

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Bluffton Fire District Headquarters
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Bill Rickett, Dana Marsh, Natalie Majorkiewicz (phone), Glenn Williams, Rick Krob, Joe Paolo, Paul Hamilton

Absent:

Members Present: David Hindman, Derek Church, Adam Corn, Steve McKinley, Daniel Wiltse

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:00, pm by Chairman Rick Krob.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Chairman Krob moved to accept the agenda. Commissioner Marsh motioned, and Commissioner Rickett seconded to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. (YEAS – Marsh, Williams, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Hamilton, Williams, Krob, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

- Stephen Combs has been named a finalist for the NIOA Leadership in Public Information Award. He is one of three finalists selected for this recognition. The award winner will be announced during the NIOA Awards Breakfast.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Rickett motioned, and Commissioner Hamilton seconded the minutes of June 16, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Motion passed. (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Williams, Marsh, Hamilton, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Church reviewed the Finance Report for the month of June 2026. We are through 100 % of the 2026 fiscal year budget, and the total expenditures year to date is 93.29%. The revenue requested year to date from the County was \$24,980,444, which is 98.82% of our \$26,913,566 budget. The current fire impact fee balance is \$2,532,890 (Increase of \$229,230).

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Commissioner Paolo motioned, and Commissioner Marsh seconded that the June 2026 Financial Report be approved as submitted. Motion passed (YEAS – Marsh, Williams, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Hamilton, Krob, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- **Receipt of Training & Medical Update**
- **Receipt of Maintenance Update**
- **Receipt of Fire Prevention Update**

Commissioner Rickett motioned, and Commissioner Hamilton seconded that the consent agenda be accepted. Motion passed. (YEAS – Marsh, Williams, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Hamilton, Krob) (NAYS – None)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Receipt of Operations Update:** Chief Corn reviewed the Operations Report for June. The overall call volume was 1,044 calls. Stations 38, 34, 30, and 35 are still the busiest stations.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- ***Strategic Plan Implementation Progress:*** Chief Livingston continues to work with the team leaders to start working on strategic goals.
- ***Fire Station 39/Sun City Property Acquisition:*** Land clearing has begun. Tony Gibson has been assigned to take progress photos throughout the process.
- ***American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):*** No update.
- ***Old Station 32:*** No update.
- ***Station 32/EMS QRV 27:*** No update.
- ***Facilities:***
 - **Training building-** work is continuing.
 - **Station 35-** New firewall has arrived and is in the process of being installed. This should improve the internet speed at all facilities.
- ***Recruiting:***
 - Firefighter interviews were conducted last week as the last phase of the hiring process to establish a candidate pool.
- ***Need Assessments/CIP:*** Continuing to assess infrastructure needs to develop CIP and prioritize improvements and repairs around the district.

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- Prioritizing some of the automatic transfer switched for the station generators.
- We are working on getting the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account set up for initial CIP funding once the audit is completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to S.C Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2) and 30-4-70(A)(1) to receive legal advice on matters covered by the Attorney-Client privilege and to discuss issues related to the employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of a person regulated by a public body.

Commissioner Rickett moved to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Marsh seconded. The motion was passed, and the Executive Session began at 4:23pm. (YEAS – Rickett, Williams, Marsh, Krob, Hamilton, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

Commissioner Rickett moved to end the Executive Session. Commissioner Marsh seconded. The motion was passed, and the Executive Session ended at 4:53pm. (YEAS – Paolo, Rickett, Marsh, Hamilton, Krob, Majorkiewicz, Williams) (NAYS – None)

Commissioner Marsh moved to approve a 3% Step Increase for Chief Hindman as approved in the FY27 Budget. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion as presented. Motion passed. (YEAS – Marsh, Williams, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Hamilton, Krob, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Rickett motioned, and Commissioner Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM. (YEAS – Rickett, Williams, Marsh, Hamilton, Majorkiewicz, Krob, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

Respectfully Submitted,
Hailey Smith
07/21/2026

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