

Fire Commissioner's Meeting Draft Minutes

October 11, 2022 @ 5.30pm

Present: Chairman Kevin Conley, Commissioner's Adam Zais & Rick Pisano, Fire Chief Sean Brown and Lt. John Amento

– meeting Broadcast via Zoom only

First order of Business:

- **Minutes**
 - Motion to approve previous meeting minutes as revised with corrections to names and spelling (Connelly incorrect - Conley correct) / (Lt. Mento incorrect - Lt. Amento is correct) / (Expenditure Ledger clarity - educational incentive is not a one time thing and it is annual)
 - All in favor

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

New Business:

Fire Chief Report:

- Total August Responses: 80
 - 1 building fire
 - 62 EMS
 - 1 hazardous condition
 - 3 service calls
 - 2 good intent
 - 11 false alarm

Administration:

- Department hosted a September 11th Remembrance Ceremony
 - Cotuit Federated Church supported ceremony
- Hose testing is underway
 - Will be developing a Capital Development plan for FY 25 on 263 to be replaced. Hose is 25 years old and standard life expectancy is 30 years.
 - *Commissioner Pisano asked about vehicle maintenance repairs on the expenditure ledger which shows 40% of line item as of 10.07.2022 and it not being reflected in Chief Brown's \$9,000 invoice?*
 - **Chief Brown answered that the invoice has gone out in the warrant and it is possible that it hit the most recent expenditure report but he will follow up with Commissioner Pisano regarding same.**
 - *Chairman Conley stated that after checking, the expenditure is showing on the current ledger*

Technology:

- Received 3 quotes on system upgrades
 - Telephone system at the firehouse is under review regarding recommendations and those will be forthcoming to the board

PRO EMS REPORT

- Not discussed

Personnel and Training

- Positive Citizen Comments
 - Sent in shared folder the cards received from Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit
 - FF Williamson and FF Gardner participated in Cotuit Library Harvest Fest
 - A lot of positive feedback from community
 - Commissioner Pisano commented that the FD did a great time with little kids
 - Lt. McNamara, FF McPhearson and Chief Brown participated in the West Barnstable Rural Water Supply drill
 - Event was coordinated by FF McPhearson
 - *Commissioner Zais asked Chief Brown to describe what the W. Barnstable Rural Water Supply drill consists of?*
 - **Chief Brown stated not all of the districts in the town and not all of towns on the Cape have fire hydrants. There could potentially be a fire that overwhelms the capacity of the water supply systems in that particular area. The Rural Water Supply is a system of Porta-Tanks which are collapsible swimming pools in the range of 1,500 - 2,000 gallons. Tankers shuttle water from a reliable water source, dump the water into the Porta-Tanks then fire engines draft out of the Porta-Tanks and supply fire attack apparatus. There are some pictures on FD social media.**
 - FD completed the Hazmat metering training which had an outside instructor come in to go over metering and air sampling
 - FF Lee and FF Gardner completed the car seat installation certification training so the service may be offered again to the community
 - Drill on an acquired structure is scheduled October 14, 2022 @9.00am
 - Ground Ladder work and Saw work
- Training Report with Lieutenant Clark
 - Not discussed

Apparatus and equipment:

- New portables and new mobiles.
 - Still waiting on external mics.

- Hydrogen Cyanide meter - which is a byproduct of combustion and fire scenes - along with the four gas with the autoionizing detection capability, have been placed in service after the recent training
- Engine 265 has returned
- 263 is at the service vendor for PM and once during the PM process, they will evaluate for necessary repairs (no cost estimate yet)
- 266 (marine unit) - original service had been delayed but is being pulled tomorrow since the vendor is now able to get to it right away
- Commissioner Pisano stated that when the vehicle maintenance cost was first discussed, (the PM and repair costs for all the vehicles), the concern was that the cost was going to go right through the line item but instead, they are at 40% unless the next report comes back with really pricey repairs.
- Chairman Conley stated that repair to 263 may be the biggest cost as of right now.
- *Commissioner Pisano asked about the program with Sandwich?*
 - **Chief Brown answered no new info on shared resource. He stated that he is waiting for Ford to release the price for 2023 cab and chassis.**
 - *Commissioner Pisano stated that the FD still has the money originally allotted in a separate warrant for that spare ambulance project. By Spring, the FD may be having a discussion about asking the district to approve taking a chunk of that money to cover the increased cost of the new ambulance and revising the model on how to use a shared resource*

Facilities:

- Repairs have been completed to bathroom fire sink
 - *Commissioner Pisano asked that we finally have all the materials in and do the doors lock?*
 - **Chief Brown answered yes, all materials received.**
- Other repairs have been scheduled and underway

OLD BUSINESS:

School Building Sub-Committee Reports

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Chairman Conley will reach out to see if there is any new action

Commissioner Zais - School Building subcommittee

- nothing new to report
- Commissioner Zais was over at the School Building the other day - building is still there but no forward motion yet.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Commissioner Zais – Elementary School update

- disbanded

FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMITTEE

Chairman Conley

- Not discussed

Public Comment

No Public comment at the end

Motion to go into Executive Session under purpose Three - to discuss strategy re collective bargaining or litigation if an Open Meeting may have detrimental effects on the bargaining. The litigation position of the public body also declares bargaining unit local 3642- the committee shall not be returned to Open Session- all in favor.