

**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, January 23, 2020
Meeting Place:	High School Road Extension Hyannis, MA 02601 in the 2nd Floor Training Room

A quorum being duly present, Commissioner Cross called the January 23, 2020 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Peter Cross, Victor Skende, Laura Cronin, and Demetrius Atsalis

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke and Reporting Secretary Colleen Murphy

ABSENT: Dennis Sullivan

OPEN SESSION:

1. MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve as amended the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commissioner Cross and Commissioner Cronin stated they have received additional unsigned letters in response to the op-ed piece that ran in the Cape Cod Times authored by the former HFD Commissioner Richard Gallagher

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis re-sent streetlight request documents to the DPW including the streetlight bulb voltage numbers

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Cronin stated she will send Chief Burke his consolidated commissioner reviews

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6a. Building Committee Update

- Commissioner Cross stated that on Wednesday, January 29th, Commissioner Cross and Commissioner Skende will meet with Paul Griffin, the CMS Project Manager, to discuss final costs.
- Before the meeting with Paul Griffin, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Skende and Treasurer La Fleur will meet to go over actuals/project costs

6b. Contract Negotiations with Non-union Personnel

- Commissioners move to postpone discussion at this time

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

- 65 Murphy Road Structure Fire – As the HFD had simultaneous calls, a mutual aid call was made. Had to wait 9 minutes for help to arrive. In that time, Captain Huska had to initially answer the call by himself.
 - Due to under-staffing, response to fires such as 65 Murphy Road is inappropriate response for the citizens. It is also an inappropriate and dangerous situation for our FFs
 - These simultaneous calls are occurring regularly, and our call volume is climbing
 - We are at the point now where we are concerned about the risks and for the safety of our citizens, community and FFs – we have hit the tipping point
 - Commissioner Cross stated the issue is also the unpredictability of emergencies
 - Commissioner Cronin asked Chief Burke how much it would cost to add a 4th company to the department as that would help ease the simultaneous call issue
 - Chief Burke stated he will present the 4th company costs in the FY21 budget – he will try to reduce impact on the citizens by being as financially prudent as possible
 - Commissioner Cronin suggested to the board that the commissioners should reach out to municipal resources for funding help
 - Commissioner Skende said that the board has not gone over Proposition 2½ as the board has tried to keep citizen costs down
 - Commissioner Cross stated the fire district is driven by demand for service- there are 9 square miles to Hyannis, and we have one of the heaviest call volume loads in the area (7000 calls in 2019)
- Engine 2 Replacement – must order budgeted engine replacement by January 31, 2020 or cost will go up by an additional 3% - replacement engine is a little smaller than existing engine as it was more cost effective
- Deputy Chief Process - MRI will be conducting the process
 - The assessment will start on May 27th and by the 2nd week in June a candidate will be brought before the board
 - 120-day study requirement
 - 3 candidates – who are all good prospects
- Homeless Committee – We are working with Homeless Committee and the local community to address the needs of the homeless while trying to reduce the occurrence of non-emergency calls

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- FF/Union President Mike Dalmau thanked the board and the Chief for everything that has been accomplished over 2019

POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Vote on Adjournment:

Upon a motion fully made and seconded it was voted to Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen E. Murphy, Recording Secretary, Hyannis Fire District