

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Bluffton Fire District Headquarters
MINUTES**

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

Absent:

Members Present: David Hindman, Derek Church, Adam Corn, Steve McKinley, Daniel Wiltse, Paul Harrelson, Terry Sheriff

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:01, pm by Chairman Rick Krob.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Chairman Krob moved to accept the agenda. Commissioner Rickett motioned, and Commissioner Marsh 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:

- FF Eric Morales promoted to Driver Operator
- FF Brandon Driscoll promoted to Senior Firefighter
- LT James Thomas promoted to Battalion Chief
- Senior Fire Inspector will be moving to the City of Greer as their Fire Marshall

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Hamilton motioned, and Commissioner Marsh seconded the minutes of July 21, 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 July 2026. We are through 8.33% of the 2027 fiscal year budget, and the total expenditures year to date is 6.97%. The revenue requested year to date from the County was \$2,019,974, which is 6.98% of our \$28,945,010 budget. The current fire impact fee balance is \$2,559,790 (Increase of \$26,900).

Approved by the Fire Board 9/15/2026

Commissioner Paolo motioned, and Commissioner Hamilton seconded that the July 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 Marsh 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 July. The overall call volume was 973 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. There is a delay due to clearance issues with overhead powerlines. Frazier Construction is working with engineers to determine the best course of action.
- ***American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):*** No update.
- ***Old Station 32:*** No update.
- ***Station 32/EMS QRV 27:*** No update.
- ***Facilities:***
 - **Stations:** Chief McKinley is working on scope of work quotes for Station generators/transfer switches.
- ***Recruiting:***
 - Several candidates have been given conditional offer letters. We have 3 starting Recruit School October 8th. We have 1 direct hire to begin in September and 8 additional starting in January for our in-house recruit school and EMT to replace announced retirement/vacancies.
 - Hired a new Director of Professional Services and she will begin at the end of the month.

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- ***Battalion Chief's Process:*** The process has been completed, and James Thomas has been announced as the newest Battalion Chief.
- ***Need Assessments/CIP:*** Continuing to assess infrastructure needs to develop CIP and prioritize improvements and repairs around the district.
 - No update.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Marsh motioned, and Commissioner Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM. (YEAS – Rickett, Williams, Marsh, Hamilton, Majorkiewicz, Krob, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

Respectfully Submitted,
Hailey Smith
08/18/2026

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