

# Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

May 23, 2001

Meeting convened at 8: 00 p.m.

Members present: Chief Michael S. Trovato  
Warren Alexander  
James Roderick Jr.  
Marilyn Monks  
Russell Zawaduk  
Gerard Menangas

Others present: Michael Benjamin  
Brian Alexander  
Timothy Caldwell  
James Golden

## Chief's Report:

**New Fire Vehicle discussed.** Hydraulic Generator cost \$15,000.00

**Station #5** discussed. First Garage Door contacted by the Chief. Job was not completed because Electrician Ronnie White had not completed the low voltage wiring. Wiring diagram was given to White.

**Flashover Recognition Training** discussed. Larry Flores and Brian Alexander are interested in attending the course at MFA on June 9, 2001 at 0745-1700 hrs.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to approve their attendance at the class; Monks seconded the motion; All in favor.

**Budget** reviewed by the board.

**Annual Mass. Association of Arson Investigators** Meeting to be held in Hyannis on June 6 & 8, 2001. Cost: \$100.00. Captain Michael Benjamin would like to attend. Mileage allowance also requested.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to approve the request; Alexander seconded the motion; All in favor.

**Roger Green** resigning from his Janitorial Services at Fire Headquarters.

**Roger Green** resigning as Steward of Ladder Truck 192, effective July 1, 2001.

**Fireworks** discussed. David Guertin to be contacted re Fireworks Permits, etc.

**Radio Inventory** requested from Radio Officer Tim Caldwell.

## Engine Company #3:

**Michael Smith's** position on the department discussed. House members voted Smith into Engine Company #3.

**Motion:** Alexander motioned to accept the house vote to return Michael Smith to duty as a member of the

Provincetown Fire Department, pending a letter from Smith requesting reinstatement; Roderick seconded the motion; All in favor.

**Motion:** Alexander motioned to accept the house vote for Michael Smith as Captain, pending receipt of a letter from Smith; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

**Motion:** Menangas motioned to accept the vote of the house to re-appoint Rosemary Henrique to the position of Lieutenant of Engine Company #3; Roderick seconded the motion; Trovato, Menangas, Zawaduk, Monks & Roderick in favor; Alexander opposed.

**Motion:** Menangas motioned to accept the house vote for Craig Martin as Steward of #3: Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

**Equipment needs:** 2 - 4 inch Caps for Large Gate.

**Andrew Green's** poor attendance record discussed. Letter will be sent to Green asking his intentions.

**Hydrant at Maple Court** still not repaired. Water Department will be contacted re the repairs needed.

#### **Engine Company #4**

**Michael Benjamin as Captain of #4.** House members voted to retain Benjamin as Captain.

**Motion:** Menangas motioned to accept the house vote for Mike Benjamin as Captain; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

**Timothy Caldwell as Lieutenant of #4.** House members voted to re-appoint Caldwell as Lieutenant of #4.

**Motion:** Menangas motioned to accept the house vote for Caldwell as Lieutenant; Alexander seconded the motion, All in favor.

**David Gonsalves as Steward of #4.** House members voted to re-appoint Gonsalves as Steward of #4.

**Motion:** Menangas motioned to accept the house vote; Roderick seconded the motion; Five in favor; One opposed.

**Squatters at the Johnson Street Station** discussed. Report that people are living at the station. Windows are being covered with blankets, etc. Drug box alarm at the Johnson Street Station discussed. James J. Meads, Lower Cape Ambulance Director, will be contacted again re the alarm needed on the truck for the drug box.

#### **Ladder Company #2**

**E.J. Martinez** voted in as Captain by house members.

**George Felton** voted in as Lieutenant by house members.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to accept the house vote for Captain & Lieutenant; Zawaduk seconded the motion, All in favor.

**Jamie White** interested in **Stewards Position**. House members voted Jamie White in as Steward of Ladder #2.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to accept the house vote, effective July 1, 2001; Zawaduk seconded the motion, All in favor.

**Hummer-198 Stewards position** discussed.

Justin White resigning as Steward of 198, effective immediately.

Thomas Steele interested in the position.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to approve Thomas Steele as Steward of 198, effective June 1, 2001; Alexander seconded the motion, All in favor.

Chief suggested that Steele get together with him, Paul Silva or Mike Benjamin to go over the pump, the AAA foam, the dry chemicals, the compressor for the valves, etc.

Research the Hummer info to see how many proximity suits came with the vehicle.

Memo will be sent to the Airport Manager Butch Lisenby re storing the Hummer at the Airport.

## **Rescue**

Thomas Roda voted in as Captain of Rescue by the house members.

Jeffrey Francis voted in as Lieutenant of Rescue by the house members.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to appoint Thomas Roda as Captain of Rescue; Monks seconded the motion; Five in favor; one opposed.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to appoint Jeffrey Francis as Lieutenant of Rescue; Monks seconded the motion, All in favor.

Jeff Sturtevant interested in the Rescue Stewards position.

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to accept Jeffrey Sturtevant to hold the Rescue Stewards position, effective July 1, 2001; Menangas seconded the motion; Five in favor; one opposed.

Letter will be sent to the rescue members who took over the position until it was filled.

**ACLS re-certification** class discussed. Training and mileage payments discussed.

Rescue officers should notify the board prior to using the station for classes.

## **Mileage & Training Cost agreement with LCA and Truro:**

Joel Macara and Dan Notaro – Provincetown Fire Department

Marilyn Monks and Jeffrey Francis – Lower Cape Ambulance

Kenneth Oxtoby and Timothy Rowell – Truro Fire Department

Rescue Docudrama at High School was very well done. Board will send a letter to the Rescue Squad and other people involved thanking them for a job well done.

**Proposal submitted by Michael Benjamin.** Benjamin stated that the department usually appoints a District Chief for each District with the exception of Gerard Menangas who has been covering #3 & #4 since Joe Notaro left the department. Benjamin asked the board to consider appointing him to the position of District Chief. Benjamin reminded the board of the positions that he has held in the past and of his fire fighting experience and qualifications.

Chief Trovato felt the matter should come before a full board and will be brought up again when Adam Wolf returns from vacation around the end of June.

Monks complained of harassing e-mails that she has been receiving at home. She added that she hoped it would stop because it was behavior unbecoming an officer. She added that she would take the actions necessary if it did not stop.

## Adjournment

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to adjourn the meeting; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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