

Commissioners Meeting

July 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

976 Main Street, Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Massachusetts

Called to order at 5:30

Commissioners present: Rick Pisano, Kevin Conley, and Adam Zais

Present: Fire Chief Christopher Olsen

No public recording

Public Comment:

- Amy Kates asked a few questions about the Fire Department's Administrative Assistant. What are her hours, rate of pay, hours she works at Prudential Committee, if the total of hours puts her over 20 hours and if she gets benefits from the district? Commissioner Pisano replied that at the last meeting it was voted that she works 32 hours at the Fire Department. He will have to consult if rate of pay is posted but it is a salary position, Prudential is a separate matter as was an independent posting by the Prudential Committee that she applied for and the 32 hours do entitle her to apply for health insurance, but not sure if she applied for that.

Minutes:

- Motion made to approve June 13 Minutes, seconded, all in favor

Chief Report:

- Comstar Report: 55 responses 42% medical 58% were service calls. Regarding Administration we are working on our software issues- restored Firehouse and submitted all of 2016 calls to the state. This software also works with the CAD so will be able to get all the calls recorded, also does preplans for commercial properties. Will have computers in trucks so all data will be available at fingertips which will involve licenses and updates. Had an Officer's meeting last month and the Lieutenants were excited about being involved in different departments and having areas of responsibility within the Fire Department. Training- Chris is looking into setting up a car seat installation class and CPR instructor classes. Lt Pouliot is setting up monthly fire drills and bi-monthly EMS drills.
- Comstar report was reviewed. Discussed allowable billing and collecting. Discussed going through a collection agency through Comstar. The company is called First Financial Resources, it will collect 3-5 percent that Comstar doesn't collect. At the end of the day it would collect about \$900 more, not a lot of money plus involves a lot of aggravation for our resident with the follow up calls and mailings. Commissioner Zais researched and found the report on what was voted on. Public discussion was held Commissioner Zais will look into finding the audio from 2006 for clarity. Commissioner Pisano feels that with the current information gained about collection. Motion made to revisit topic in six months, seconded, Amy Kates asked about how much the average

cost for an ambulance run is—Chief Rhude not sure of average rate, but thinks about \$1,000 for ALS, Basic \$800. Motion made again, seconded, and all in favor.

New Business:

- Personnel: Call FF TJ Marques has resigned due to a move. FF Kate Halloran is taking the PAT test, once she passes will get into the Fire Academy.
- Apparatus: The Boat is now at a private dock. Owners have let us keep it there for the year. Have already had one rescue call and two service calls in it. 262 was rear ended a few months ago, just repaired and back in service, will sent out texts to all the Commissioner from now on the update all apparatus incidents. 263 out of service due to CO alarms going off. Waiting for a mechanic to asses.
- Building: The engineering survey will be done at the end of the week and then plans will be created for a new septic system.

Warrants:

- Commissioner Pisano recognizes and has signed warrants already. Print out for the budget expenditure is not available yet as the Treasurer's office is having trouble with the print outs.
- Commissioner Conley noticed and mentioned that the Open Meeting Law legal fees for complaints on the warrants for the month of June is over \$1236.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved