

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

**Minutes – September 10, 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 Daigle – Fire Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Rich Scott – Deputy Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director
Chrissy Biel – Admin. Coordinator

Absent:

Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

See separate minutes

Chairman Lohan called the Regular Board Meeting back to order at 5:13 PM. There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the August 23, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2018 FINANCIALS

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

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo addressed Chief Daigle about Commissioner FitzGerald's comments on TAG Stir regarding firefighter pensions. Chairman Lohan clarified the DROP, and an extensive discussion was had about the DROP. Commissioner Maturo asked Chief Daigle to clarify vacation time for District employees, and Chief Daigle explained the District's policies on personal leave and light duty. Commissioner FitzGerald discussed his concerns about vacation time for all District employees. Commissioner Murphy reminded the Board about the Patriots

Day ceremony on September 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Liles Hotel. Chairman Lohan commented on Commissioner FitzGerald's email and expressed disagreement with his comments about the budget, noting that the District has more stations, more calls, fewer employees, a lower millage rate, and will soon be debt-free. Commissioner Murphy noted that the millage rate has been lowered every year since he has been a commissioner and all long-term capital debt has been paid off. Commissioner Maturo commended Chief Daigle and his staff for these accomplishments.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo requested an update on the 9/11 Memorial Park at Station 21. Chief Daigle stated that the District has received a bid and will be starting the project shortly.

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.**

Budget Transfer #3

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

Approval of Purchase Orders Over \$10,000

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase order for Office Furniture Design Concepts and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase order for Florida Environmental Landscape Contracting, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Reappointment of Trustee Sondra Gibbons to Firefighters' Retirement System Pension Board

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to reappoint Trustee Sondra Gibbons to the Firefighters' Retirement System Pension Board, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

EMS Facilities Rental Agreement with Lee County

Chief Daigle stated that the District is in negotiations with Lee County for an official rental agreement with Lee County EMS and that Lee County wants to reduce the rental price by \$35,000 per year. The Board discussed at length how Lee County might justify their asking price being significantly less than in years past.

CHIEF'S REPORTS

Chief Joseph Daigle

Chief Daigle asked the Board to set a date for the Final Budget Hearing. After some discussion, Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to set the Final Budget Hearing date for September 24,

2018 at 5:01 PM, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Chief Daigle also stated that the Board meeting scheduled for June 10, 2019 may need to be moved to June 3, 2019 due to FASD.

Deputy Chief Eric Madden

Deputy Chief Madden submitted his monthly report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grantt commented on firefighter pensions. Ron Pure commented on the DROP.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

APPROVED