Fire Commissioners Meeting
January 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
976 Main Street, Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Massachusetts

Called to order at 5:30

Present: Commissioner's Rick Pisano, Kevin Conley, Adam Zais and Fire Chief, Paul Rhude

Public Comment: N/A

Minutes: Motion made to approve December minutes with no changes, seconded, all in favor

Chief Report

Monthly Activities: (please see attachment A)

Administrative:

- We have received the Senior SAFE grant again this year-about \$1,600, will provide report how money
 was spent last year. During budget reviews plan to publicize this what we offer to the community
 regarding safety inspections and about free smoke/co detectors. Commissioner Zais mentioned that
 the Civic Association is offering a spot in the Currents newsletter-Commissioner Zais will let Chief
 Rhude know more details.
- Received a letter of appreciation from a retiring Barnstable Police Officer commending CFD for services rendered. (please see attachment C)
- Nothing new to report on open cape. The water department receives open cape for free in exchange
 for the use of the water tower. It would be a similar cost if we switched our phones over to IT-services
 would be better, but not a savings. Will do more research as look into security systems may be more
 savings.
- Commissioner Conley asked if would put the letter of appreciation on Facebook-yes, will be on tomorrow.
- Commissioner Pisano asked if next month the Chief Rhude could provide the numbers of equivalent
 cost regarding switching phone carriers as he would like to revisit this, believes the advantage in
 service and reliability would warrant further consideration to consider the switch whether there is a
 cost savings or not. Cindy was wondering if the water department was getting the service yet?
 Commissioner Pisano did not have that information.

Training:

• This month will be doing ice rescue training and Chief Rhude will be practicing ice diving-location depends on thickness of the ice. Ice rescue was discussed.

Pro EMS report:

• (Please see attachment B) Hyannis is up \$350,000 in collections for the year with their switch to Pro EMS

Personnel: nothing to report

Apparatus:

- Boat is now off trailer and inside to be worked on/cleaned up.
- New 260 got in a minor accident (slight damage to side mirror, no injuries)
- 269 and old 260 disposed of on the auction site govdeals received \$761 (disclosing all the problems it had) for 269 and \$19,850 for 260.
- Commissioner Conley asked about the backup boat (zodiac) confirming it is operational and good to go-Chief Rhude confirmed it was.

Facilities:

• Driveway is completed and the handicapped ramp is mostly completed. On duty crew saved us money by helping rip up the old ramp. Have about \$16,000 remaining in that article for the driveway. Still hoping to fix the ramp itself with funds.

- Working on roof bids and station security
- Received three quotes after asking almost ten plumbers-quotes were close to 10k. Commissioner Conley provided a few names, one plumber gave a quote of almost half that cost.

Old Business:

• Boat naming contest-will go in April/May's Current newsletter, Chief Rhude's daughter Lauren created flyers to put up in local stores and schools.

New Business:

- Budget prep season-have budget proposal by the end of February to present to the Prudential Committee. Commissioner Pisano encouraged the commissioners to review the budget with the Chief Rhude as Commissioner Pisano would like to look at an interim in progress at the next meeting.
- Chief Rhude reviewed the articles he was thinking of-one is the Scott packs, station renovation article
 (depending on what the facility study recommends) station needs new kitchen, carpets, a few other not
 major items. The garage next door to be used for storage. No dramatic changes in the budget from
 last year. Commissioner Conley suggested looking into quotes for the renovations to the station.
 Commissioner Pisano suggested drawing up a list of specific inhouse changes in order of priority to
 begin to cost estimate for the February report
- Conflict of interest training: has to be completed every two years. Commissioner Zais will complete his shortly and submit a copy.
- Commissioner Conley asked if Chief Rhude could put together items completed outside Chris's job description
- January 28 CFD will be holding a Senior SAFE presentation; Hyannis Fire will be joining the presentation.

Motion to adjourn: seconded, all in favor