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Jan 12, 2016 Commissioner Mtg Minutes

Speaker 1: The time has arrived it's now five pm on the twelfth of January, 2016. Good evening all. Thank you for coming. Our first point of business, is anybody recording? Ms. Cates. Anyone else? Thank you.

Next business will be a review and approval of any previous minutes. Rick?

Rick: I've reviewed them online earlier and I just checked the printed copy, they all seem in order.

Speaker 1: Thank you. Next item of business is public comment. Ms. Cates?

Ms. Cates: Amy Cates. Am I recording?

Speaker 1: Yeah.

Ms. Cates: Okay great. Amy Cates 4782 Falmouth Rd. My question gentlemen is that, I was wondering if the Chief during his report could give a status of the employees, on most recent hired, some educational requirements that he is going to satisfy. I wonder if the chief can give us an update on the status of that education. Thank you very much.

Speaker 1: Mrs. Gardener?

Mrs. Gardener: Cynthia Gardener 94 School St. I have a question basically for the chief [inaudible 05:53]. Back in 2012 we had issues and it was supposed to be resolved within the time the contract comes into effect and I would like you to clarify. Are the employees that are out on extended sick leave or vacation [inaudible 06:11]

Speaker 1: Chief can you speak to that?

Comm. Prosano: Chief if you don't mind perhaps I can. Commissioner Prosano. I've been going over the records for the past year and a half now and also looked at some preliminary data from several years back. I don't have a final report on that but I

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am continuing the process of reviewing it. It also dovetails with questions in an outstanding lawsuit and with the upcoming arbitration for the contract. I'd like to do is continue the opportunity to finish the research that I'm doing and report back probably March, after the first arbitration meeting with summary statement of that.

Speaker 1: [inaudible 07:15]

Comm. Prosano: Mm-hmm (affirmative)

Speaker 1: Next will be the Chief's report please. Tom?

Chief: Hi I'm Christopher Olson your fire chief get to it, and to answer the question for the employee that was asked the first time ... If the board has no issue with me answering that I can answer that question.

Speaker 1: Go ahead chief.

Chief: The question was about a recent hire that we've had. There was some stipulations of education and have they fulfilled. They have fulfilled the educational part and now we're just waiting for the test. The person is called ... To my knowledge he's called and scheduled an exam, and hopefully that answers that question.

Okay on to the Fire Chief's report monthly statements, monthly activities. We had fourteen rescue calls. We actually had a lot more than fourteen rescue calls but our ambulance was out of service for a couple of weeks, about seven or eight days actually. We had fourteen rescue calls and twenty nine fire and EMS calls for a total of 43 calls for the month of December. We ended the year ... This is probably for my next report, but we ended the year with eight hundred and thirty calls versus eight hundred and one the previous year. It's an increase of 29 calls.

We were actually slated to see end of November early December we were slated at forty one calls extra so we had a slide in December. Our December is usually in the sixty range and I was really shocked to see that it was forty three. We usually do around sixty two/sixty four in December around there.

In Comstar report, I furnished you a copy of the Comstar report as you see there. This is the date of 12/31/2015 and actually the period from 11/26/15-12/31/15 it's \$11923 is a net applied and eight cents is the net applied to our Comstar for collection, for reconciling the items. They do send other reports but it's more of a breakdown of the people that we serve, that we had service to for rescue. It's not appropriate to print those out but if you would like to see them at some point we can certainly show them to you.

For the budget, I furnished you with the budget appropriations from our treasurer. We are looking on target. We are over on eight different items, very similar to what we mentioned last time. It was exactly the same as of last month so please take a look at those items you'll see that some of them are slightly over the line item but the budget itself is holding true. It's not in the red at this time, the overall. If you have any questions on that budget please you can send me an email. We can go over line items if you like or whatever on those that you have concerns with.

Fire apparatus, as you know, we did order our saber our pier saber. We just paid for the appropriation last week, two weeks ago, we sent in two hundred and thirty plus thousand dollars to Pierce for the chassis. That covers our agreement with them to pay early for the chassis so we can get that \$6000 discount. It's going to pay off at the end.

Personnel, our personnel are ... First of all for our personnel I'd like to personally thank the union members that showed up last night to Bill Fleming's memorial of life service that we had on John Lawrence and today was the funeral for him. I was with Bill for nineteen years in [inaudible 12:41] Fire and I want to thank you guys for showing up. I appreciate that very much, and I'm sure his family did too. We do have three people still on line of duty but hopefully within the end of the month we'll see possibly one or two returning. That will be really good. We'll be looking forward to that.

Comm. Prosano: This is Commissioner Prosano. That's an increase?

Chief: Yes increase of one. Yes.

Comm. Prosano: When did that happen?

Chief: Two weeks ago, and as of right now we're going to table ... I have nothing further on the deputy chief's position for you. We're going to table it until next month if that's okay. As well as the capital expenditure plan that I put forward and really we're looking at HVAC for next year, one of the big ticket items, and possibly looking at the roof. We're going to table that until next month as well.

Okay the new business last month we actually gave you a budget for FY 2017, a draft budget. If you folks could make any recommendations I would love to hear that. If you want to send it in email form that would be great, so we can start looking at the budget. We probably should have a meeting soon, a special meeting for budget. At least you have the budget in its format, how it's laid out and also some of the increases that I put in there, some of the decreases that I put on line items. We can certainly ... We should have a meeting soon for that. It needs to be done before March, or around March the March meeting, submitted.

The end of the year report, you have a copy that I furnished you today. That is going to go to the clerk. Obviously, I'd like to have you read that. Take that home, read that, if there's any corrections that need to be made please forward it to me in my email and I can make those corrections. Then I can send them back to you and then we can get that finalized so we can send that to [inaudible 15:07] our clerk.

Speaker 1: Quite extensive.

Chief: Yeah we did a lot of stuff last year. The self contained breathing apparatus we're looking into replacing our units. They're quite an expensive project and we do have a lieutenant that's working on this with me. We're going to look into some grants and see if we can get some grants for this project. It's very expensive. In the past the district has been kind enough to award of the monies to purchase the self containing breathing apparatus but we're going to see if we can offset it this year or next year, probably next year with grants. That's all I have for you folks.

Speaker 1: My question on the scuba is how many we have now? How many are we going to need? Are they all going to be new or are you going to break them up into several years where you buy two/three whatever?

Chief: Right now we have a program if you look at the budget that I furnished you in 2017, there's an increase in that line item for just that reason. If we do not get a grant, that's not available to us then we're going to start replacing three at a time now. You'll see that reflection in the line item on the FY 2017 budget. Three a year and we should be up to speed, but really we need to replace I want to say ... I thought we has about twenty one plus that we need to look at and replace. Lieutenant Puliack so I have to defer to him on what years. They've been checked and they're all okay but we got to refer to him.

Speaker 1: How many do we have total?

Chief: I want to say twenty one to twenty four total, I believe it is. If we start replacing it's going to take a little while to replace them if it's three a year.

Speaker 1: Well we have twelve firefighters, right? Now are you including on call people too?

Chief: No, well it's not for each firefighter. This is not just an individual thing it's on every piece of apparatus and we should have extras as well. You have three trucks and each apparatus has five and then each one has a back up so that's twenty right there. Mine's twenty one and maybe two extras so it's about twenty three/twenty four. That roughly runs the gamut of what we have and of PA standards.

Speaker 1: Do you have any questions on this? No?

Chief: Thank you.

Speaker 1: Okay that's it. Do you have anything further? No?

Rick: Oh wait I do. Do we have any update on the status of arbitration?

Chief: I don't know of any ... Where we stand on arbitration at this point. I would refer you to the [inaudible 18:44] committee maybe they found out something, or maybe possible the president if he found out something, of the union. I haven't received any information on that.

Rick: Okay.

Speaker 1: If there's nothing further I move we close the ...

Comm. Prosano: One other thing I just want to enter into the records. This is Commissioner Prosano. I want to express my appreciation to the firefighters for the meeting that we had last week, last Wednesday. It was a nice opportunity to get to meet the full staff and I really appreciated it.

Speaker 1: I agree with that very much. I was a little late, but I explained my tardiness and everybody got a little kick out of it. I had to hand out clothes. If there's nothing more I move we close tonight's meeting.

Male: Second.

Speaker 1: All in favor.

All: I

Speaker 1: Thank you all.