

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2018

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Dennis Sullivan, Demetrius Atsalis, Victor Skende,  
and Chief Peter Burke.

ABSENT: Commissioner Laura Cronin

I OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES: Sullivan moved that the minutes of January 11, 2018 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Atsalis. Unanimously approved.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: None
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Nathaniel Munafo stated that he was encouraged by the ongoing discussion relative to alternative sources of funding. He stated that people who use the EMS and Rescue services should pay. The burden should not continue to fall on the tax payer.
4. STREET LIGHTS: Atsalis reported he had looked into the request received for a light on Bears's Way. There is a new light at the corner of Alicia Way and Bears's Way. It is unclear how new the pole is. There was also a request for a light on Mark's Path, a cul-de-sac . A light is warranted but there are no poles on the street. Atsalis will attempt to make contact with the resident who requested the light.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None
6. NEW BUSINESS: a. Building Committee Report. Cross reported that the project is on budget but has fallen behind schedule by at least a month. The Electrical Inspector stopped contractor pulling wires until the brick work was completed. After a meeting with all involved, a list was developed with requirements to met prior to resumption of electrical work. The building will be made weather tight.  
  
b. Communications/IT Dispatch Center. Chief Burke reported that the BPD has done the cut over and are beginning to build out what will be the Dispatch Center. The planned date for completion is early May. The MOU has been signed with the Town Manager.

c. Alternative Sources of Revenue: Cross has received 11 pages of tax exempt properties from Ed O'Neil, Town Assessor. Chief and Cross have discussed the K-Mart Plaza. The land is owned by the Airport but the building should be taxable. Cross has discussed recoup cost for runs to auto accidents. Cross has requested the Chief prepare a bill for our response to the grounding of the Iyanough that he will present to the SSA.

d. Chief's Evaluation. Sullivan asked if this could be discussed in an Executive Session. It is not permissible under the open meeting law. It is expected that not all items on the form can be appropriately rated at this 6-month evaluation. Cross will collate the scores and review them with Chief prior to announcing the results at an open meeting.

7. Items not reasonably anticipated. None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT: The Feds have funded a competitive grant program similar to the one we applied for last year for the SCBA equipment. The close out date is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Chief and FF Ryan Clough are working on the grant application. The Chief asked Clough to describe the grant process. A grant application for portable and mobile radios for the trucks was considered but was eliminated due to time constraints. The Fitness Wellness program was also considered but was eliminated for much the same reason. Clough is preparing an application to replace 191 pieces of hose. Some 110 pieces are 20 years old. The total cost for replacement is \$78,000. Our match will be 5% or \$3,000. The feds will provide \$74,000, The grant is competitive and dependent on scoring by a review committee.

Chief informed the Board that he, along with 10 members of the Department will be attending a three-day Professional Development Conference in Worcester at the end of February. The instructors are nationally recognized.

Captain Kenney will be conducting technical rescue training in-house. The training will take place over 4 to 6 days.

If review by Attorneys determines that the District boundary at 1220 Iyanough Rd is correct, Barnstable Fire will assume service to that area. We will be meeting with the BFD to plan for transition if that occurs.

Chief advised the Board that while responding to a call for a well-being check on Chase St. the resident's door was damaged. The owner is asking for payment for damage to the door. The property owner requested that Chief bring this matter to the Board. In the past we have not paid for damage to property when responding to a call. There was no negligence on our part. The Board agreed that we should not pay for the damage.

Chief asked that the Board vote to set Ambulance Billing Rates effective January 28, 2018 as follows: ALS1 \$2.450

ALS2 \$3,250  
BLS \$2,150  
Mileage \$40

Moved by Sullivan. Seconded by Atsalis. Passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Nathaniel Munafo commented that a border war with Barnstable Fire District would not be beneficial to Town as a whole and would undermine the efficient District system.

Mike Dalmau stated that the work done over the last few weeks underscores a positive working relationship with the Board. He and his members look forward to working with the Board to plan where we want to be in 5 or 10 years.

Chairman Cross asked for motion to adjourn Open Session and go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with Local 2172. Motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Atsalis.

Roll Call:	Cross	Aye
	Sullivan	Aye
	Atsalis	Aye
	Skende	Aye

The Open Session was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende  
Clerk