



Cotuit Fire Commissioner's Meeting September 13, 2016

Speaker 1: Time is 5:35 Tuesday September 13th, 2016, call the meeting of the Cotuit Fire District Board of fire Commissioners to the order. In attendance commissioner Richard P no.

Tom: Tom Hadley.

Kevin: Kevin Connolly.

Speaker 1: Before I go to public comment I would like to make an announcement with regard to our ongoing process about the minutes of previous meetings. We are going to be looking at the minutes from the July meeting tonight, which we finally got loaded to the website, and we have a transcript ... There is as yet no transcript of August meetings. Oh, I need to ask, are you recording tonight? Amy Kates is recording. This is relevant to I'm about to say.

The minutes from the August meeting were barely audible. The town's I. T department is trying to run some booster programs to Salvage of the minutes so that we can get a transcript. Do you still have recordings from the august meeting?

Speaker 2: Yes,

Speaker 1: Would it be possible for us to get a copy of that? A recorded copy that we could use if we can't salvage the one that we made on the sound system?

Speaker 2: Yes.

Speaker 1: I would appreciate it thank you very much.

All right, let's begin with public comment. Nobody? All right. Then review an approval of previous meeting minutes. These as I have already said of the minutes from the July 12th meeting I have review them and aside from one correction where I believe we were speaking about the fiscal year and not the physical year. I haven't had a chance to see in this transcript if that's been corrected. I have found no problem with these minutes. Kevin?

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Tom have you had a chance to look at them?

Chief while Tom is looking at those, you've already had a chance to review these for the portions that where your presentation at that meeting?

Richard: That is correct. Sorry this is not working. That's correct.

Speaker 1: There is another one that was left inadvertently back in there on top of the equipment. Now that we actually have that microphone, I can reopen public comment if anyone is. Well, that's okay.

I would move that we approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting as presented. All in favor? I. It's unanimous. Moving on to old business.

First item on old businesses Union negotiation. Again, I must offer apologies. We have had some scheduling problems getting the first meeting of the commissioner's negotiating team together that was in part my fault, because I didn't get it posted in the right place in the right time. We're going to have that this Thursday. The meeting has been posted, after which I'm hoping that we can contact the union representatives, and setup get together before the end of the month.

Monthly activities? Chief?

Christopher: Good morning everybody. It's good to see everybody here. Chief Christopher Olson. Monthly activities we have in the month of August 2016. Rescue calls we had 42 rescue calls. 3 brush fires, two hazardous material calls. 07 Mutual Aid engine runs, and that is actually between heinous con fire in Mashpee fire, and we had 6 public assists with 10 inspection activities with a total of 60 incidences for the month of August 1st to the 30th.

Does anyone have any questions on those at all? You have a copy of those two in your files as well.

Speaker 1: Next item is the Comstar report.

Kevin: In your reports there is the Comstar report and it's from Comstar at 8/26/2016. This is for the period of 7/3/2016 to 8/26/2016. They have a net applied of \$16,578.95, for the insurance reconciling items, and they said the total of deposits with 3098.06.

Commissioner you had a question, I believe last month on the billing of Comstar ...

Speaker 1: Yes.

Kevin: Percentage-wise we did change the percentage wise, there is a chance to change

them again so we can certainly talk about a change of percentage if we would like to do so. I have some of the paperwork not for this meeting, but I have some paperwork I can bring in, and we can table it to next meeting.

Speaker 1: Very good. I would appreciate that.

Personnel. Okay, all our personnel we have one person still out of line of duty. We do have all other Personnel working, doing well. We moved one personnel to an acting Lieutenant's position to establish continuity to Group 1, and we're hoping that within the next, this being September, October, November, we're hoping to find ... At least by November we're hoping to find out what that line of duty person about retirement.

All the paperwork is in for retirement for that person, medical board is looking at it as we speak, I'm sure they've already looked at it, and they're going back to Pyrack to talk to them, that's the last word I received, and that was last month, so I'm just waiting for them to ... It's a waiting game unfortunately, and I'm just waiting for them to get back to us to retire that person.

We raised this before, and I am still not clear on what the standards of confidentiality are for some of these things particularly regard to medical condition. You and I have had conversations about it chief, but I'm not resolved on where it stands.

Christopher: I can certainly get in touch with our attorneys about that we can hopefully have a definitive answer for that for next meeting.

Richard: Yeah I had hoped we would have heard back by now. When you say they are you talk but we have not received a notification I will then if you have materials, I'd appreciate you forwarding them to me.

The meantime we'll wait end of the personalities program also for personnel we have one person that I do not wish to mention their name at this point, I just got to get a clarification if it is okay to mention it to ... you said it was okay mention it to the board. Sense the Public's here, we do have a possibility of one person, that is going out on leave, for medical reasons. I can certainly fill in the board at a different meeting.

Speaker 2: Thank you Chief.

Christopher: The last thing the personal is about myself. First of all let the board let the board know I appreciate the support, the efforts, that you folks have given to me, your predecessors have given to me, and this district have given to me. It's been absolutely incredible and I appreciate that very much.

With that in mind, in speaking with my wife on many occasions, I'm going to give my intent to retire beginning in June 30th 2016, so this will be my last year as your

fire chief, and again I am so grateful, so it's with good feelings about moving forward into a different realm, it's funny I get emotional, but I'm going to go for it, and move forward it. In my appointment here June 30th 2016. Thank you, thank you very much.

Speaker 1: Point of clarification Chief I hope you mean 17, not 16.

Christopher: 17 yeah. thank you very much. 17.Yes, thank you so much.

Speaker 1: Okay apparatus he will have a letter of intent Tuesday.

Okay apparatus 265 and 365 should be in service tomorrow. Hopefully tomorrow, we do have our radios. They're going to be putting them in tomorrow. We have a supply line on, and I'm going to transfer the hose on tomorrow. We're going to be putting it in in service to do training on it for pumping and stopping, and then we're going to fully get in in service probably within another week or so. I just want to get our firefighters to help on at least \$5 each person pump on this. It's a really good pump. It really works really well. It's really a neat system the way it's working. We do have a foam tank on there. I know there's issues with foam, so we're not going to be spreading foam in the district at this point. Just know that we do have a 20 gallon tank on there too as well. We're going to be using that truck throughout the week, and next week, and it should be in full service by the end of next week. We're really grateful to the district on that. It's a beautiful truck, it's really nice. I've heard nothing but good things about it through our firefighters and officers. Once again thank you so much to the district for that.

Kevin: Chief assuming that that plan to put it in full service in approximately a week goes forward, do we have a timetable for when the other truck will be taken out of service for Rehab?

Richard: Next week it will be taken out of service as soon as 265 is in service and the 5 footers feel very comfortable pumping that truck. They can already drive it perfectly fine, now we just got to get some pump training on it. Soon as that's done within next week the 263. the 263, the rehab truck that we want ... Rehab is actually going to go up to minute man, and they're going to give us a quote on that, and bring that forward. I would say by next week it should be out of service 263 and 265 should be in service.

Kevin: Could I request that when you get the quote from them if that happens before our next meeting that you get that information to us right away just so we know where we stand in terms of money allotted?

Richard: They're on the state bid too so, I will look at three different quotes, but you don't need to[inaudible 00:19:24]. We'll look at that make sure that's done appropriately.

Speaker 1: The last item under new business is Union contract. I think I've already touched on that. This is hopefully going to be an opportunity for us in this calendar ... In this

fiscal year to get contract negotiations done ahead of time and productively, that is our hope so as I said I'm looking forward to being able to presume a league out of first meeting scheduled before the end of September.

Last item are the warrants. Do either of my fellow commissioners have any questions about the warrants that came out this week? I did have just one question on 5245 Chief maintenance grounds. Where do we stand I got a blocking on the word.

Kevin: The number of that again is?

Speaker 1: The 5245.

I'm interested in the sewage.

Tom: There it is.

Speaker 1: Yes.

Tom: I knew it was something other than sewage.

Stan: Yes, that is an ongoing. Every 3 months we need to pump it out process. It is a failing system, as they said it's a failing system. That we're going to need to replace it shortly. That grounds is going to be probably used up and we may go into the building part of that too as well. We have quotes actually and it's going to be in the strategic plan. I lot to do before my retirement. One of those tasks is to complete that strategic plan that we started. In that, will be that process of how to go about taking care of the sewer problems that we have, septic systems we have. It was only meant for a 5 or 7 people, septic systems.

Tom: Chief I actually have one other question and it Warrants 5130 is again posted at well over the total annual allotment, are we still reflecting expenditures from last fiscal year on that one item, or are we that far over?

Richard: That is that far over because of our personnel that have a line of duty. We don't have a line item to cover that, we had insurance to cover that. If you recall the district gets money from that, and we don't receive it. There is no offset in that respect. The district gets an offset maybe in taxes or whatever. They use if from the general fund. We certainly don't receive that money in the fire department to aid us in that, so we are going to be in there you know ... What is it, it's actually \$10,000 into \$10,200 since July.

Tom: Even [inaudible 00:23:21] for the request of the remaining firefighter take retirement. We are likely to be substantially more than that before that's resolved.

Richard: Correct. We're looking at two months and hopefully earlier where we receive some word from the retirement board.

Tom: All right. Thank you.

Richard: Thank you.

Speaker 1: Stan?

Stan: Stan Goldsteen. [inaudible 00:23:59] Question for the chief with respect to this account. I understand that this is an account that just picks up costs from disabled or injured people, and you have no way of knowing what's going to happen in the future. If we look back let's say five years, it'd take an average, and maybe kick it up a little bit and plug it into the budget next year so you're covered.

Richard: That is actually precisely kind of what we do actually, is we look at so much 5 years, we maybe look 3 years back, and then we look at the previous years, and the year before as it's written on the propitiation sheet, and we average it out, and hopefully that crystal ball is not so cloudy when we go through that, but it's so difficult to determine if someone gets hurt or not. If someone's sick or not.

Vacation, we got already in the books. We know, we know what everybody has in vacation time. Sick time we don't know, and illnesses we don't know, and injuries we don't know. Certainly we don't want our 5 footers injured or have an illnesses, but it happens. We will definitely, yeah.

Cynthia: Cynthia Gardner 94 School Street. I didn't have any public comment previously, because I was hoping that the items I was concerned about would be addressed. At our last meeting Mr. Prizza no, you asked the chief to make sure he included in his response report how many mutually vehicles came to our district, and I'd like to know if we could have a number of any [inaudible 00:25:42], and secondly we were supposed to get a quote of what the engine might be valued at, that was just replaced?

Richard: To answer the last question first. We didn't do the appraisal on it yet, obviously as you heard from me we have about two or three months before we get so we're not going to take 265-0265 is not coming out of service until we get the new brand new 263 back in. Back from rehab. We got some time to do that, and that didn't seem very minor on our radar. That will be done, and it will be an appraisal, we've done it many times before it's not a big thing, so we will have that done for you and for the district.

To answer the question on the first question. I didn't get that report. I don't know how many people have come in. I haven't looked at that in firehouse. That's a very simple fix to do and I'll have it ready for next meeting.

Speaker 1: Any other comment? I will move to adjourn the meeting. Favor? Thank you.

