

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2024

Chair Scott Isenman called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Bruce Alward, Tim Carey, and Andrea Chymiy; Fire Chief Jared Moravec; Deputy Chief Jeremy Mendola; Human Resources Manager Julie Dunn; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman. Commissioner Fritz von Ibsch was excused.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

AMERICAN LEGION FIREFIGHTER & PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

With great honor, the American Legion, Department of Washington recognized two Department members for their outstanding contributions in 2023. Bainbridge Island Mayor Joe Deets presented the awards and read the commendations.

Battalion Chief Josh Foley was awarded Firefighter of the Year honors for 2023 for his efforts during the grounding of the WSF Walla Walla on Bainbridge Island April 15th, 2023. BN Foley established command and oversaw a multi-jurisdictional effort to safely remove all passengers from the Walla Walla. It was one of the largest fire and EMS responses in Kitsap County history.

Lieutenant Paramedic Carol Mezen was awarded EMS Provider of the Year honors for 2023 for her efforts responding to emergency medical calls, patient care, assisting fellow first responders through Peer-to-Peer Counselling and setting a high example for health and wellness standards at BIFD.

Upon completion of the award ceremony, the meeting was in recess until 4:40 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Island resident Jay Rosenberg thanked the members for the great job they continue to do for the Department and Community.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 2022-2023 Audit Update: Finance Manager Kaufman briefed the Board on the ongoing 2022-2023 biennial audit. The audit is going well and should be completed by the next Board meeting on October 10th.
- Day of Preparedness Report: Chief Moravec briefed the Board on the Bainbridge Island Day of Preparedness on September 21st at Woodward Middle School. The event provided an opportunity for BIFD, along with its partner organizations, to provide the public with valuable information regarding various fire and emergency medical situations.
- Physician Mentor Program Update: Chief Moravec announced that Dr. Marc Bellis has been selected to be the Department's Physician Mentor through 2025. Dr. Bellis has

been a physician at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue for many years and has assisted the City of Bellevue Fire Department with its EMS program.

- Volunteer Retirements: Chief Moravec announced the retirements of two long-time BIFD Volunteer members, John Delanoy and Ron Gurowitz. Delanoy has served with the Department for nearly 20 years and Gurowitz has served for almost 30 years. A formal recognition event will be schedule in the future to acknowledge the contributions both of these members have made to BIFD and to the Bainbridge Island Community.
- Station 23 Training Prop: Chief Moravec informed the Board that a new flat roof vent training prop has been erected at Station 23 through the participation in the Kitsap County Fire Consortium.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Alward asked if the Department provides CPR training. Chef Moravec indicated that BIFD has monthly CPR training as noted on the Department's website.

Commissioner Isenman noted how fortunate the Department is to have the BIFD Physician Mentor program compared to other counties throughout the state where medical expertise is lacking.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Voucher numbers 36233 through 36244 totaling \$175,182.84, Meeting Minutes 9/12/24). Commissioner Alward moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Chymiy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:15 PM, Commissioner Isenman called for an Executive Session to last for 30 minutes. The Executive Session was called for collective bargaining purposes per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). At 5:45 PM the Executive Session was extended by five minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by:



Jared Moravec, Board Secretary

Approved

October 10, 2024