

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Cross, Dennis Sullivan, Victor Skende, Demetrious Atsalis, and Chief Harold Brunelle. ABSENT: Benjamin Perry.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1. MINUTES: Action on the minutes of November 12 and November 17 were deferred to the meeting on January 14, 2016.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Laura Cronin, Ralph Krau, and Peter Campbell and thanked them for their efforts. The Commission needs to review our budget process to make the budget more transparent and more meaningful to the taxpayers. Members have not had time to read the letters and Sullivan suggested that discussion be referred to the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Chair requested that the commissioners be prepared to discuss the Auditors Report for FY14.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: R. Sommers asked if the Commission had received estimates from the architect. The Chair responded affirmatively and that a presentation would occur after the first of the year.
4. STREET LIGHTS: There is a request for street light on Erin Lane. Atsalis will look into the request.
3. OLD BUSINESS: None
4. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. New Fire Station: The Commission has received Opinion of Probable Cost from Kaestle Boos and Construction Monitoring Systems. Estimates were prepared by Aedalus and A.D. Fogarty. The two opinions were within \$60,000 of each

other (considered statistically insignificant). The Chairman has met with McKeon and Griffin and asked if there were possibility of further cuts in the design. He was assured that further cuts would affect the effectiveness and efficiency of the department. The estimated construction cost of the new station was \$14,832,100 for \$446/SF. Indirect cost \$3,682,900 for a total cost of \$18,515,000. The escalation in cost was expected. The question was raised about available funds. There is \$145,628 in the design fund and \$874,442 available from sale of property. We would need to bond approximately \$17,640,000.

The Chair reiterated that the mission of the Department is to provide fire and emergency rescue services to the village. The first floor is dedicated to accomplish that mission and the second floor, to support that mission. It is an investment for the future of the village.

It was agreed that we schedule a vote. Motion was made and seconded that we accept the Opinion of Probable Cost as submitted. The Chair requested a recorded vote. The vote was:

Atsalis	Yes
Sullivan	Yes
Skende	Yes
Cross	Yes

The Commission will ask the Clerk/Treasurer to secure a venue for early April. Sullivan agreed to follow-up with Verna LaFleur.

- b. Financial Report: The Commission has received the Clerk/Treasurer's response to questions raised in writing by the Chair. We need be aware that we are spending someone else's money. We need to begin to build a budget for next year. Sullivan was able to review the Clerk/Treasurer's responses for the other Commissioners.
- c. Payment in Lieu of Taxes: No report.
- d. Ambulance (Trade-in or retain): The Chief presented a proposal and rationale for retention of the ambulance scheduled for replacement. The old ambulance would be utilized as a reserve vehicle. The proposal would not adversely affect the budget. The Commission unanimously approved the Chief's proposal.

7. CHIEF'S REPORT: A Promotional Ceremony was held prior to the meeting to recognize the recent promotion of captains and lieutenants as well as the new hires. FF Kevin Powers received the Bangs Award at the Fire Academy.

The Chief recognized the efforts of the fire fighters under the leadership of David Webb for Operation Warm. The proceeds of the raffle purchased 600 coats for elementary school children.

The Chief provided an update on the aerial tower. The bid document should be ready in early January. Building the apparatus should take 10 to 11 months.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Dalmau recognized the efforts of David Webb, Kyle Jacobs and Drew Hennessey in raising \$21,000 for Operation Warm and suggested the Commission place a letter of commendation in their jackets.

Larry Decker emphasized the need for the Department to do a better job of explaining the work of the department to the public. He offered to help in that effort.

Richard Sommers commented that a Saturday vote would be good but we should be cognizant of the weather in setting the date. He stated that the Commission is going forth with basically the same cost that was rejected at the last vote. Sommers warned that the result of a positive vote would mean an increase in the cost of rental units in the village.

Mike Medeiros commented that this design is some 4,000 SF smaller and that further cuts would mean cuts in service.

Bill Cronin asked when the design drawings would be available. Cross said he would make them available.

Laura Cronin asked if the exterior would be brick. Cross said that the exterior would be determined later date. As we go along, there will be opportunities for choices to be made that could cut costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende