

Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors of the Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department (BVVFD) convened for a Regular Called Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm. at the Galveston County MUD 12 Recreation Hall, located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, TX. A quorum of the Board of Directors were present and included the following:

President	Paula Eshelman	Present
Vice President	Pat Pizzo	Present
Director	Andy McCloskey	Present
Treasurer	Irene Henry	Absent with Notice
Secretary	Linda Buckley	Present

Also present was Captain Doolittle.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President, Paula Eshelman, at 6:00 pm.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement by the President, Paula Eshelman, 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 as prescribed by the bylaws of the BVVFD.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as reflected above.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Andy McCloskey.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY –

Shelby Dill, here to represent City with request for meeting.

Bill Spinney, He observed the pumps the Fire Department purchased and commented that it was an excellent purchase.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Consider and take possible action to approve BVVFD Fire Chief's Activity Report for April 2021.

1. Activity report to include update with MUD #12 concerning follow-up information concerning additional fire suppression equipment-fire hydrants, etc., as discussed originally with MUD #12 President Matthews and Board Director Eric Muehler at the February BVVFD Meeting.

Captain Doolittle discussed the report. Captain Doolittle also reported that there was no word from the MUD. President Eshelman requested Captain Doolittle to follow up with MUD #12 and advise as necessary.

Motion was made by Pat Pizzo and 2nd by Andy McCloskey and carried with all in favor to approve the report as submitted and request for further information as needed.

B. Consider and take possible action to approve purchase of unanticipated equipment needs if and when applicable.

Captain Doolittle reported that the new DES, draft pipe, was tested and worked as expected. It will prove to be a great asset for the BVVFD. He also reported that the Department is in need of new Flir Thermal Imaging equipment. The equipment they use now is approximately 22 years old and does not have the new technology that is needed in today's fire fighting. Reported that the FD will need 4 or 5 smaller units at a cost of approximately \$1300 each. Reasons for need: the fire fighters need to see inside houses more efficiently; these units also pick up heat signatures of people, animals and other fire fighters.

Would like to get one unit now and after the budget year we can purchase the other units.

Motion was made by Pat Pizzo and 2nd by Andy McCloskey and carried with all in favor to approve the purchase of one Thermal imaging unit at this time and others will be evaluated into new budget.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD Board of Director Minutes as presented by Secretary, Linda Buckley.

1. Regular Meeting of April 8, 2021.

A motion was made by Andy McCloskey and 2nd by Pat Pizzo to accept minutes as presented and carried with all in favor.

B. Consider and take possible action to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of April 2021 as presented by Irene Henry.

1. Out come with speaking with AT&T concerning phone bills.

Irene Henry, being absent, President Eshelman reported that Irene has straightened out the AT&T bill and it has been reduced.

Each board member reviewed the Financial Reports individually and agreed to accept.

A motion was made by Linda Buckley and 2nd by Pat Pizzo to approve the reports as presented and carried with all in favor.

8. DISCUSSIONS:

A. Discuss a possible presentation by the Fire Department at a City Council meeting, with request for placement on City Council Agenda the Fire Board President, and with the Fire Department presentation to be placed on a City Council Agenda under Special Reports and Presentations.

This issue to be placed on the BVVFD's June Agenda, as President Eshelman would like a full Board to be present for this discussion.

A motion was made by Andy McCloskey and 2nd by Pat Pizzo to place this issue for discussion on the June Agenda of the BVVFD as presented and carried with all in favor.

B. Discuss Fire Department participation in the Golf Cart parade (Memorial Weekend) celebrating "The Joe Mims" Summer Festival for 2021.

Per Captain Doolittle the BVVFD will have a fire truck in the parade.

No Action Required.

9. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A. General Members-Bill Spinney asking that with the fires we have had in the community, would it be possible for the FD to do a presentation on Fire Safety Education for the Community i.e. items in garage below, etc. Also, shared about wireless Smoke Detectors that can be placed in garage and will go off upstairs if smoke is detected below.

B. Board Members-Flags for Sunshine House renewal.

Pat Pizzo suggested a Raffle next year, 2022, at the Memorial Day affair for the BVVFD, with starting ticket sales month before. Raffle will be put on Agenda after the 1st of 2022 for further discussion.

C. President-Pat Pizzo was contacted by Carlos Price as to if the BVVFD will be buying a “hole” in this year’s Golf Tournament that will be held on June 20, 2021.

Will be placed on the June agenda for discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With a motion made by Andy McCloskey and 2nd by Pat Pizzo, duly put and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:26 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Buckley, Secretary**