

**Fire Commissioner's Meeting
Draft Minutes**

January 18, 2022

Present: Chairman Rick Pisano, Commissioner's Adam Zais & Kevin Conley,

Interim Fire Chief Small

– meeting live at Freedom Hall – Broadcast via Zoom to Public

New Fire Chief Nomination

Presentations for new candidate for new fire Chief

- **Commissioner Conley Motion to move forward with an offer of the new Chief position to go to**

Lt. Sabatanelli and offer him the position pending negotiations for contract as well as successful background check

- Chairman Pisano seconded motion
 - Commissioner Zais asked if the Commissioners were allowed to ask Commissioner Conley to give a larger background to the motion
 - Commissioner Conley answered that having had the opportunity to see both of the candidates on a couple of different occasions as well as the other candidates, the belief was that either candidate would have been truly successful and the Motion that he put forward with his recommendation would be best for the district
 - Chairman Pisano asked Commissioner Conley to reconsider his motion and instead vote by writing candidates names down
 - Commissioner Zais commented that he would follow Commissioner Conley's recommendation and explained how he reviewed and considered each candidate and all of the applications and that both candidates were equal in their ability to do the job but would also exceed expectations
 - Chairman Pisano commented that he also weighed the consideration of the transition from "staff" to "administration" for each candidate and that one candidate has had significantly more years in that role
 - Commissioner Pisano asked what the ramifications of NOT making a decision tonight - probably both disappointed
 - Chairman Pisano answered that two very qualified candidates would be sent home
 - Commissioner Conley also weighed in regarding what has been done to get to the two qualified candidates
- **Commissioner Conley in favor of moving forward with the motion**
- **Chairman Pisano not in favor of moving forward with the motion**
- **Commissioner Zais in favor of moving forward with the motion**

Motion carries.

New Business:

- Vote for representatives to go into contract negotiations & move that Commissioner's Conley and Zais and serve with a member to be appointed from the Prudential Committee to serve as representatives for contract negotiations
 - Chairman Pisano and Commissioner Zais in favor

- Meeting minutes from December 14, 2021 and December 20, 2021,
 1. Motion to accept with spelling of Commissioner Conley's name spelled correctly
 2. Accepted as amended
 - All in favor.

- In the process of preparing the annual report to be submitted to the clerk
 - Draft will not appear in this Meetings Minutes
 - Will try to get it finalized and approved at next meeting and get to the clerk
 - Draft budget is a preliminary model
 - Hoped to have had a candidate hired to begin work with it
 - Prudential wants presentation Monday January 24, 2022 of preliminary budget – trying to get a finalized draft

Fire Chief Report:

- 69 Total responses
 - 44 Medial
 - 2 Hazardous Conditions
 - 23 Service / Good Intent

Administration:

- Interim Chief

PRO EMS REPORT

- On-line

Training:

- Nothing to report

Personnel:

- Firefighter out on IOD is still out on IOD but making good progress with an anticipated February 2022 return date
- Received from Cotuit District's Attorney
 - Employment Agreement between the Cotuit Fire District and the interim Fire Chief
 - As a formality, Commissioner's signatures and Chief's signature are needed so that it may be forwarded to Prudential Committee

Apparatus:

- Ambulance 262 was damaged in a motor vehicle accident just before Christmas
 - Repairs have been completed and was sent to SAV (truck Co. in Wareham) and had routine maintenance done & addressed two air leaks in the system
 - In the air system, there is a persistent oxygen leak that SAV was not able to tackle but it is not uncommon
 - Fire Chief Small phoned a representative from Specialty Vehicle (dealer) to make arrangements to have the oxygen system fixed

- Engine 263 had an air can issue with an air leak that went to Sandwich to get repaired and hopeful to get back by January 19, 2022

Facilities:

- Interior / exterior doors are being delivered Saturday 1.22.22 and will be installed 1.25.22

OLD BUSINESS:

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zais - School Building subcommittee

- No update as there has been no need

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Commissioner Zais – Elementary School update

FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMITTEE

- No update because they have not met with the Union to finalize the conversation

Prudential Committee.

Public Comment

Public comment at the end:

- No public comment

Motion to go into executive session for purpose to conduct strategy session in preparation in negotiation with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Board will not return to open session, second, all in favor.