

BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – April 8, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt - Chief
Jason Brod – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Eric Scholz – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron - Admin-Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 March 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

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

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the P.O.s over \$10,000.00 for Ten 8 vehicle repair and Dell Computers. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

After completing their one-year probation, Chief DeWitt presented the five new crewmembers with their Firefighter badges. They are Firefighters Tyler Bess, Jacob Brooks, Cody Chasteen, Frank Duarte, and Jonathan Rauss. Two others received their “Years of Service” pins. Firefighter Kaleb Sparks received his five-year pin, and Battalion Chief Winthrop Telford received his pin for 25 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Lohan paused the meeting to give those attending the presentations an opportunity to leave. He called the meeting back to order at 5:19 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy mentioned that he brought about 20 people to Station 24 for a tour and that Nicole Hornberger did a fantastic job.

Commissioner Lohan recognized the presence of City Councilwoman Jamie Bogacz.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the GASB 96 Policy. Commissioner Maturò seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the purchase agreement for selling the restaurant property at Station 27, pending the realtor's and lawyer's due diligence, and authorize the Chief to sign the agreement. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the donation of old Engine 28 to Ida Baker High School. Commissioner Maturò seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Florida Class Inter-local Registration and Agreement. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Reminded the Commissioners that "Business After Hours" will occur on April 25, 2024, at the Alliance for the Arts.
- Informed the Commissioners that we are preparing for the ISO inspection at the end of May.
- Noted FASD is meeting April 25 and 26 in Sarasota.
- Commented that Celebrate Bonita is taking place on April 27, 2024.
- Chief Schmidt thanked Firehouse Subs for awarding the District \$41,000.00 worth of E-draulic tools.
- He informed the Commissioners of the passing of John Passidomo, the husband of Kathleen Passidomo, the President of the Florida Senate. He will keep them updated as to when the service will take place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Slachta announced his resignation from the Board due to family circumstances. He recommended Stephanie Kissinger finish his term. Commissioner Lohan responded, saying that he would be missed because of everything he has done for the City, from being on City Council, his work with veterans, and what he has done for the fire district. He also said we were lucky to have him and is welcome back any time.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.