

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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approved 10/13/22

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, August 25, 2022
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 August 25, 2022, Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Laura Cronin, Alex Mercado, Peter Cross, and Victor Skende

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, Clerk/Treasurer TK Menesale, Captain David Webb, and Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

ABSENT: Commissioner Atsalis

I. OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Cronin took the meeting out of order to approve the promotions of FF Jordan Seitz, FF Henry Rex, and FF Winston Rodormer

Upon a motion fully made and seconded, and it was voted to approve the promotions of FF Jordan Seitz, FF Henry Rex, and FF Winston Rodormer

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

1. MINUTES:

- The approval for the July 28, 2022, minutes has been moved to a future date

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis will update the street light item next meeting

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6a. By-Law Committee Updates - Commissioner Cronin said that the By-law committee for FY23 is in process of being formed. Nathan Munafo, Captain Webb, and Chief Burke have agreed to be on the By-law committee. This committee needs 1 more public member and will schedule the first meeting after they are on board.

- Commissioner Cronin stated, as background, there have been no major updates for the By-laws prior to 2015. So up until that point, there wasn't a need to update the document. Since then, the By-Law Committee has submitted multiple changes to bring them up to current practices, and therefore needed to get the document into an electronic format, which we did, working with our attorney's office. By-laws changes are required to be sent up to the State Attorney General's office, only if they deal with rate changes. Clerk/Treasurer TK Menesale, said she checked with the State, and the State needs to review By-law changes only if these changes affect penalties. This item will be put on the agenda for the By-law committee to review on page 18 under "penalties".

6b. Building Report - Chief Burke stated there is a broken pane of glass on the front door. Chris McCarthy is currently getting 3 quotes for the training tower. There were no issues with the HVAC system during this summer heat wave. The TV room is still being utilized as a 3-bed bunk room. This

solution is still working. Although, if there are 13-15 FFs on duty at the same time, this solution might not continue to be viable. Chief Burke suggested to have more round-table discussions about this bunk room question before the building project items are officially closed out.

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Captain Webb discussed the public outreach program to increase fire prevention knowledge within the community. HFD, under the guidance and with the support of Captain Webb and Chief Burke, has created a Public Outreach Team. This team is composed of about 23 members. There is a good mix of FFs, officers, varied age range, males, and females who have chosen to be on this outreach team
- Captain Webb explained that these outreach programs have a dual purpose. For example, not only does the firehouse get to increase its visibility at community events in an educational, positive and interactive way with the public it serves, but it also puts emergency personnel in strategic place during community events should something bad happen. These rescue personnel are fully prepared to handle an emergency situation should one arise; these individuals are able to shift from public outreach representatives to emergency mode when needed.
- Captain Webb stated that the Public Outreach Team is very judicious of its resources.
- The weeklong summer Fire Camp was a rousing success. The camp had an age range of campers between 3rd to 7th grade, about 25 campers in total. There was about 1 counselor for every 5 kids. Lots of demos and general fire education were provided. At the end the campers had a graduation ceremony with the parents attending and the campers were able to shake the Chief's hand, and graduates received t-shirts too.
- The feedback regarding the Fire Camp was overwhelmingly positive. The campers and the parents were very pleased with the curriculum and the overall camp experience.
- Captain Webb talked about future programs coming up. One will be the Adult Day which is focused on adults aged 55 and older. The Adult Day will be held at the Barnstable Adult Community Center where there will be education and some hands-on activities to increase fire prevention awareness and safety.
- Captain Webb is also refurbishing the HFD school safety program. He hopes to go to the schools and request time to talk to the students as opposed to the old policy of waiting for the school liaison to contact the fire department. This program has 2 goals. The first goal is the fire education, and the second goal is to get the students familiar with FF personnel.
- Chief Burke delved into the newest proposed program which is still in its planning stages; it will be a cadet-style program focused on looking within the young community for future FFs.
- Chief Burke stated the new ambulance will be on site in a couple of weeks.
- Chief Burke was not able to find an appropriate vehicle for hauling the additional apparatus so HFD is planning to convert an old ambulance into a logistics truck. The Chief is looking for a trailer to store and haul event items and equipment. Chief Burke will come back to the commissioners to talk about this topic after he is able to gather more information.

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 Skende: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Cronin: Aye

Adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, Recording Secretary Hyannis Fire District