

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

**Minutes – July 9, 2018
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Edward FitzGerald - Commissioner
Jeffrey Maturo – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Richard Scott – Deputy Chief
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director
Chrissy Biel – Admin. Coordinator

Absent:

Eric Madden – Deputy Chief

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

Janelle Smith presented a photograph of a wildfire in Colorado that was taken by her son and dedicated this photograph to the Bonita Springs Fire District.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the June 2018 Board Meeting Minutes with an amendment to the June minutes and all minutes thereafter. He proposed that the names, ranks, and positions of the men and women who receive Phoenix Awards should be included in all official minutes. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2018 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the June 2018 Financials and Commissioner FitzGerald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Chief Daigle presented Years of Service Acknowledgements. Firefighters Daniel Platas and Benjamin Bogacz were not present, but each of their ten years of service was acknowledged. Administrative Logistics Coordinator Natalie Hughes received a pin for five years of service.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Kosilla commended the Union for the Fourth of July parade and inquired about the progress of the 9/11 Memorial. Chief Daigle stated that the District is awaiting a completed design and price before bringing it before the Board for approval.

Commissioner FitzGerald presented a letter to the editor that he composed regarding his desire to increase attendance at Board Meetings. He presented a second letter to the editor expressing his

concern about fire hydrant coverage in Bonita Springs. He presented a third letter that he wrote to BSU to inquire about hydrant placement and requirements. He discussed his concerns about hydrant coverage in Bonita Springs. Chief Daigle responded by stating that the District is aware of every hydrant in Bonita Springs and its location and flow. He added that every hydrant is inspected and serviced every year in January and that a fire hydrant has never hindered firefighting operations.

Commissioner Maturo thanked Councilwoman Carr for her attendance at the Board Meeting and commended the Union for the Fourth of July parade. Chairman Lohan also commended the parade and noted that attendance seemed to be higher than it had been in years prior.

OLD BUSINESS

Station 27 Parking Structure

Chief Daigle stated that he received an estimate of the cost of the Chickee Hut of approximately \$14,000 and requested the Board's permission to move forward with the construction.

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the construction and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Assets Report

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the report, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Set Tentative Millage Rate

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the Administrative Staff's recommendation of a Not to Exceed Millage Rate of 2.3300. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Purchase of Generator for Station 23

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase of the generator, and Commissioner FitzGerald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Station 23 – EnviroStruct Change Orders

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for the Exercise Room Extension at Station 23 and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. Chairman Lohan discussed his discontent with spending additional money on a new station. After further discussion, **the motion passed 4-1 with Chairman Lohan dissenting.**

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve Change Order #5 for the Electrical for BSU Lift Station and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. After Commissioner Kosilla questioned the reason for the change order, **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve Change Order #8 for the Power Supply for Access Control Doors, and Commissioner FitzGerald seconded the motion. **There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Station 23 – Proposals for Access Control Locks Installation

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation of Cypress Access Systems, Inc. for installing the access control locks at Station 23. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

CHIEF'S REPORTS

Deputy Chief Eric Madden

Deputy Chief Madden was not present but his monthly report was submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grantt discussed his concerns about firefighters' pensions. Jude Richvale voiced his concerns about public safety.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

APPROVED