August 2024 Financials. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

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

PRESENTATIONS

Medical Director, Dr. Benjamin Abo, presented the Phoenix Award to the following: Battalion Chief Greg Harrel, Lt. Roy Brown, Lt. Eric Del Pozo, Acting Lt. Robert Milhous, Firefighter Jesse Cottrell, Firefighter Wayne Day, Firefighter Ryan Francis, Firefighter Noah Leskin,

Firefighter Brandle Tillman, and Firefighter Kyle Waltemyer. Paramedic Dustin Anderson and EMT Jeff Kerr also received the award for LCEMS.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo contacted TECO Peoples Gas. He obtained a map detailing the gas lines in Bonita Springs. He also told the Chief that he would be hearing from one of the executives to discuss the location of the shut-off valves. Commissioner Murphy mentioned that Luke Buzard, from TECO, would be at the State of the Region breakfast and suggested talking with him while he was there.

DISPOSAL

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

OLD BUSINESS

Chief DeWitt told the Commissioners what we do regarding training and the heat index is in line with what needs to be done. Dr. Abo was asked what he thought and was in agreement, but he made recommendations about rehydrating after training.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Reminded the Commissioners that the Patriots Day Ceremony is September 11, 2024, at 5:30, and held at Station 21. The guest speaker is Tommy Burke.
- Mentioned that "Business After Hours" will be on September 26, 2024, at Sports Challenge America from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Informed the Commissioners that he and Deputy Chief Schmidt would be out of town from September 23rd through the 25th. They are traveling to Ten 8 to check out new MSA airpacks.
- Thanked the staff for their work on the budget.
- Told the Commissioners that the sale of the restaurant fell through.
- Said that he, Commissioner Murphy, and Deputy Chief Schmidt will attend the State of the Region breakfast.
- Set the date for the final adoption of the millage and budget for September 25, 2024.
- Confirmed that the application deadline for Deputy Chief Madden's and Admin-Finance Director positions is September 19, 2024. The Facilities Coordinator's deadline is September 13, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Lohan congratulated Chief DeWitt on his appointment as Chair of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.