

Cotuit Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners

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October 11, 2016 Commissioner Minutes

Rick Pisano: Calling to order the monthly meeting of the Cotuit Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, Tuesday, October 11th, 5:30pm. First, is anyone recording? Amy Cates, recording. Anyone else? Public comment? Yes. ... Public comment? Review and approval of previous meeting minutes. I do not have any previous meeting minutes. My understanding is that they were submitted; I have not seen them on the website and I have not gotten a printed copy for review. ... I did. Let me just pause and back up. Identify ourselves yet again. Fire Commissioner Rick Pisano.

Tom Hadley: Commissioner Tom Hadley.

Kevin Conley: Kevin Conley

Rick Pisano: OK. Let's try to remember to identify ourselves when we speak. Rick speaking for the future minutes. OK, old business. Monthly activities; we have our report from the chief in front of us.

Chief Olsen: OK. We have a bad mic here. Commissioner Hadley, just let me know if you need to speak and I'll bring that over to you. Thank you, sir. OK, what I provided you in your folders, you will see- This is Christopher Olsen, your fire chief. The monthly activities; that's that monthly report that we give for the month before, so that'd be all of September. As you go down the list, there are different items in each column from rescue all the way down to insurance inspections. Emergency runs, we had a total of 47 last month. That is very shy of- We are in the market of doing 80-100, believe it or not, and we were- In September, we were probably 45-50 ahead, and now I believe we're 10 ahead, so the month of September really slowed us down quite a bit, which is good for the district; for the people in the district.

We had rescue calls; we had 28 rescue calls. Motor vehicle crashes; we had 2 in the village. The hazardous conditions; we had 2. The automatic fire alarms; we had 6, so that gives us a grand total of 47 emergency instances in the month of September. For the inspections, we had 3 26Fs, as we call them. The transfers of properties, and we had 1 pre-inspection going on, and we do a pre-inspection free of charge, obviously, to district members, and so that was a total of 4 on the activities, and that is it.

Rick Pisano: Chief Rick speaking. Mutual aid; the engine was 4. Do we have Mutual aid received as opposed to provided?

Chief Olsen: Yes, but we didn't receive any that I saw. Oh, we did, actually. We received rescues, actually, not mutual aid engines, so I don't think there's a mutual aid rescue on here. They have mutual aid paramedic, which, that probably could be under mutual aid ambulance, but we did receive approximately 5 because of our ambulance being out of service for that week. We did have 5 public assists. I didn't read that out, sorry.

Rick Pisano: The Comstar report?

Chief Olsen: That has also been furnished to you folks; it's right there in front of you, the next page. Comstar, and this is date of 9/30/2016, it's posted period of 8/27/16 to 9/30/16, and total deposits says UC is \$4,606.31. Total net payment applied was \$10,363.22. Again, that's from the period of 8/27/16 to 9/30/16. From prepared and reconciled by Comstar.

Rick Pisano: Under old business, we have the union negotiating committee. They will be- This is Rick speaking. There will be a meeting of the committee tomorrow night. The agenda is posted on the website. In regard to the activity of that committee, I would like to propose a motion that the Cotuit Fire District Board and Fire Commissioners petition the Prudential committee to call for a special district meeting to be held as soon as possible, to consider a variety of special funding for us All in favor? "3 aye votes" Secondly, I would like to move that Cotuit Fire District Board and Fire Commissioners request the Prudential committee present to the district voters a request for \$40,000 in additional funding for legal services to assist in the negotiation of a new contract with the Cotuit Firefighters' Union. [inaudible 00:11:21] All in favor? Aye.

Tom Hadley: Aye.

Kevin Conley: Aye

Rick Pisano: It's unanimous. Moving to new business. First item is the hiring process for a replacement chief. ... Under that item, I'd like to make a motion that the Cotuit Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners request that the Prudential committee present to district voters a request for \$20,000 in additional funding for the search process for a new chief. That's second. All in favor? Aye.

Tom Hadley: Aye.

Kevin Conley: Aye.

Rick Pisano: It's unanimous. Second motion. I'd like to move that the Cotuit Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners establish a citizen advisory committee to assist in the search for a new chief. We have a second. All in favor? Aye.

Tom Hadley: Aye.

Kevin Conley: Aye.

Rick Pisano: Also in that line item, I'd like to move that the Board of Fire Commissioners request that the Prudential committee present to district voters a request for funding a transitional position of assistant chief for a maximum term of a quarter year. The amount of the request will be determined prior to the district meeting. Second. All in favor? Aye.

Tom Hadley: Second

Tom Hadley: Aye.

Kevin Conley: Aye.

Rick Pisano: Also unanimous. Next under new business is personnel. Chief?

Chief: OK. All our personnel except for one is working. We have one on line of duty that has been on line of duty for quite a while. That person has gone to the medical board with the retirement system, so we will not know any information; any pertinent information until 60 days out. It takes about 60 days for them to make a decision, and then from that point it does to the retirement board, for them to decide, and they take proximal, they say 30 days, and after the 30 days, they will deliberate and give the yes they'll accept or no they won't accept, so we're looking like April to be able to possibly retire that person and to start moving forward to our new person to replace that person. It's quite a big process they're going through.

Kevin Conley: Who is out?

Chief Olsen: That's the Lieutenant. The Lieutenant's out right now; the Lieutenant Sargent.

Rick Pisano: Next item is apparatus.

Chief Olsen: 265 is in service as of last month. We will have an open house in Christmas in Cotuit to thank the district voters and the district members for Engine 265 and we welcome as many district people to come through our doors as always. We'll have chili, and we'll have a good time with the [inaudible 00:15:07] crew. Christmas in Cotuit and that's the first Saturday of December. Santa will be- The boat will be on the mooring for that purpose until then, and then we'll be taking it off. All the other apparatuses. 263 is going to be brought to Minuteman to get a quote and to get the work done, because that's where we purchased that vehicle from.

Rick Pisano: We have a timetable for that, chief?

Chief Olsen: No, we don't.

Kevin Conley: Can that be posted in "Currents"?

Chief Olsen: Sure. The open house is always available. When they do, I'll go to the civic association meeting and ask if they could put that in; sure.

Rick Pisano: Last item under new business; we have received a request that we appoint one of the commissioners to serve this year on the policy advisory committee. ... Do we have any volunteers? Commissioner Hadley has volunteered. Move we appoint Commissioner Hadley to the policy advisory committee. In favor?

Kevin Conley: Second

Kevin Conley: Aye.

Rick Pisano: Aye.

Rick Pisano: Yes, you have to vote for yourself, son. ... As much as there is no other business before us, I move we adjourn the meeting. Second?

Tom Hadley: Second

Tom Hadley: Aye

Kevin Conley: Aye.

Rick Pisano: Unanimous. Meeting is closed.