

**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, June 10, 2021
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 781-368-1701

A quorum being duly present, Commissioner Cronin called the June 10, 2021 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Commissioners Laura Cronin, Dennis Sullivan, Demetrius Atsalis, and Victor Skende

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, and Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

ABSENT: Commissioner Peter Cross

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Commissioner Sullivan: Aye

Commissioner Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Skende: Aye

Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Commissioner Sullivan: Aye

Commissioner Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Skende: Aye

Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

MINUTES continued:

- Commissioner Cronin said that all of the 2021 outstanding meeting minutes have been given to Treasurer LaFleur and will be posted to the website; There are 3 sets of minutes that are outstanding from 2020 which Treasurer LaFleur will give the dates to Commissioner Sullivan for the next HFD regular meeting in late June so that the Recording Secretary Murphy can then forward them to Treasurer LaFleur via email

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commissioner Cronin stated she received an email from HFD By-law Committee Member Nathan Munafo which stated he had confirmed he had sent the updated by-laws from last year to the HFD attorney before the recent annual meeting and he had not received them back. He wanted Commissioner Cronin to be aware that he had sent a new email, this week, to ask the attorney to send revised by-laws to be sent to him.

CORRESPONDENCE continued:

- Commissioner Cronin also mentioned she had texted new HFD Moderator James Tinsley and asked what would be the best day to connect regarding the 30-day by-law rule regarding forming the new By-law Committee, but had not heard back.
- Commissioner Cronin also stated once Moderator Tinsley formed the by-law committee, anyone who has items they would like to see reviewed, could let them know
- Chief Burke said he would also like to look at how the by-laws are structured with how the HFD does business specifically and how the by-laws are constructed regarding the HFD staff hiring process and should align with the collective bargaining agreement language.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis he received a general maintenance agreement from Siemens
- Commissioner Sullivan said he had heard that there may be a possible new request for a streetlight but did not have the details
- Commissioner Atsalis said he is unaware of any new request for a streetlight

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Cronin asked for the Building Report to be put back on the agenda going forward
- Commissioner Atsalis said he would make sure it would be on the agenda

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Cronin asked Commissioner Sullivan if there was any news on the Union contract negotiations
- Commissioner Sullivan said the negotiations were ongoing; positive progress is being made and there was nothing to report back to the commissioners yet
- Chief Burke said that it would be fair to say there may be some action on the union contract negotiations before the next HFD regular meeting later this month
- Commissioner Sullivan said he would put it on the agenda for the next meeting if needed
- Chief Burke stated if they do not finish the negotiations by the next meeting there may have to be a special meeting that takes place before July 1, 2021
- Commissioner Cronin said after the June 24 HFD regular meeting there are only 2 HFD regular meetings left for July and August, but we could meet for a special one meet if needed.

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

- No operational issues to report
- HFD Mechanic Ron Buscemi is continuing to work on getting the new fire engine into service; he is at about an 80% to 90% completion rate
- 1 pickup truck has been ordered to replace Mechanic Buscemi's truck that blew its' motor; There is still a balance of money left in that budgeted line item for this year and providing there are no financial changes (finances will be checked by Treasurer LaFleur before any action is taken) another needed replacement vehicle will be ordered provided the board approves of this purchase; This 2nd purchase will allow us to get back on track with the vehicle replacement plan; We waited off on vehicle replacements due to Covid19 and its possible financial impact on HFD
- We continue to work on grant close-ups and reimbursements; HFD has 2 or 3 pending grants presently; A Jaws of Life tool was recently delivered and this tool purchased was with grant funds; another grant for replacement EMS jackets is pending right now; An additional grant for a health and wellness program which was significantly impacted by Covid19 will be happening in July; All these grants have quite a bit of administration work

CHIEF'S REPORT continued:

- LT/ EMT-P Michael Medeiros continues to work on Covid19 FEMA reimbursement
- 1 long term injury which just passed a year and is currently being re-elevated, and we have an additional person out on a back injury but this person is doing okay
- Deputy Chief Eric Kristofferson has been coordinating interviews for new FF/Paramedics; We have 3 FF/Paramedics in the pipeline who have been given conditional offers so we are doing the background checks now; Additionally we have 25 candidates for another 4 FF positions which we are working through the candidate process presently
- We do not have any Hyannis applicants for the present open FF/Paramedics positions. We need to figure out a way we could create a pathway for them, however, this would cost money though
- Commissioner Cronin said the Barnstable Police used to have summer interns to get kids interested in being future police officers
- Commissioner Skende stated that takes quite a bit of work to run a program like that but it would be good to have a program like an Explorer Post

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Commissioner Skende stated that he needed to update the board on his recent communication that both he and Commissioner Cross received from CMS's Paul Griffin regarding the building project open items and the cost associated with these open items; Paul Griffin is still projecting over \$600k savings on the building project but both Commissioner Cross and Skende will get together with Paul Griffin to discuss the communication of the open items remaining and the cost associated with these open items

II. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

Upon a motion fully made and seconded it was voted to Adjourn the public session

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Commissioner Sullivan: Aye

Commissioner Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

Commissioner Skende: Aye

Adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy, Hyannis Fire District