



Commissioners Meeting
July, 12, 2016

Male: (background conversation) Thank you. It is 5:30, Tuesday. July 12, 2016. Call to order the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Rick Pisano. Begin attendance.

Male: Tom Hadley.

Male: Kevin Conley.

Male: Is anyone recording the meeting? Amy Kates is recording the meeting. Before we go any further, I just want to let everyone know, the audio posting will take a few extra days. We're using some new software, that I have to familiarize myself with to condense it and get it up on the town website. Normally, I get quick turnaround, but this might drag a few days. Public comment?

Female: Amy Kates. On June 14th, 2016, there was a posted Fire Commissioners' meeting. The board decided to cancel the meeting because the fire chief wasn't available. Prior to adjourning the meeting, the board voted to postpone the meeting to either Monday, June 20th or Wednesday, June 22nd. I sent the board an email that week, asking when the June meeting would be rescheduled in requesting to be notified. Was the meeting ever held? If not, why not? It would have been nice to have received a response to my email. I hope that monthly meetings will be held and business discussed in accordance with our bylaws. Thank you for this opportunity.

Male: Rick Pisano. I'd like to respond. Amy, I'm very sorry you didn't get a response, but I never received the email. The meeting was to be rescheduled the next week. It turns out, that week the chief was on vacation the entire week. He wasn't going to be available that week either. The decision was made to carry it forward to this month's regularly scheduled time. I would have been happy to tell you that I received it. I'm not clear why I didn't get it. Do you send it to the Fire Commission email address? I can't explain it, but I never got it. Let's start.

In order of business, previous month's minutes consisted of a call to order a notation the chief was not present. As Ms. Kates already pointed out, decision to close the meeting. We do not have a written copy of that and I don't know if it's necessary. If it

is, we'll produce one, but I would suggest that description be approved just so it's been duly noted. Do I have a second?

Male: Second.

Male: All in favor?

Male: I.

Male: Unanimous. Chief's report.

Male: Good evening, commissioners. Good evening, everybody. If you want to get that to me, we can post that, because we've done that in the past when we posted cancellations and stuff like that. If you want to just say what did you said, that's perfectly fine so we can get that out to you. That'd be good.

I was not here last June 14th. My apologies. We had a structure fire at Cotuit. Thank goodness, the fire department did a really great job, really good stuff. Very proud of these guys. They did a wonderful job. I'm so sorry that a fire happened in our district. Our condolences go to the family of that fire. We, the union and the association visit them the next day and gave assistance. That was good too as well. My hat's off to the union members, as well as the association members in doing something like that. Excellent job.

The fire chief's report for June 14th activities. We had 30 rescue calls in the month of May. 34 ins ... Let me see. 34 fire incidences, which is public assist, a [few carve 00:06:25] of the assignments over at Mashpee. We had five inspections that we did for that month. Comstar report. You had, I believe ... If you don't, I have a copy of it. That Comstar report that that you have in your folder is for this month, coming up. The appropriation sheet of ... Let's see. I think it's dated in there. It's not the 23rd, but it's prior to that. It's the 13th of something. You'll see the appropriation, the first appropriation for that is for last month's. That's the appropriation chief of last month.

The last thing what we had on the old business for the chief's report, is union contract. As you know, everybody knows, that they ratified the contract. Excellent work by the union, and the commissioners, and the district to ratify that so that we didn't have to go to arbitration. Much appreciated on my end as the fire chief. Appreciate that on both sides. I think both sides is very much for coming to agreements and also for the district to taking care of the contract. Thank you. District members, thank you as well as myself.

New business. Welcome Fire Commissioner Kevin Conley to the team. Sorry, I wasn't here for your first meeting, but welcome. Welcome aboard. Glad to have you and I'm glad you're here. Personnel. We have two left on 111-F. We had already getting two back. They've been working fairly ... Everything's been going well for the personnel.

Male: Do we have ... Excuse me, chief. Commissioner Pisano. Do we have any idea about their timetable for return?

Male: Yes. We have one that has put the papers in for retirement, a medical retirement. I put my papers in for that person. That would be six to eight months out from April. November, October, November. [Earlier 00:08:40] is when it looks like they're going to PERAC. The Barnstable County Retirement Board has to meet with the medical board and the medical board reviews the case. If it's deemed as medical event, that person will retire. The other person is scheduled to come back in August. I don't know exactly what date in August, but he just came in and said August. It looks like in August and that should be great.

Apparatus 265 is way on schedule. It's actually went yesterday to see the apparatus. It is leathered. It's in Foxboro right now, Minuteman. Very excited. Took a lot of pictures. It should be here and then you're more than welcome to come in the fire house on Wednesday or Thursday. I'll have a better read on it on Monday of this coming week. There should be someone coming in Wednesday or Thursday. He didn't really let me know, because they got to clean it up. It came from Florida, so they just got in last Friday. They have to clean it up and make sure all the doors, and bells, and whistles work and then go to the truck with their engineer. Then when they bring it to Cotuit on Wednesday or Thursday before they take the plate off the front, Wisconsin plate because that's where it's from, Appleton, Wisconsin. They actually need to do dog and pony show to us. The engineer is going to be there, going over it with us. Then they'll schedule another meeting with all the firefighters so that we can all go to look. Then we will own it at that point.

I have asked the assistant treasurer and the treasurer to cut the last remaining part of the check so when they do come, we hand them the last [inaudible 00:10:31] of the check. I think it's 218,000 left so we have that. We've ordered most of the equipment. The hoses are the only things that have not come in yet, but they have been ordered so that's what we wait. We're waiting for the hoses to come in. If not, we can always take the hoses off of [yield 00:10:52] 265 and place them on the new until we get our new hoses. Speaking of apparatus, I had asked the board a while back about when we received this new engine, that when we're ready to disperse the old engine 265, it would be ... It's was ordered 1989. It would be great as a 1990 though, if we could donate that to our Fire Academy. They're looking for a piece of apparatus that, as you know, they get donated firetrucks and they're in disrepair.

This engine would work well if it stays right there at the academy. It would suit them very well as well as ... Our firefighters go there and use that too. When it goes into that Barnstable Fire Academy uses a firetruck for our firefighting purposes and this is a great opportunity for them to hopefully maybe get ours as a donation. If that's the case, they will give us a letter of the donation and we can get the tax right off or something like that. I don't know. I don't know what they do. They give us nothing. Yeah, they give us nothing. Anyways, but ...

Male: [inaudible 00:12:10].

Male: That's not going to in until we get the bells and whistles all worked out and all the [kings 00:12:19] worked out of our brand new engine 265. Once that happens, then that will go to Minuteman where this truck hails from, in Foxboro and start getting that rehab. We're looking like we're trying to get another eight to 10 more years out at 263. If that's the case, that would be good. They'll give us 10 years between this truck. Every 10 years, order of truck instead of every three.

Male: [inaudible 00:12:46].

Male: If we hold on to that, we can hold on 265. The academy obviously is ... they hand out whenever we deliver it to them, if we decide to ... if the district decides to vote and allow the donation to go of the old 265 to the academy. We will not be without a two apparatuses.

Male: Chief, excuse me. After the new truck is been through its shape down and we're all satisfied with it and its in performance, could you just reintroduce that question to the subsequent month's agenda?

Male: Absolutely. Thank you so much.

Male: Thank you.

Male: Thank you. For new business, there's was [inaudible 00:13:36]. Letter was sent. It was step one. I had responded back to the union about it. I agreed with the union. It seems to be a problem. They're going to look into it. They're looking into it right now with the retirement board, to see if we could not have that person get penalized by interest. If that's the case, we should probably help out on that because it was our mistake. I feel it was our mistake. They're still looking into it, but we do owe the retirement board that person's back pay of \$383 and ... I don't know, 53 cents, I think it was. That's something that Mr. Daily, Mike Daily and our system treasurer is really working on and trying to get this grit away. We slowed down on it unfortunately because of all the end of the season, but we're still working on and we're going to have an answer for our union, too.

Male: Excuse me. Commissioner Pisano speaking. This was involving more than one pay period. Is that correct?

Male: Yes.

Male: Was it the first or the second one? Has half of it been resolved already?

Male: It hasn't yet. None of it has been resolved yet to this point that I know of. Although I know they're working on it. No. It hasn't resolved all yet. Until that money goes to the retirement, what I would consider that resolved and also the interest taking care of, I would consider that a resolution to that issue. Union contract, I put that in there for you folks to remind yourselves, that September, you should be thinking about [a

written 00:15:29] with the union and start talking about next to the year contract. That would be really good. Moving on to July. In case, that was the old. Any questions on the old right now? No? Okay.

This month, the activities for old business is rescue calls, we had 44, I say plus calls. Because we started using ImageTrend. I think a week is ... There's a discrepancy in one week, the last week of June. We're trying to work that discrepancy out right now. There might be five or six calls more. Fire calls, we had 22. Inspections, we had four inspections. A total of 66 total instances with our department head or fire prevention. Comstar report, you do have in front of you. That is the accurate one in the Comstar report with the net payment of \$14,566.34. That period is of 5-26-16 to 6-30-16. That was dated on 6-30.

Male: Nice. Chief, we have no more problems with the ... Was it Medicare?

Male: No. That seemed to work itself out, because we were back at fault with them. Yes, so that should be all squared away.

Male: All right. Okay. Thank you.

Male: I'm glad you brought that up. We're looking also for the moneys that we possibly be getting from ... I want to say extra moneys that they have, but we put in to that program that came out about getting some funds back. We're going to get something back. We don't know what yet and they're going to be cutting checks soon. I can't wait until that comes in. That was a lot of work. A lot of work on that.

The budget, the appropriations, you will see there's three appropriation sheets that I brought to your attention. That's 6-23, 6-30 and then 7-7 is the date. Those three appropriation sheets, as you see, I highlighted the highlights for you the end results. It went from 87% to 90% and bills are still being processed right now. We're hoping to be in the clear. By the end of this month, we're hoping to receive all the outstanding bills. Hopefully, that will clear up everything. Mr. Daily should be able to close up the books at the end of August and beginning of September and this should be good.

Male: Am I correct that from this point forward, we will be recording into fiscal year 17?

Male: Correct. That is correct.

Male: Thank you.

Male: Obviously, for the old, we kept the union contract coming up in the fall. Please keep a note of that. In September, you folks could get your schedules out. We would appreciate that very much. That'd be awesome.

New business personnel, I would actually like to personally give my sincere gratitude and thanks to Lieutenant [Bill McNamara 00:19:02], Firefighter Paramedic Shane Clark, Firefighter Paramedic Erik Anderson and call Firefighter Kate [Halloran

00:19:11]. They had an incredible call the other day and they made an excellent save. I can't go into really details, but they did their job to the best. If you had this issue, you hope those people were on that call because that was fantastic. The doctor made a comment about it, saying that it was fast, it was quick, it was excellent. My hat's off to you, Shane. Excellent job. You called it. You called it perfect. Did a great job and thank you very much and outstanding. Outstanding. To all them, please, to all of them, thank them. So outstanding. That's that.

We do have someone in the building that I haven't mentioned, Cody. I haven't mentioned it to the board because it was a project that we were doing, bringing in someone that was from a school that is a good thing. He wanted to be a firefighter. He probably will never be a firefighter, but it's a great opportunity for this young adult to come in to our fire house. The only bad thing, is I didn't mention to bring him to the 4th of July. I'll make sure I do that next year, but he works very hard, very diligent with us. He works hand-in-hand with the firefighters. He comes in and cleans the bathrooms, cleans the floors, gets everything squared away, comes in with coffee sometimes. Just an outstanding worker for us.

I write a letter of commendation for him too and thanking him for his time and his service to Cotuit Fire Department because I think that's appropriate and it's important to do that. He's on a special waiver with us right now. He will go on a call to observe, but that's about it. We go from there, but ... and is receptive by all the personnel in a very good way, so it's really good.

Male: That's great, chief. If you write that up and bring it to the board, we can all add our signatures as well.

Male: Excellent. Thank you so much. I'll put those on there. Thank you. The apparatus, as I said, it's here. It's going to be here Wednesday or Thursday. I cannot wait. We went and start yesterday. Beautiful. Beautiful truck. Looks great. Everything that we ask for is on it and in it. We're excited about it. It'll be coming soon and you heard about the other stuff. I don't need to repeat all that other stuff and that's it. Thank you.

Male: All right.

Male: Chief, just a quick question.

Male: Yeah.

Male: Is that Wednesday or Thursday of this week or next week?

Male: Of next week.

Male: Next week?

Male: Yeah.

Male: Thank you.

Male: Yeah.

Male: I would like to make a motion that we go into executive session for a brief discussion in preparation for September. We will plan to adjourn immediately after we come out of executive session. Do I have a second?

Male: Second.

Male: Second.

Male: In favor? (background conversation) For the the vote on it?

Male: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Male: All right. Commission Pisano in favor. (background conversation)

Male: Commissioner Conley in favor.

Male: Commissioner Hadley in favor.

Male: Commissioner Pisano. It's unanimous. Chairman Pisano. We are hereby out of executive session. The motion on the floor is to adjourn the meeting. Do I have a second?

Male: Second.

Male: Second. You need to roll call.

Male: In favor?

Male: Hadley.

Male: Pisano.

Male: Conley.

Male: Meeting is adjourned.

Male: Thank you.

Male: Thank you.