

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, February 09, 2023</b>
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	<b>95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 781-368-1701</b>

A quorum being duly present, Commissioner Cronin called the February 09, 2023 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Laura Cronin, Peter Cross, and Alex Mercado  
**ABSENT:** Demetrius Atsalis and Victor Skende

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Peter Burke, District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, Deputy Chief Mark Storie, and Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

**I. OPEN SESSION:**

**1. MINUTES:**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of October 27, 2022

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote recorded as follows:

- Commissioner Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2023

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote recorded as follows:

- Commissioner Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Mercado: Aye

**2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**4. STREET LIGHTS:**

- Commissioner Cronin said she would like to keep the Ocean Street project on the agenda. The topic of these lights was reviewed this past Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>; it was confirmed that the Street Lights will be the Town's responsibility
- Commissioner Cronin wants to check with Commissioner Atsalis regarding this item

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5a. Chief's Review**

- Commissioner Cronin stated that all the commissioners have given their feedback and ratings for the Chief's Review; Commissioner Cronin has given their joint review and joint feedback to Chief Burke

**5b. Budget**

- Chief Burke said he had a rough draft of the proposed budget; there are items that need to be reviewed; most of the proposed budget increases from the HFD operating expenses are due to inflation; Marine 2 needs to be repaired and we also have to review the 1964 Boston Whaler items; we want to research if it would be more fiscally responsible to fix/outfit the boats or to replace the boats; this boat item is now being assessed to make sure our final decision would serve our purpose and meet our needs
- Commissioner Cronin asked if there was a repair plan

#### **New Business 5b. Budget continued**

- Chief Burke said yes there is a repair plan, but he wants to touch base with the boat technicians again to solidify the boats item estimates; it is looking like the cost could be about \$250k to either fix or get a new boat; the challenge is with the Helen H. boat
- The board had a discussion about the marine and the fresh-water boat items
- Chief Burke said that HFD is researching this boats item and he will bring the information to the board as soon as the HFD has more data
- The proposed budget has a \$770k increase
- Commissioner Cross asked if this proposed budget brings HFD up to full staff as we stand today
- Chief Burke affirmed that the proposed budget does bring HFD up to full staff as we have currently
- Maintenance Item went up \$12k due to inflation
- Building Service Item remains level funded
- Chief Burke stressed that this proposed budget is a rough draft, but he will come back to the board with a more finalized proposed budget in the coming meetings

#### **6. BUILDING REPORT**

- Chief Burke said the tower anchors and the RFID items are currently being researched

#### **7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR**

- None

#### **8. CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Burke said call volume is up; in fact, this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest January since 2020
- The new candidates that the board approved last meeting will start Monday, February 13, 2023
- Chief Burke said the Dispatch study with the 3 communities is on-going
- HFD received a \$34k grant for training props
- Captain Webb applied for and has been awarded the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cyber Security Training programmatic grant for the HFD
- Chief Burke summarized the fire on 157 Pine Ave which was a substantial fire; the Tower was the first truck out of the station and the FFs were able to get it under control with no major human injuries
- Commissioner Cross said he had seen the fire and was impressed with the readiness of the HFD and that the HFD emergency response looked like a very smoothly run operation; Commissioner Cronin said the HFD FFs were very synchronized and overall the emergency response was impressive
- Chief Burke said it was very cold that night; Chief Burke said that the emergency response readiness and preparedness were due in large part to the constant training of the FFs and the HFD has worked diligently to make sure that there are no single points of failure during an emergency response
- Deputy Storie said an ambulance was sent up to Brockton as the Brockton Hospital had a fire and was shut down; overall there were 187 Brockton Hospital patients moved from the Brockton Hospital to other area hospitals

#### **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

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

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote recorded as follows:

- Commissioner Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, Recording Secretary Hyannis Fire District

**MEETING AGENDA- AMENDED**  
**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
NOTICE OF MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b)  
Laura Cronin- Chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 9, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

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**REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

On **February 9, 2023** a meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be conducted AT THE HYANNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. Real-time Public comment can be addressed to the Board utilizing the Zoom link or telephone number and access code listed below:

Link: Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/8068284804>  
Meeting ID: 806 828 4804  
For Public Comment Dial: 774-368-1701  
Password: Hyannis1!

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**AGENDA & CALL TO ORDER:**

**I. OPEN SESSION**

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence
3. Public Comment
4. Street Lights
5. New Business
  - a.) Chief's Review
6. Building Report
7. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
8. Chief's Report
9. PUBLIC COMMENT

**II. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

The Chair reserves the right to call items on the agenda out of order. Items are listed in their approximate order, and items may be reached earlier or later than the posted order. Items listed for executive session may also be discussed in open session. The listing of items contains those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Persons interested are advised that in the event that any matter taken up at the meeting that remains unfinished at the close of the meeting may be put off to a continued session of the meeting, in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.