

Bonnet Shores Fire District

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Budget Work Session

June 4, 2025

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. In attendance were council members Carol O'Donnell, Leslie McKnight, John Chereskin, Faith LaSalle and Jane Duran. Also in attendance were District Manager Mark Gillooly and Treasurer Laurie McCarthy. Council members Steve Danuszar and Anthony Girardi were absent.

The council members reviewed the proposed budget. During the review, the council proposed the following changes to budget line items:

- Eliminate Line 4910 – Beach Tag Replacements (\$1,000.00)
- Reduce Line 6010 – Manager Wages (to \$60,000.00)
- Increase Line 6020 – Clerk Wages (to \$6,000.00)
- Increase Line 6030 – Tax Collector Wages (to \$6,000.00)
- Increase Line 6040 – Treasurer Wages (to \$6,000.00)
- Reduce Line 6145 – Land Trust Operating Allocation (to \$1,200.00)
- Increase Line 6155 – Legal Fees, Ordinary (to \$10,000.00)
- Reduce Line 6510 – Harbormaster Wages (to \$6,000.00)
- Increase Line 6710 – Breachway and Culverts Maintenance (to \$6,000.00)

In preparation for the meeting, Treasurer L. McCarthy and Acting Tax Collector J. Chereskin had highlighted a list of budgetary “items to discuss.” The council proposed the following regarding that list of items:

- Replenishment of \$17,000.00 in capital (transfer from operating budget surplus to capital)

- PA System - \$10,000.00
- Bulletin Board replacement - \$1,500.00
- Application Renewals - \$2,000.00
- Garage/Driveway - \$1,500.00
- Creation of a restricted fund for storm damage – will start with a \$35,000.00 transfer from operating budget surplus

The council scheduled the budget hearing for Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

J. Duran **moved**, seconded by L. McKnight, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **approved**, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Matthew M. Mannix
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk

Ratified: July 16, 2025

