

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ----- REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Ben Perry, Dennis Sullivan, Demetrius Atsalis, Victor Skende and Chief Brunelle.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of February 11, 2016 were accepted as presented.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: None received.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Felicia Penn made extensive remarks before the Board relative to the pending District Special Meeting to seek bonding of funds for construction of a new station. She presented the Board with arguments favoring consolidation of the fire districts. (Attached are her written comments as presented to the Board.) She encouraged the Board to take the first step toward consolidation. The Chairman thanked Ms. Penn for her presentation and said the Board would give consideration to her proposal at a later date.
4. STREET LIGHTS: No requests at this time.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None
6. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Hyannis Port Fire House: The sale of the Scudder Avenue property is pending and in the hands the lawyers.
 - b. Payment in Lieu of Taxes: No report.
 - c. Budget FY 2017: Sullivan reported that he, Cross, the Chief and Clerk/Treasurer held a second meeting to discuss the budget for FY 2017. With some minor tweaks, the budget should come in with an increase of about 2.34%. Line items remain pretty much flat before inclusion of free cash and ambulance revenue. The Commissioner's budget was increased to cover any unanticipated legal expense.
 - d. Aerial Ladder: The departmental committee has been working to finalize the specifications. The factory representative met with the committee today to clarify some items. The manufacturer should have a finalized package in a week or two. The Chief thanked the personnel who have volunteered to work on this project. Cross asked when would we sign on the dotted line. The Chief indicated that could be within the month and that we could expect that it will take a year to build the aerial.

e. New Fire House: The Board has received the draft warrant for the Special Meeting from the Clerk/Treasurer. Skende reported that the committee continues to meet and plan for the vote.

7. CHIEF'S REPORT: The Chief reported that he, Mike Medeiros, and Debe Schiavi met with Kathleen Thut of COMM to discuss federal reimbursement for medicad services. The federal program is designed to assist EMS providers to recover costs incurred when providing services to Mass Health recipients. The new ambulance is currently in service and the reserve ambulance has been put into service as was anticipated. There are ongoing issues with the roof. The contractor has continued to repair leaks as they appear. The outcome of the April 9th, will dictate what steps will need to be taken.
8. PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Cronin asked about the procedure for street light repairs. He was advised that Debe Schiavi would notify Siemens with whom we have a contract for maintenance. It was suggested that we place the information on the web site.

Skende reported that the Inside Town Government visit to the station was well received. He thanked Deputy Melanson, Captains Hennessy and Dardia as well as Fire Fighters Wiley, Jacobs, Menangas, Dailey, Powers, Buckley and deOliveira. Our student intern Christian Gardiner was also present.

9. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk

Attachment: Ms. Penn's Prepared Remarks