

# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019

Chair Fritz von Ibsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Gina Batali, Tim Carey, YongSuk Cho, and Scott Isenman; Fire Chief Hank Teran; Deputy Chief Jared Moravec; Volunteer Program Coordinator Jay Rosenberg; Finance Manager Ed Kaufman; and other Department members.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

### CITIZEN RECOGNITION

On April 18, 2019, BIFD responded to a structure fire at the Winslow Green condominiums. Several good Samaritans immediately took, prior to the Fire Department's arrival, and assisted with a rescue or sounded the alarm for residents of the building. The following individuals were recognized for their actions on that evening:

#### ***Assisting with a rescue:***

Kristopher Erwin  
Derek Villanueva  
Daniel Warner  
Brian Bignold (absent)  
Brad Stockman (absent)

#### ***Alerting of residents:***

David Ard  
Rusty Forrler

The Department thanked each individual and presented them with a Citizen Recognition certificate. A brief recess was called to allow staff time to thank all of the citizens involved.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Fire station construction update: Construction Project Manager Charlie Demming provided an update on the station construction project including the following:
  - Friday, June 7, will be Charlie Demming's last day with the Department as Construction Project Manager. Demming is retiring after 40 years in the construction business. Demming discussed the pass-down of information regarding the project to various members of the Department who will have subject matter responsibility until the project is complete.

After Demming's report, Chief Teran thanked him for his 3 years of service to the Department and presented him with a Department recognition helmet. Chief Teran will be providing the construction updates at future BOC meetings.

- Closest Unit update: DC Moravec reported that the Closest Unit program remains in a holding pattern until Station 22 is open and operational.
- Community Appreciation Plaque: A plaque to thank the community for its support of the station construction project was discussed. The Commissioners would like to rework and shorten the wording and look at alternatives to the style of plaque

proposed. Commissioners Isenman and Batali will represent the Board on a committee to review options for the plaque.

- GEMT update: Finance Manager Kaufman provided an update on the GEMT program. Revenue for fiscal year (FY) 2017 has been approved by the WA State Health Care Authority (HCA). BIFD will receive approximately \$360,000 for FY 2017. Revenue for FY 2018 has not yet been processed by the HCA. Revenue for FY 2019 is being received by BIFD on a rolling basis included in regular transport fee revenue.

### ***Emerging Issues***

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks: Chief Teran will meet with the City Manager on June 6 to discuss the potential for banning fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The decision of whether or not to impose a ban on Bainbridge Island will likely not be made until July 1.
- Wildfire update: The Board was briefed on the current wildfire conditions across the state as well as educational efforts that the Department is undertaking to provide as much information as possible to Island residents.
- Countywide Fire District Levy Plan 2030: Chief Teran informed the Board that the Kitsap County Fire Chiefs intend to collect information on planned levy election requests by the fire districts across the county. The information will be used to assist fire districts in coordinating their election efforts in the future.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Carey noted a news report that indicated that Washington State health insurers are proposing a rate increase of less than 1% for 2020.

Chief Teran read an email received from Kim Baker of the Winslow Green announcing a pot-luck dinner at 5:45 on June 28 that will include a recognition of BIFD for its efforts responding to the structure fire there on April 18.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

(Vouchers totaling \$847,118.80, May Payroll, Meeting Minutes 5/15/2019, Special Meeting Minutes 5/15/2019) Commissioner Carey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cho seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **1. Public Art**

Commissioner Isenman led a discussion of public art at the fire stations. Isenman attended a meeting with the Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council who gave several ideas to consider, if the Department wanted to pursue public art in the stations. Commissioners Cho and Batali were not in favor of using funds for public art. The Board decided to table any further discussion of public art until the station construction project was complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43 PM, the Chair called for an Executive Session to last for 30 minutes. The Session was called per RCW: 42.30.110 (1) (d), to review negotiations on the performance of a public contract.

At 8:13 PM, the Session was extended for 15 minutes. At 8:28, the Session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Submitted by:



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Henry A. Teran, Board Secretary

Approved

June 19, 2019