

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Island resident Jay Rosenberg asked if the Fire Department had been consulted regarding the traffic mitigation efforts installed on Grow Avenue. Chief Moravec said that BIFD had been consulted by the City of Bainbridge Island (COBI) and are working closely with COBI to ensure the traffic mitigation efforts meet the Department's response needs.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Recruit Firefighter/EMT Academy Graduation:** Chief Moravec briefed the Board on the June 22nd graduation from the Kitsap County Fire Academy for four BIFD recruits: Connor Bass, Tiffany Fergus, Kiel Reijnen and Corey Runberg. The Chief acknowledged FF/EMT Josh Pippinger and BN Josh Foley for their contributions as instructors to the success of the Academy.
- **New Recruit Firefighter/EMT Hires:** Chief Moravec introduced three new recruit firefighter hires, Evan Rose, Veronica Saez and Anders Tonsmann, all of whom will be attending the next Kitsap County Fire Academy beginning with EMS training in July.
- **Airlift NW Memorial Work Party:** Chief Moravec acknowledged and thanked the Board for its efforts to trim and clean the Airlift NW Memorial next to the helicopter pad. Commissioners Alward, Carey, Isenman and von Ibsch participated in the work party on June 23rd.
- **FF/EMT Garrett Kimzey Retirement:** Chief Moravec announced the retirement of Firefighter/EMT Garrett Kimzey. Kimzey's last day with the Department will be June 30, 2024. Garrett has served the Department and the Bainbridge Island community for over 30 years, beginning in High School as an Explorer, becoming a Volunteer Firefighter and then a career Firefighter/EMT in 2002. Garrett also served several terms as Firefighter Inspector. A formal retirement acknowledgement will be held at a future date.
- **Station 23 Asphalt Repair:** Chief Moravec noted the completion of the asphalt repair project at Station 23. Commissioner Carey inspected and approved the work on behalf of the Board. Additional asphalt repair at Station 23 will be budgeted in future years.
- **Wildland Deployment:** DC Mendola briefed the Board on a wildland deployment in the Darrington, WA area. BN Livdahl was deployed as a single resource.

- July 4th Preparation: DC Mendola also briefed the Board on preparation for the July 4th festivities on Bainbridge. Mendola has been working with BN Josh Foley to develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) for the weekend.
- IT Committee Update: FM Kaufman briefed the Board on a recent IT Committee meeting, called to address preparations for filling the IT Administrator position once Mark Peil retires in 2025. Commissioners von Ibsch and Carey participated in the meeting. Commissioner von Ibsch thanked Peil for his excellent work as IT Administrator over the last several years.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Moravec noted the June 25th KCFCA meeting that included the annual assessment valuations from Kitsap County Assessor, Phil Cook. Taxed assessed value on Bainbridge Island is expected to increase approximately 1.4% in 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Voucher numbers 36003 through 36028 totaling \$158,780.81, Meeting Minutes 6/13/24). Commissioner Isenman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner von Ibsch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Board Chair Assignment

Following the Board practice of selecting a Board Chair to serve a one year term from July 1 to June 30, Commissioner von Ibsch nominated Commissioner Isenman as Board Chair for the next 12 months. Commissioner Alward seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:05 Commissioner Alward called for an Executive Session to last 15 minutes. The Executive Session was called to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 5:20, the Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by:



Jared Moravec, Board Secretary

Approved

July 11, 2024