

Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department
REGULAR MEETING March 9, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department (BVVFD) convened for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Galveston County MUD #12 Reception Hall located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, TX. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present and included the following:

President	Paula Eshelman	Present
Vice President	Carlos Price	Present
Treasurer	Stephanie Burt	Present
Secretary	Irene Henry	Present
Director	Bob Althaus	Present

Board of Directors absent: None

Others in attendance: Captain Bobby Doolittle

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 6:00 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement by the President of the presence of a quorum, that the meeting had been duly called, and that the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as reflected above.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Doolittle.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No general members in attendance.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Status update on awarded or pending grants to BVVFD - Captain Bobby Doolittle

1. Grant applied for by Galveston County has been awarded to the County for mobile and hand-held radios of which Bayou Vista will receive three (3) mobile and ten (10) hand-held at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

Captain Doolittle commented that the cost will probably be higher. Devices are available for pick up.

B. Status on new First Responder – Captain Bobby Doolittle

1. Pending. Still waiting call for us to come look at New First Responder vehicle.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider and take possible action to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of February 2017.

Stephanie Burt, Treasurer, updated the Board concerning a meeting with contractor regarding monies the contractor feels the Department still owes on renovation of the day-room in 2015. Given little or no paperwork from the contractor or the BVVFD, it was suggested the contractor in good faith be offered a final payment of \$1500 for any remaining charges owed. A check in this amount will be presented to contractor along with a letter requesting his signature that the Department be released of any future claims.

A motion was made by Carlos Price to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of February 2017, as presented by the Treasurer; and to approve final \$1500 payment to contractor along with letter of release of future claims to contractor on said project.

The motion was seconded by Bob Althaus.

Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Consider and take possible action to approve BVVFD Fire Chief's Activity Report for the month of February 2017.

Captain Doolittle reported that results from hose and DES testing on Engine 2 indicate need for approximately \$7,000 in replacement parts.

A motion was made by Carlos Price to approve BVVFD Fire Chief's Activity Report for the month of February 2017, as presented by Captain Doolittle.

The motion was seconded by Stephanie Burt.

Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of February 9, 2017.

A motion was made by Carlos Price to approve the BVVFD Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of February 9, 2017.

The motion was seconded by Stephanie Burt.

Motion carried with all in favor.

D. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD's participation in the Memorial Weekend events by hosting a "Social" in the Fire Station on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

No action taken.

8. DISCUSSION

- A. Each officer and the Fire Chief to present and share their suggested revisions to the By-Laws concerning Page 1 through Page 6. (Article I – Title and Objectives through Article VII – Duties of the Fire Chief).**

In lieu of discussions, President Eshelman appointed committee consisting of Paula Eshelman, Bob Althaus and Irene Henry to meet and review submitted changes. A draft revision will be presented to the Board for final review and approval at the April meeting.

9. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- A. General Members – No comments
- B. Board Members
 - 1. Stephanie Burt
The first payment on loan for the new First Responder will be made in March.
Mid-year budget review will be held at April meeting.
- C. President
 - 1. Paula Eshelman announced that BVVFD had been asked to bring fire truck to Home & Garden Expo being held Saturday, March 25, at MUD Park. Captain Doolittle will have the fire truck at the event.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Althaus, seconded by Carlos Price, duly put and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene M. Henry
Secretary