

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

The April 21, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting was conducted “virtually” due to the restrictions put on public meetings by Governor Inslee. The restrictions were put in place due to the ongoing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioners participated in the meeting remotely and the public was provided the opportunity to listen to the proceedings.

Acting Chair Fritz von Ibsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present (remotely) were Commissioners Tim Carey, YongSuk Cho, and Jack Metz; Fire Chief Hank Teran; Deputy Chief Jared Moravec, Volunteer Program Coordinator Jay Rosenberg; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman. Commissioner Scott Isenman was excused.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

- COVID-19 Vaccine update: DC Moravec provided an update to the vaccination effort on the Island. Nearly 2500 doses of the vaccine were delivered over the last week for a total of over 20,000 doses delivered this year. The Commodore vaccination clinic is beginning to wind down with one more weekend of first doses followed by three weekends of second doses. Overall, 61% of Bainbridge Islanders over the age of 16 and 84% of those over 65 have received at least the first dose of the vaccine.
- 2020 Actuals: Chief Teran presented the Department’s 2020 statistical data report (see attached). 2020 operational and other data was skewed heavily due to the impacts of COVID-19.
- Personnel update: Chief Teran announced that BN Chris Schmit will assume his duties as Administrative Battalion Chief on May 10 and that LT. Josh Foley has been promoted to Battalion Chief to replace BN Schmit on duty shift.
- Volunteer member update: VPC Rosenberg provided an update on the current group of volunteer recruits. Seven recruits are still in the process of joining the Department and have entered the background check phase of onboarding.
- EMS Council update: Chief Teran briefed the Board on recent challenges for transport crews at St. Michael’s Hospital due to staff shortages at the hospital. The EMS Council is working with St. Michaels to alleviate any delays in the processing of transports.
- Medic-One grant: The Department has applied for a grant through the Medic One Foundation to purchase a training AED for the Department’s EMS program. The grant is expect to be approximately \$1,200.

Emerging Issues:

- Kitsap 911 presentation and action items: Chief Teran asked the Board if they would like periodic briefings, two to four times a year, from Kitsap 911 regarding ongoing operational issues and new equipment purchase. The Board concurred. Chief Teran will work with Kitsap 911 to schedule briefings throughout the coming year. Chief Teran will also be investigating the feasibility of transferring the BIFD radio tower ownership to Kitsap 911. The Board concurred with the concept and will be briefed by the Chief at a future BOC meeting.
- Welfare checks: Several law enforcement agencies in Kitsap County are evaluating their role in welfare checks in their area. Chief Teran confirmed with Chief Clark of the BIPD that no change in welfare check protocol is being considered at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

CONSENT AGENDA

(Vouchers totaling \$102,549.84, Meeting Minutes 4/7/21, 4/13/21) 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 7:27 PM.

Submitted by:



[Hank Teran \(May 13, 2021 12:06 PDT\)](#)

Henry A. Teran, Board Secretary

Approved

May 5, 2021