

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

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, April 22, 2021
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 781-368-1701

A quorum being duly present, Commissioner Cronin called the April 22, 2021 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke and Deputy Chief Eric Kristofferson, FF Mike Dalmau and Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Sullivan: Aye
- Commissioner Atsalis: Aye
- Commissioner Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Abstained (was not present at April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting)

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commissioner Cronin stated she forwarded an email on the Open Meeting Law training run by the Town of Barnstable to both Commissioner Atsalis and Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy
- Commissioner Cronin stated that Treasurer LaFleur placed the Free Cash Report and her draft 2022 Budget in the commissioners mail boxes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis will request that Siemens change the present process which involves a multitude of paperwork filled with industry specific questions back to phone calls for streetlight requests (pole and address) from the commissioners
- Commissioner Cross said he did do it that way when he dealt with streetlights
- Commissioner Cronin asked about the status of the Dollar Store lights; Commissioner Atsalis said that there are wires to the pole but no lights yet

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. District Elections and Annual Meeting

- Commissioner Sullivan stated that Treasurer LaFleur is aware of the Annual Meeting date, location and just waiting on the weather report to see if the meeting will take place outside or inside
- Commissioner Cronin asked if any of the commissioners could contact former HFD Moderator Dave Kanyock
- Commissioner Skende asked what would the protocol be if Moderator Dave Kanyock cannot be present for the Annual Meeting; was there anything in the By-laws that covered the Moderator's absence?
- Commissioner Cronin said there was not
- Commissioner Skende said Treasurer LaFleur had run the announcements in the Barnstable Patriot to notify the residents that the HFD Elections are on May 18, 2021, from 3 PM to 8 PM and the Annual Meeting is on May 19, 2021, from 7 PM to 8 PM
- Commissioner Cronin asked if someone could confirm the notice had in fact been published and also if the Election and Annual Meeting information could be posted to the HFD website
- Commissioner Sullivan said he was already in communication with Treasurer LaFleur to make sure the notices had already run in the paper
- Chief Burke asked if Elections would be the same set up as last year and also if the commissioners could have plan A and plan B for the Annual Meeting set-up
- Commissioner Cronin asked when the 2022 Budget would be finalized
- Chief Burke said they will finish up the 2022 Budget later this evening
- Commissioner Skende questioned how the 2022 Budget be finalized if the Union Contract has not been finalized
- Chief Burke stated the goal was to have the Union Contract finalized before the Annual Meeting; if the Union Contract is not finalized before the Annual Meeting then you have to go with an estimate

6b. Building

- Commissioner Cross said that he and Commissioner Skende had been working to get all the figures together; tomorrow morning Commissioners Cross and Skende will meet with Treasurer LaFleur to make sure the figures are all accurate; Commissioners Cronin and Cross will meet with Lynn Foster-Welch to discuss options based on where we are with the bonds

7. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Call volume has crept back up to where we were last year
- 1 long-term injury
- Deputy Chief Kristofferson and HFD Master Mechanic Ron are doing final inspection of new engine and the expectation is that HFD will receive the truck in about 1 month
- HFD will receive a \$187,000 grant for the radio upgrade which was discussed last meeting; this grant will cover 79 radios and we will need about 20 more radios in addition to the 79; we are getting these radios at a substantial discount
- FF Mike Medeiros finished up the Ambulance Expenditure project; HFD will receive \$8100; this covers the gap between what Medicare and Medicaid pay for what we bill
- 3 structure fires over the weekend
- We continue with the Covid-19 vaccination efforts with Partner Health and the Town of Barnstable; completing homebound vaccination tomorrow then a series of 2nd dose vaccination clinics where we will be helping out

Chief's Report Continued:

- Chief Burke stated the highlighted sections of the 2022 Budget are subject to change depending on the outcome of the Union Contract; the increase in the Overtime item is based on the change of how we are doing our EMS training; Chief Burke put in the Treasurer LaFleur numbers for Payroll Taxes, Fire General Expenses – there are increases and decreases there based on our current expense report; there are no big surprises with the 2022 Budget
- Chief Burke said the 2022 Budget is a very rough first draft

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- FF Mike Dalmau stated the HFD's 125th anniversary is this year and asked the board if they could work with Chief Burke to celebrate this milestone
- Chief Burke said the Union would like to delay the current testing cycle which fall under the current promotional policy until the new testing process takes hold; this would make the cycle run posting in December and testing in April/May

Upon a motion fully made and seconded it was voted to delay the current promotional testing cycle

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Commissioner Sullivan: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Atsalis: Aye
- Commissioner Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye

II. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

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

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Commissioner Sullivan: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Atsalis: Aye
- Commissioner Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye

Adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy, Hyannis Fire District