

Fire Commissioners Meeting
Draft Minutes
June 9, 2020

Remote Zoom Meeting

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

Recording on Zoom

No Public Comment:

Minutes not available

Fire Chief Report:

- Monthly Activities-Reviewed report

Administration:

- Currently have a good supply of PPE
- Covid update-no new cases in the last 60 days.
- Antibody testing-working on setting up mobile test site possibly for next week to be either at the station or Freedom Hall testing will be covered by personal insurance, no Dr referrals needed and is open to the public.
- Deputy working on SOG. Four are out this month for comment period. Final versions will be available at the next meeting.

Amy Kates asked if Cynthia Gardner could make a public comment-Commissioner Pisano asked if Ms. Kates could please use the chat function so as to not interrupt the meeting and would appreciate if Ms. Gardner could wait until the end of the meeting to comment. Chief Rhude mentioned that the chat function has been disabled-Commissioner Pisano was unaware of this.

Budget Update

- Last week the sufficient funds in operation was discussed.
- Radio Update: state radio replacements will be arriving late summer/fall.
- Reviewed updated FY21 budget PowerPoint which was going to be used for the Civic Association meeting, but Jim Dannhauser decided to use the Treasurer's spreadsheet as it shows all the departments. Chief Rhude will provide copies to the Commissioners.
- Station still distributing N95 masks and hand sanitizer refills once a week
- Working on COVID expense reimbursement through the state this week
- COMM dispatch is changing the CAD system to Rednx for their records. Cotuit is looking into this change. Price will be \$5900 for integration or just under \$16,000 to switch to this new software and replace Firehouse. Discussion continued including the pros/cons of Firehouse, benefits of data feed, and consistency with COMM. Commissioner Pisano feels should be prepared to spend at least \$5900 for integration and asked if was a dividable cost? Chief Rhude will collect more information and the Commissioners agreed to meet a week for today (June 16) to discuss further.

Training:

- Boat training over the next month

ProEMS Report:

- Reviewed handouts

Personnel:

- one FF out sick for potential COVID issue. Commissioner Pisano suggested to ask the FF to get tested for antibodies when the mobile unit is at the station may assist with expense reimbursement. One FF out with an IOD back injury.
- Two applications for call FF
- Commissioner Pisano asked that the Commissioners put the tentative date of September 23 on their calendar for arbitration regarding the step 3 grievance.

Apparatus:

- 266 (boat) in service at the dock. Will be paying slip fee of \$5,500 again this year.

Facilities:

- Voting will be held at the station. Working with Prudential on the layout and decontamination.
- 56 High street -The station uses the garage for storage. The garage doors need to be replaced, obtaining a price for new garage doors. FF have been maintaining the property by mowing and tree trimming. Commissioner Zais asked about any issues with spending money on district property from station funds. Chief Rhude stated the garage is used for storage, and the FF use the property for BBQs there is no legal implication using district money for district property.
- Annual District meeting will be at Lowell Park.

New Business:

- Deputy Chief Contract: contract for Deputy Chief is contingent upon salary being approved with the new budget. Commissioner Pisano asked Chief Rhude to provide a template to work with towards that contract.
- District Voting at the Fire Station- Absentee ballots are available at the fire station for a curbside pickup. FF Emerson updates the website with new information

Old Business

- Pandemic Operations-already discussed
- FY21 Article for Special District Meeting-no comments. Chief Rhude asked if Commissioners could take a formal vote to endorse the request of Prudential to have the Special District Meeting. Commissioner Pisano stated so moved, Commissioner Zais second, no discussion, vote all in favor Commissioners Pisano, Conley, Zais.

Other business/topics not anticipated by the Chair:

- Commissioner Pisano invited Cynthia Gardner to make a public comment as he was not aware the chat function was disabled. Cynthia Gardner attempted comment, but lost phone signal.

Motion to adjourn, second all in favor.