

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

Vice Chair Scott Isenman called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Tim Carey, Jay Rosenberg (remote), and Fritz von Ibsch; Fire Chief Jared Moravec; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman. Commissioner Andrea Chymiy was excused.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Hiring Updates:** Chief Moravec informed the Board that a new Firefighter/EMT hire, Max Hale, began his employment with BIFD on March 1. Chief Moravec also provided an update on the Deputy Chief hiring process. 14 applicants applied for the position; initial interviews will be held the week of March 13 with final interviews targeted for early April.
- **Tour of Readiness Center** hosted by Joint Management Group (JMG): Chief Moravec summarized the February 25 site visit of the Kitsap County Fire Commissioners by the JMG at the Readiness Center. The Tri-North districts have not received a formal proposal from the JMG to date and Chief Moravec suggests deferring a Tri-North Commissioner meeting until the three Chiefs have an opportunity to meet and discuss options with the JMG.
- **Region 9 Fire Commissioners Workshop, March 25:** Chief Moravec noted the upcoming Region 9 Commissioner Workshop on March 25. This meeting will be held at CKF&R and will also have remote access.

Emerging Issues:

- **Mandus Olson Radio Tower:** Staff is beginning the process of transferring ownership of the radio tower to Kitsap 911. Chief Moravec confirmed the Board's interest in completing this process.
- **CARES Program:** Chief Moravec noted the expansion of opportunities within Kitsap County for the CARES program. BIFD will continue to use Poulsbo CARES until a more thorough analysis can be conducted on the need and benefit of a dedicated unit on Bainbridge. This will likely occur as part of the next Strategic Plan.
- **Labor/Management Cancer Prevention Initiatives:** Chief Moravec briefed the Board on a joint initiative of Labor and Management to investigate concerns regarding cancer producing elements in firefighting gear and other practices to

safeguard our personnel from occupational cancer risks. Staff and members of the Local will make a presentation on this topic at a future Board meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Isenman participated in a Department of Health meeting discussing COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Voucher numbers 34734 through 34767 totaling \$79,877.76, electronic payments for 2/27/23 through 2/28/23 totaling \$682,077.16, February payroll totaling \$719,828.36, Meeting Minutes 2/23/23) Commissioner Rosenberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Carey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:11 PM Commissioner Isenman called for an executive session to last for 30 minutes. The session was called for collective bargaining planning per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Submitted by:



Jared Moravec, Board Secretary

Approved

March 23, 2023