

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2016

Chairman Peter Cross called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Present: Peter Cross, Laura Cronin, Dennis Sullivan, Victor Skende, Demetrius Atsalis and Chief Brunelle.

OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES: The minutes of May 26, 2016 were accepted as presented. Moved by Cronin. Seconded by Sullivan. The minutes of the Executive Session of May 26, 2016 were accepted as presented. Moved by Sullivan. Seconded by Cronin. The minutes of June 2, 2016 were accepted as presented. Moved by Seconded Cronin.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair has received a copy of letter the Office of the Attorney General sent to Attorney Moss concerning complaint filed by Ronald Beaty. The Complaint is under investigation at this time.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Allan Goddard commented on the Bulletin Board used for posting of agendas etc. at the entrance to the Station. He felt that the outdated notices created unnecessary confusion. He recommended that we attempt to keep the Board updated.
4. STREET LIGHTS: Discussion was held later during meeting when Atsalis arrived. There have been no new requests. The request for a light in area of Founders Court at the end of Old Strawberry Hill Rd. has not been resolved. Since this appears to be a law enforcement issue (drug activity), the request for a light has been referred to the Police Department. Sullivan reiterated that the department provides street lighting for safety and access for emergency vehicles and not to serve crime fighting efforts.
5. OLD BUSINESS: Sullivan stated that through an oversight at the last meeting we neglected to vote on the proposal from Dowling & O'Neil for insurance for Fiscal 2017. Moved by Sullivan. Seconded by Skende. Passed unanimously.
6. NEW BUSINESS: a. Appointments to By Law Review Committee: Moderator Krau appointed Laura Cronin, Chief Brunelle, Michael Medeiros, Larry Decker, and Nathaniel Munafo to the Committee and requested that Cross set the first meeting of the committee for 7 pm on June 29th. Date and time had been agreed upon. The meeting was set. Krau also asked the Commission see that an electronic version of the By Law be produced by the District's attorney. Cross will investigate the cost.

Krau also asked that we secure a venue for next years Annual Meeting as soon as possible.

b. Discussion of Need for Increased Security: Cross expressed concern for safety of civilian staff and particularly the Clerk/Treasurer whose office is removed from the center of activity at the station. Cross said it may be inconvenient to lock doors when leaving offices but it may be necessary. Chief has had staff look into security issues and they have some ideas to remedy the issue. He will bring us ideas that will remediate the issue.

c. Update Scudder Avenue property: Cross has signed appropriate documents. The setting of a closing date has been delayed because the buyer's representative signed the wrong document.

d. Proposed Repairs to Station: Chief has been meeting with staff to to get their opinion and concerns of what items need to be addressed and priorities. Chief went through the list and estimated costs. Cross asked about the modification to be made to accommodate the new ladder. It was agreed that it should be scheduled for early fall. The Chief thanked the fire fighters for their continued cooperation and consideration over a difficult time. Cronin noted that the repairs listed amounted to \$37,000 to \$45,000. There appears to be some \$13,000 remaining the fiscal year and that some smaller repairs could be undertaken at this time.

e. Names for Building Committee: Cross suggested that Nathaniel Munafo be appointed to the Building Committee. Sullivan and Cronin supported the nomination. The motion to appoint Munafo was made by Cross and seconded by Skende. Passed unanimously.

7. Items not anticipated by the Chair: None.
8. CHIEF'S REPORT: The Chief described the Employee Assistance Program and noted that Commissioners and their families could utilize the services. The program has proved very helpful to the personnel of the department. The Department took part in training at the airport with Coast Guard Air Station. It was a special drill. The Coast Guard had not been able to participate in the earlier Triennial Disaster Drill at the municipal airport. The department involved many local agencies. It was an opportunity for personnel to meet and establish relationships.
9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Dalmau stated the personnel's concerns about the area outside of Door 4 and 5. The biggest concern of personnel is the air quality especially in the bunk area. Plans are to add a dehumidifier and to clean the air ducts. It has been suggested that filters be added to the system. Repairs to the hose tower will allow repairs to be made to the lobby area.

Larry Decker said that no employee should feel intimidated and any threat result in a call to the Police Department. We should consider installing camera etc. to monitor the entrances to the building.

Skende spoke to the questions raised by Larry Decker at the last meeting. He has contacted Kelly Bolton of Dowling and O'Neil about raising the limits of our liability insurance to 10/20 million dollars. We will receive a quote. There is no deductible on the Directors and Commissioners policy. The insurer will represent us or we can engage our own attorney.

II. Potential Executive Session: None

ADJOURN: Sullivan moved adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk