

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

**Minutes – March 14, 2022
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffery Maturo – Commissioner
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Richard Scott – Asst. Chief
Jason Brod – Deputy Chief
Janet Washburn – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director

Absent:

Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. There was a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and their families led by Chaplain Chitwood. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve February 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the February 2022 Financials, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy wanted to extend thoughts and prayers for Commissioner Slachta. Commissioner Lohan and the others reiterated the sentiment as well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Permanent Access Easement Agreement for the access road next to station five. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Chief DeWitt commented that we are hosting the Structural Collapse Technician training thru USAR. We have two firefighters participating in the training.
- Chief stated there is a contract with Ricky Rescue regarding the use of our property and a vehicle for Apparatus and Pump training. Those participating are working toward their pump operator qualification.
- Chief DeWitt remarked that a “Not Liable” letter was sent regarding the Braxton Lawsuit and did not foresee anything further.
- With St. Patrick’s Day approaching, Chief DeWitt wanted to remind everyone to be careful on the roads since three different celebrations were happening that day.
- He also commented that all should be aware of people on the streets because the Blues and Bar-B-Que festival was also taking place.
- E-27 is waiting on repairs. According to Ten-8, it could be two to three months before it is repaired.
- New Rescue 21, the mini pumper, is in service at Station 27. It is staffed with a Lieutenant, as is the norm.
- Chief DeWitt related that the Bayshore Fire Department has fallen on hard times. Three of their vehicles are out of service. Since this is brush fire season, we have loaned them our Light Rescue 29. We have our two brush trucks on hand and can pull Rescue 29 back if necessary.
- Chief DeWitt asked if anyone saw any problems with the Annual Report to let us know before it is sent to the printer. Commissioner Lohan commented that Nicole Hornberger and the staff did a great job on the Annual Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grant, a resident of Bonita Springs, requested a meeting with the Chief and others from the board who wished to attend to discuss a plan to deal with any nuclear or radioactive fallout.

Laura Carr, City Council member representing District 3, thanked the District and the Union for partnering together to put on the Fourth of July Parade.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.