

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2025

Chair Scott Isenman called the Board of Commissioners Special Meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Bruce Alward, Tim Carey, John De Lanoy, and Fritz von Ibsch; Fire Chief Jared Moravec; Deputy Chief Jeremy Mendola; HR Manager Shannon Webber; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Dunn, Island resident, expressed concerns about the attrition rate at BIFD over the last several years. He suggested the Board does not have enough information to make a decision on a levy lid lift at this time and thinks further analysis is required.

Jay Rosenberg, Island resident, expressed concerns about the closure of Eagle Harbor Drive and the effects that will have on BIFD's emergency response to the south end of the Island.

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. COBI Road Projects Update

Chief Moravec briefed the Board on recent discussions he has had with the City Manager, Director of Public Works, Police Chief and Emergency Manager regarding the temporary closure of Eagle Harbor Drive at the head of Eagle Harbor, as well as other recent road projects. He stressed to all parties the need for the Fire Department to be included on road project discussions from the beginning so that the Department can appropriately plan for any adjustment to its response model if needed. City officials agreed with the Chief's sentiment. The Chief informed the Board that BIFD will be adding additional staffing to Station 22 during the Eagle Harbor Drive closure to mitigate any delays in emergency response.

2. Resolution #03-2025: Levy Lid Lift

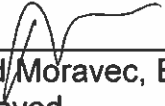
Chief Moravec presented Resolution #03-2025: Resolution Providing for the Submission of Multi Year Levy for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Isenman stressed his desire to increase the general fire levy to a reasonable amount that would allow the Department to be sufficiently funded so as not have to ask the public for another levy adjustment for several years. Commissioner von Ibsch wanted the Board to consider the current economic climate on Bainbridge including potential tax increases for other Island agencies this year. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Carey moved to approve Resolution #03-2025 with a \$0.15 per \$1,000 of tax assessed value increase to the general fire levy, restoring the rate to \$0.72. The levy lid lift would also establish a limit factor of the greater of the statutory limit or the Consumer Price Index for the following five years. Commissioner Alward seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, Commissioners Isenman and De Lanoy expressed objection to this motion because the

\$0.15 increase was too low in their opinion. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Isenman and De Lanoy voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Submitted by:



Jared Moravec, Board Secretary
Approved
August 13th, 2025