

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
April 25, 2022

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1700 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, N. Celeste, and members of the Hiring Committee and Local 2346.

A motion was made and seconded to put normal business on hold till after the interview process.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

COVID-19

Effective March 14, 2022 all COMM Fire Stations are open to the public.

PERSONNEL

At full strength for all shifts.

Fire Commissioners to interview four (4) of the candidates chosen from the hiring committee. **Motion was made and seconded to select B. Griffin and P. Sparrow as the next two (2) hires.**

Firefighter Shaun Lehane has accepted the position of Fire Prevention Officer.

FIRE PREVENTION

Junior Firefighter Program continued at both Centerville and West Villages Elementary.

Construction continued on the 26 apartments on the 2nd floor of Bell Tower Mall and the expansion of Cape Cod Healthcare at 770 Main Street Osterville.

Final inspections were conducted on the new solar farm and battery storage at 280 Old Falmouth Road. Improvements to the fire department access road are required before final sign off of the project.

A total of (100) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2500.00 in permit fees, (60) resale permits and inspection (54) inspection permits.

Overall completed (173) inspections and/or activities, (6) of which were Senior Safe Program inspections.

Attended the monthly Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts meeting in Auburn. The educational session was on Fire Prevention issues in Grow Facilities.

EMS

- 1) Completed CPR class for Barnstable Natural Resources Dept. with assistance from Lt's Hunter and Malone.
- 2) Attended Governors signing of the Nero Bill at Yarmouth Police Dept.
- 3) Assisted with new hire interviews.
- 4) Working on specifications for proposed new ambulance to replace A-326 in next fiscal year (if approved at District Meeting)

DISPATCH

March call volume was down 71 calls with a total of 291 calls. 217 were EMS or motor vehicle related, with the remaining 74 calls for fires, alarms, and public service. 55 calls were dispatched for Cotuit Fire District in March.

With Covid protocols lifting the duty dispatcher assisting people at the vestibule has reduced. The dispatchers wish to thank the administrative staff, duty officers, and floor personnel for assisting with business calls and window traffic throughout the pandemic.

EQUIPMENT

E303

- Replaced right rear cab step door piston and several air fittings in cab step air sys.
- Replaced pressure volume switches
- Replaced master pump pressure gauge and transducer
- Rebuilt LDH A discharge valve
- Replaced pump zincs
- Installed new department radio and portable radio holders
- Installed jet pack charging timer

E306

- Repair coolant leak at back of water pump

A324

- Serviced engine
- Replaced siren speakers
- Currently replacing rear rotors, pads, calipers and brake hoses
- Need to replace cab to body boot and repair broken wiring harness on rear door

TRAINING

May Training:

- 1.) Small Boat/RDC
- 2.) Continue with Boat 310 practical evolutions
- 3.) Stretcher Safety and Glucometer (mandatory once a year)
- 4.) Emergency Action Plan/Fire Prevention Policy 603 (mandatory once a year)
- 5.) Foam PowerPoint

OPERATIONS

The Trench Rescue class has been postponed, waiting on new date.

Mass Fire will be coming to COMM HQ in May for a training. COMM Fire has six (6) people attending.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Set up meeting hall for yearly Firefighter Association dinner and meeting

All fire extinguishers were checked and tags dated at all Stations and vehicles

Cleaned salt spill at Station 2 and moved material to salt drums at all Stations

Repaired kitchen cabinet door hinge at Station 3

Cleaned dryer vent at Station 1

Remove snow stakes at all Stations

Irrigation systems checked and repaired. Ready to be turned on

Cleaned D side and white fence at Station 3

Spring cleanup at all Stations

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. Clerk Treasurer K. Abrams predicts we will come out even at the end of the fiscal year.

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

COMM Fire had 80 applicants apply for the Firefighter EMT/Paramedic positions opening in July. The hiring committee interviewed 12 candidates.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

- All IT hardware is in good working order.
- Met with Thrive regarding our system upgrades and other service issues we have been having with them. Advised Thrive that we are withholding payment of their monthly bill due to an ongoing overcharging problem related to the number of servers we have.
- Our recently installed cellular internet backup is running. No reports of internet outages since this has been setup. **COMM has been losing internet with the last several storms. As many of our communication systems run off of the internet this was a much needed addition.**
- The final phases of the software platforms for the water department and fire department are currently being worked on. Working on the ability to receive electronic payments for both departments. **Commissioner Brown – are there discussions of upping the permit fees as the Town**

has upped their fees? Chief Winn mentioned that at this time he has not had any discussion with the remaining Fire Chiefs in the Town regarding changing the permit fees.

- We have begun a project to revamp and update the Fire District website.

MISCELLANEOUS

COMM Fire has received payment of \$28,598.36 for the COVID Emergency Paid Sick Leave reimbursement through Mass DOR.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1755 hrs. Next meeting May 16, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Brown", is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Brown, Clerk