

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2018

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Laura Cronin.

Chief Burke introduced Captain Thomas Kenney to the Board. The position of Training Officer was established by negotiation two years ago and was provided with funding in the current budget. Captain Kenny described the training that has been conducted with Department personnel over the past two years. Department personnel are committed to the training. In addition to specific training opportunities Kenny conducts on-going training such as monthly joint dive training with COMM and coxswain training. Chief stated that it is remarkable that even with the heavy workload here at the station, the staff is receiving the requisite training. He stated that Kenny is working forward to catch up with what the community expects of the department. Chief also said that our Para-medics are the best on the Cape and some of the best in the state. The Department has been qualified for NIMS (National Incidents Management Systems) which gives us access to various grant programs.

I OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES: Sullivan moved the minutes of January 25, 2018 be accepted as printed. Seconded by Atsalis. Minutes approved unanimously
2. CORRESPONDENCE: None
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. STREET LIGHTS: No report
5. OLD BUSINESS: Atsalis distributed copies of Section 11 of Legislative Acts of 2003 establishing an embarkation fee for ferry passengers going to the islands. While the

cost of tickets for SSA and Hy Line have increased the embarkation fee of 50 cents has not. The Department has received no monies from the fees and the all revenue goes to the general fund of the Town. Any change will require legislative action. Atsalis will continue to work with Rep. Will Crocker and Senator Julian Cyr on possible legislative action. Cross said that any amendment should include the Hyannis Fire District by name as recipient of any embarkation fees. The fees should be increased to a dollar.

Cross has received 11 pages of tax exempt properties from the Assessor's office. There are 20 properties owned by the Hospital and 130 owned by the Housing Authority.

6. NEW BUSINESS: a. Building Committee Report: The Committee met earlier in the day. We remain within the budget and have not lost time since our last report. A good deal of the meeting was focused on communication among all of the parties. Chief felt that problem was solved. Current committee members have no frame of reference for how and what decisions were made over the 3 1/2 years or more years. Personnel want to be sure that then house they will live in for the next 50 years is the one they want.

b. Alternative Sources of Revenue: See Old Business above.

c. Health Insurance – Non-Union Personnel: The Chief requested this item. The Chief is unable to find authorization for him to offer health insurance to non-union and civilian personnel of the Department. Skende moved that the Chief be authorized to offer health insurance to non-union and civilian employees consistent with health insurance provided to members of FF Union 2172. Seconded by Sullivan. Passed unanimously.

Skende offered a motion that effective May 15, 2018 any non-incumbent elected or appointed to the Board be offered only health insurance consistent with FF Union 2172 HSA. Seconded by Atsalis. Passed unanimously.

d. Acceptance of MGL 48 §59A – Statewide Fire Mobilization: Chief stated that he cannot find when we accepted the state-wide mobilization act. He is seeking a vote on this and we will continue to do what we are doing. Atsalis moved that we accept this act. Seconded by Sullivan. Unanimously accepted.

e. Chief's Evaluation: Cross has received 4 completed evaluation forms. As yet, Commissioner Cronin has not returned her form due to illness. The evaluation will be postponed at this time.

7. Items not anticipated: None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT: The pickup has been ordered. The SCBA has been ordered and will be shipped by the end of May. The target date for transition to the Joint Dispatch Center is May 7th. PROems Billing went live this week. Thanks to Mike Medeiros and the firefighters it is up and running. EMS will continue to work with

Comstar for the next 3 to 6 months. There has been Officers meeting to review the new procedures for Joint Dispatch Center. On February 9th, the three-number designation for vehicles will be replace with a single number system. The grant application, prepared by Ryan Clough, for replacement of hoses has been submitted. We will not hear about the result of the grant until this Fall. And finally, the Chef stated that he was working on the Departmental budget.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Dalmau asked if we should include other ports serving the islands in discussions. Atsalis has asked Rep. Will Crocker to communicate with the other Cape Representatives to gain support for amendment to enabling legislation.

Nathaniel Munafo asked if hazardous loads could be charged a fee.

Chairman asked that the Board go into Executive Session.

Sullivan moved that the meeting be adjourned and that the Board go into Executive Session under MGL c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to negotiating collective bargaining agreement with FF Union 2172 and not return to public meeting. Seconded by Atsalis.

Roll Call Vote:	Cross	Aye
	Sullivan	Aye
	Atsalis	Aye
	Skende	Aye.

The meeting was adjourned and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk.