

Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING April 13, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department (BVVFD) convened for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 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: Fire Chief John Venzke

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 Irene Henry.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments from the floor.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Status update on awarded or pending grants to BVVFD – Chief John Venzke.

1. Grant applied for by Galveston County for mobile and hand-held radios.

Chief Venzke reported that BVVFD has received 12 hand-held radios and will be receiving 4 mobile radios. Total value of the radios is approximately \$100,000.

Secretary Irene Henry will send thank you letter to Lieutenant Margo Ihde, Communications – Division Commander of the Galveston County Sheriff’s Office, for her work in obtaining this grant.

B. Status on new First Responder – Chief John Venzke

1. Still Pending.

7. ACTION ITEMS

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

Stephanie Burt, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for the month of March. Carlos Price made a motion to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of March 2017, as presented by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Bob Althaus and carried with all in favor.

Stephanie also gave a report showing BVVFD's six month financial position for Fiscal Year 2017 versus budget. Having reviewed and discussed the report, the Board agreed to have Vice President Carlos Price and Ms. Burt work together in making necessary amendments to the report. They will present the amended report to the Board for approval at the May meeting.

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

Chief Venzke reported that DES testing is complete. Expenses associated with the results of these tests amount to approximately \$3,800 for the year.

A motion was made by Bob Althaus to approve BVVFD Fire Chief's Activity Report for the month of March 2017, as presented by Chief Venzke. The motion was seconded by Carlos Price. The 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 March 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 Bob Althaus. The motion carried with all in favor.

D. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD's participation in the Easter Egg Hunt at Faith Community Church - Saturday, April 15, 2017, and to provide transportation for the arrival of the Easter Bunny.

A motion was made by Bob Althaus to approve the BVVFD's participation in this event as stated above. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Burt. The motion carried with all in favor.

8. DISCUSSION

A. Update from Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee members, Paula Eshelman, Bob Althaus and Irene Henry distributed to the Board copies of the Proposed Bylaw Revisions. Articles I through VI were reviewed and discussed with the Board. The committee will regroup and make necessary changes to these Article revisions as requested and agreed by the Board. The changes, along with the remaining Articles, will be presented at the May meeting for further review.

9. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A. General Members

Bill Spenny, 837 Marlin, Bayou Vista. Mr. Spenny complimented the Board on how the meeting was conducted.

Mr. Spenny also acknowledged the BVVFD's participation with a BBQ booth in last year's Town Festival and expressed his desire that BVVFD consider participating again this year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With a motion made by Bob Althaus, seconded by Stephanie Burt, duly put and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene M. Henry
Secretary