

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT
95 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD EXT.
HYANNIS, MA 02601

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS --- PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2019

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Dennis Sullivan, Laura Cronin, Demetrius Atsalis, and Victor Skende. Also present Chief Burke, Clerk /Treasurer Verna LaFleur and Assessor Ed O’Neil.

Motion to open the Public Hearing for Tax Classification passed unanimously.

Cross called on Assessor Ed O’Neil who presented the Board with history of Town of Barnstable property valuation by Fire District. Real estate sales of residential and commercial remain healthy. Appreciation across all property in the District. The Board recommended that we maintain a CIP shift of 1.35. After discussion by Board, the Chairman asked for public comment. There was none. The Public Hearing was closed by unanimous vote at 6:25pm. (Clerk/Treasurer La Fleur received approval from the Board to conduct the 2020 Annual Election at the Hyannis Youth Center and the Annual Meeting in the Middle School.)

Chairman Cross called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order.

Chief Burke requested that he be permitted to call on Jeff Winbourn. Jeff described his 25 years of experience of working on 911 Public Safety projects. Winbourn Consultants has international reputation. Winbourn described his 2 years working with Department developing I/T and Communication to meet the needs of the department. Redundancy has been built into the system. There is both fiber optics and micro wave built into Dispatch. He was thanked for the work he did with the Department

The meeting returned to the Agenda.

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes of September 26 and October 14, 2019 were accepted.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board received correspondence from the Chief requesting the Board approve and affirm the following appointments and to waive the 15 day waiting period.

- Lt. David Webb to Captain, Fire Prevention and Emergency Planning
- Acting Lt. Jonathon Talin to Lt. (Permanent Status.)
- Probationary FF John Puleo to FF (Permanent Status)

Unanimously approved.

The Chief is appointing FF John Daily to Acting Lt.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** FF Dalmau thanked the Board members for their support in making the Dedication of the Memorial and Open House possible.

4. **STREET LIGHTS:** Activity updated by Atsalis.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** a. Tax Classification FY20: Motion made by Sullivan that the Split Rate of 1.35 remain in effect, resulting in a Residential Factor of 0.8592. Unanimously voted by the Board.

b. Long Term Planning 2020: Sullivan and Atsalis will continue to meet with Chief. Should start relatively soon to create "big picture philosophy".

c. Construction Report: The trench drain is being re-done due to improper installation. The re-do is being overseen by CTA, CMS and manufacture's representative. There is concern with corrosion in attic space. Discussion ongoing about possible re-evaluation of MEP by consultant to review BER. Mezzanine floor is being resurfaced. After discussion it was agreed that the temporary flag pole in front of the station will be removed.

d. Change Order: Change Order 15 was discussed and approved for \$45,045.11 by the Board.

7. Items reasonably anticipated by the Chair

8. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Chief thanked the Board for the support at Open House and Dedication of the Fire Fighters Memorial.

Chief requested guidance of the Board on the development of job description for Deputy Chief. The current job description lies within the By Law, Union Contract, and Promotional Policy. (Cross raised concern that the Deputy was a Union member member.) Chief noted that long term thinking was Deputy Chief would focus on daily operations and a new position of Assistant Deputy Chief (non-union) would function under the Chief.

The Chief asked Board for input in development of process to fill position of Permanent Deputy Chief. Sullivan and Cronin to work on this with Chief.

Repairs to Marine 1 are continuing . Chief expects Marine will be back in service soon. These repairs have generated discussion on long-term plans for the boat and contingency plans for replacement.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Commissioner Cronin thanked the Chief, Deputy and Capt. Webb for their assistance after the recent storm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Victor Skende, Clerk