

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

**Minutes – January 8, 2024
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan - Chairman
James Murphy – Vice Chairman
Tommy Hugo – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Jeffery Maturo – Secretary/Treasurer (via phone)

Absent:

Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:10 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 December 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the December 2023 Financials, including the unbudgeted P.O. over \$10,000.00 from Zoll Medical (P.O. #2698 for \$420,236.10) for heart monitors. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Hugo asked for an update on the vehicle accident that occurred the previous night.

Commissioner Lohan thanked Bev Gervasi for her work on the Toys for Tots program this year and everyone who assisted in making it a success.

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Chief Brod presented Battalion Chief Greg Harrel with his 25 Years of Service pin. The Years of Service pin recipients not in attendance were Firefighter Jesse Cottrell (20 years) and Firefighter Jason Burgess (15 years).

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the December disposals. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the 2024 VEBA Funding. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Assistant Chief Jason Brod

Assistant Chief Brod gave the Chief's Report:

- Assistant Chief Brod informed the Commissioners that “Business After Hours” would occur on January 25, 2024, at Founders Square at Babcock Ranch.
- AC Brod told the Commissioners that the Legislative Sessions have started in Tallahassee and members from the District would attend various meetings throughout the month.
- Assistant Chief Brod reminded the Board that the Annual Report would be out soon.
- The Assistant Chief also thanked Bev Gervasi for her work on Toys for Tots. He also thanked the staff for a great job by all.
- Assistant Chief Brod let the Commissioners know that the District transferred \$10,000,000.00 into Florida SAFE and \$5,000,000.00 into Florida FIT.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Grant suggested that the District consider becoming a City Fire Department to avoid consolidating with Fort Myers Beach.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.