

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2021

Chair Scott Isenman called the in-person Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Tim Carey, YongSuk Cho, Dave Coatsworth and Fritz von Ibsch; Fire Chief Hank Teran; Deputy Fire Chief Jared Moravec; Volunteer Program Coordinator Jay Rosenberg; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

No changes to the Agenda. Chair Isenman noted the attendance of Commissioner Dave Coatsworth who was appointed to Position 3 at the June 16 meeting and sworn into office on July 1, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Operational update: DC Moravec briefed the Board on the following four items:
 - Fort Fire: At approximately 8:00 PM on June 26th, BIFD responded to a fire on Fort Street. The initial call was for an unknown fire on Pleasant Beach Drive. Multiple 911 calls were received and eventually the correct address of the fire was received. This created an estimated delay of 2-3 minutes. First arriving units reported heavy fire on the exterior of the Bravo/Charlie sides of the home with fire through the roof. The fire had already spread to the attic and interior of the home. A second alarm was requested resulting in a total of 19 apparatus being dispatched. A hydrant at the end of Tani Creek was used, but crews initially had difficulty removing a cap from the hydrant, which delayed water delivery for 3-4 minutes when all tank water in the first arriving engine was expended. Based on the extent of fire in the concealed spaces and attic and the ability to safely access these spaces, this had no bearing on the outcome of the fire. Once water supply was established from the hydrant, it functioned properly for the duration of the incident. Crews were forced to withdrawal from the 3rd floor of the home as they attempted to gain attic access due to zero visibility, high heat, and fire through the roof from the exterior. This occurred approximately 16 minutes after making entry into the home. KPUD was notified, as per the Department's usual practice. A water shuttle was necessary to support an additional hoseline beyond those that were already operating as well as to address KPUD's concern on water tank levels and the ongoing heat wave. The water shuttle was not necessary until about 70 minutes into the incident. Extinguishment was not complete until the next morning. The cause was accidental and the result of a BBQ on a deck. No civilian or responder injuries were reported. Three items were also addressed: 1) BIFD is working with COBI and the homeowner to clarify and simplify the address situation in that area to make it easier to dispatch responders to the right address; 2) it was reported that the fire hydrant at the end of Tani

Creek was not functional, which was not the case; and 3) it was reported that Tender 22 having not responded from Bucklin Hill had an adverse impact on the outcome of the incident. It did not, because the extent of fire spread into the concealed spaces of the home including the attic prevented crews from accessing those spaces safely. BIFD did have two of its three tenders respond.

- On June 28th, BIFD deployed Brush 21 with Lt. Justin Foley and Vol FF John Delanoy to an “in-region” wildfire in Issaquah. Brush 21 was deployed for 12 hours before returning safely to the Island. Brush 21 responded with units from North Kitsap Fire Rescue.
- July 4th responses included 11 EMS calls and no calls for fireworks related incidents. BIFD had partnered with BI Parks and COBI to provide public messaging about the fireworks restrictions passed by City Council.
- COVID-19 restrictions are being reevaluated at the Department. It is anticipated that Station 21 will be open for public business shortly. This does not include public use of the Community Room at this time with the exception of Board meetings.
- Kitsap County Fire Commissioner meeting: Chief Teran provided an update of the June 22 KCFCA meeting. A presentation by Phil Cook, Kitsap County Assessor, was the primary focus. Cook provided tax assessed value projections for 2022 to each fire district. Assessed valuation on Bainbridge are expected to increase 7.76% resulting in additional tax revenue of approximately \$200,000 for BIFD. Final 2022 projections will be available in September. Chief Teran also reminded the Board of the KCFCA Picnic to be held on 17th in Poulsbo.
- City Manager meeting: On June 30th, Chief Teran met with the new Bainbridge City Manager, Blair King. The Chief intends to meet with King frequently to continue the strong relationship with COBI.
- Quarterly meetings with BIPD: Chief Teran and DC Moravec met with Police Chief Joe Clark and Deputy Chief Scott Weiss. This group will meet monthly to discuss shared issues on the Island and to continue the strong relationship between the two agencies.

Emerging Issues:

- Kitsap 911 ballot measure: Chief Teran reported that the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Kitsap 911's request for a November ballot measure requesting a 1/10th of 1% increase in taxes for infrastructure improvements.
- There will be a public presentation by PSE in August detailing the proposed high voltage wire project on Bainbridge.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Isenman noted that the July 21st Board meeting will be cancelled due to the unavailability of staff.

Commissioner Isenman also noted the upcoming retirement celebration for Battalion Chief Greg Borgen on July 10th.

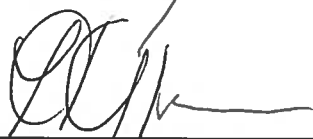
CONSENT AGENDA

(Vouchers totaling \$896,688.15, June Payroll, Meeting Minutes 6/16/21) Commissioner Carey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cho seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Submitted by:

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Henry A. Teran, Board Secretary

Approved

August 4, 2021