

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT

95 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD EXT.
HYANNIS, MA 02601

CLERK – TREASURER

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Peter Cross
Dennis Sullivan
Laura Cronin
Demetrius Atsalis
Victor Skende

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- REGULAR MEETING APRIL 12, 2018

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Laura Cronin, Dennis Sullivan, Demetrius Atsalis, Victor Skende and Chief Burke. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Verna LaFleur and Lynne Foster of Unibank.

I OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES: Motion made by Cronin and seconded by Atsalis to accept the minutes as presented.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: Atsalis reported that he had received a request for a streetlight at 38 Chase St. Atsalis reported that he had investigated and determined that an additional light was not warranted at this time.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. STREETLIGHTS: Discussed under correspondence.
5. OLD BUSINESS: Cross reported that he had talked with Mark Milne, Town Finance Officer. Last year the Town received \$175,417 from the ferry services embarkation fees. So far this year the fees have amounted to \$166,358. Bob Jones, member of the SSA Board of Governors, encouraged Cross to go after these funds.

Cross suspended discussion of Old Business to take up bond issue

6. NEW BUSINESS: a. Acceptance of Bond Bid: Lynne Foster reported that 7 underwriting firms expressed interest in our bond issue of \$6,650,000 for Phase 2. Raymond James & Associates was the successful bidder at interest cost of 3.15%. There will be a net premium of \$212,000 to be applied to project costs. There is \$1,300,000 available as authorized unissued debt.

Lynne Foster read in the language for the motion:

“that the sale of the \$6,650,000 General Obligation Fire Station Bonds of the District dated April 17, 2018 (the “Bonds”), to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at the price of \$6,922,489.89 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed.”

Atsalis moved that the motion as read be approved. Seconded by Cronin. The motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS: a. continued: The Housing Assistance Corporation has agreed to pay \$1,660 in lieu of taxes for the Ridgewood Ave. project. There does not seem to be a mechanism for the Town or District to receive PILOTs. Cross has talked with our attorney to do research.

Cross received word that Bob Jones, SSA Governor, has presented the invoice for \$12,600 to cover the cost of rescue service for the grounded vessel Iyanough, to the SSA General Manager Bob Davis. The General Manager indicated that the Authority will pay the invoice as presented.

b. FY19 Budget: The draft budget was discussed at length. Of particular concern was the increase due to the first Principal Pay Down for Land and Design. Atsalis spoke to the \$1.4 million payment and that the voters had agreed to the cost of the station and there should be no question regarding our obligation. Cronin stated that we should be prepared to answer voter’s questions. The future payments will decline incrementally over the 25 years of the Bond. Skende agreed with Cronin that we should break out the impact of the cost due to the paydown for land and design much as was done during the vote authorizing the bond issue. Individual members had discussed the budget previously with the Clerk/Treasurer and Chief. Other increases in the budget were do to contractual obligations and items that had been under-funded in previous years. There were savings in the group health insurance. Anticipated retirements resulted in an increase in sick time buy back. Sullivan moved that the FY19 Budget of \$14,468,060 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Cronin. Passed unanimously.

c. Building Committee Report: Cross and Skende discussed the progress on Phase 1. We are waiting for utilities to be installed. The site is scheduled for a clean-up. Chief has advocated for the installation of barn doors in the bunk area and that issue is being looked at again by the Committee. There is some question about the Bi-fold doors for the apparatus bays. KBA and CTA are looking at alternatives for the Bator doors which may not be available.

d. Alternative Sources of Funding: Cross reported that he had attended the Greater Hyannis Civic Association and advocated for support in the District's efforts to seek payment in lieu of taxes from exempt properties.

7. CHIEF'S REPORT: The Chief reported the tragic shooting of a Yarmouth police officer while serving a warrant in Marston Mills. The Department will provide the fallen officer with all appropriate honors and will provide support to the Yarmouth first responders.

The Chief reported on the sail boat rescue at the Yacht Club and that the Department provided mutual aid to Yarmouth FD for a house fire. He commended the personnel's work at the fire on Compass Circle. It was a substantial fire which was quickly extinguished and demonstrating our appropriate staffing and training.

The Chief reported on the process for promotional examinations. He has investigated sources and at this time he is contemplating using off the shelf tests which would be sent out to be graded. The cost for the books would be \$100 each. There is no sole source testing company available and we will need to find consultant to provide an assessment center. The cost for the center might be \$30,000 to \$36,000. The Chief will explore other possibilities and report back to the Board.

Disposal Policy and Procedures have been instituted. Photographic and written documentation will be required for all property of no value being disposed of in the dumpster. Disposal activity of Fire District is regulated by Mass General Laws.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Sullivan move that the meeting be adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk