

METRO NORTH REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2020

Open Session

On June 10, 2020, at 2:04 PM, the Board of Directors called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting were Rich Viscay (for Mayor Arrigo), Chief Delahanty, Captain Scott Wiley (for Austin Faison), Chief Jim Guido, Chief Paul Flanagan, Chief Chris Bright. and Jay Mazzola.

At 2:08 PM, after a motion for a roll call vote by Mr. Viscay, seconded by Chief Delahanty, the Board voted unanimously to move to executive session to address the following:

- Approval of the executive minutes from the March 25, 2020 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Anticipated executive session according to MGL. c.30A sec.21A (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation Javery v. MNRECC DIA No. 14416.17. Motion passed unanimously.
- Anticipated executive session MGL. c.31 sec.21A (3) to update and discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining with Laborers Local 22. Motion passed unanimously.

After motion for a roll call vote in executive session, the board voted unanimously to return to the open session meeting at 2:36 PM.

Motion by Chief Guido, seconded by Chief Delahanty, to accept the minutes from the open session meeting held on March 25, 2020.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

No correspondences were received to share with the board this month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Mazzola reports that he has submitted a developmental grant with State 911 in the amount of \$573,000 dollars to upgrade radio equipment for the MNRECC. Also, letters of intent were submitted to the State 911 for Chelsea and Saugus, along with a support grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 dollars (including the above-mentioned grant for \$573,00). If a City were to sign the IMA the State will pay their full assessment (100%) for the first 3 years. The State will also pay the Director and Deputy Director, and HR salaries the first 3 years. The State share would be 50% in year 4, and 25% in year 5. Once an additional City signs the IMA, then MNRECC would be eligible to apply for more grant monies for needed renovations for a new facility.

The board then entered a general at length discussion with Mr. Kingston regarding call volumes, staffing, and assessments.

Mr. Mazzola then went on to discuss Covid-19 reimbursements. Mr. Viscay offered to submit any Covid related expenses with the City of Revere reimbursements.

Ms. Whitney Morgan then gave her report to the board. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, all com ed training has been cancelled. On line training in now being scheduled. A supervisor, who was out on maternity leave has resigned. She is relocating out of state. A dispatcher has also resigned and taken a job with the Massachusetts Environmental Police. The 4 new hires are training and doing well. Once the State releases new academy dates, the MNRECC will be looking to hire more employees (at least two more to fill the positions to fill the resignations). Lastly, Ms. Morgan thanked Chief Guido for his support to MNRECC and wished him the best in retirement.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chief Guido reports it looks like the MNRECC is going to end up with a surplus. Jen is doing a wonderful job. It has been a pleasure working with Jay Mazzola, Whitney Morgan, and Sarah White. Relations seem to be getting better with the MNRECC and Revere Police. There has been no official announcement yet as to who shall be replacing Chief Guido as Revere Police Chief at the end of the month. Chief Guido went on to thank Kathy Callahan for all her efforts assisting the MNRECC. The Chief then thanked his co-board members for their efforts.

NEW BUSINESS: Lengthy discussion with questions on budget line items including insurance, radios, encumbrances, and capital improvement.

Motion by Mr. Viscay, seconded by Chief Guido, to reduce the MNRECC FY2020 budget by \$100,000 dollars.

Roll Call Vote: Chief Delahanty (Yes), Chief Guido (Yes), Captain Wiley (Yes), Chief Flanagan (Yes), Mr. Mazzola (No).

Roll Call Vote Passed.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer.

Motion by Chief Delehanty, seconded by seconded by Chief Flanagan nominating Winthrop Fire Captain Scott Wiley as Chairman of the MNRECC Board.

Motion passed Unanimously.

Motion by Chief Guido, seconded by Mr. Viscay nominating Winthrop Police Chief Terry Delahanty as the Treasurer for the MNRECC Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Chief Delahanty, seconded by Chief Guido nominating Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright as Vice-Chairman for the MNRECC Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: The board welcomed invited guest Revere HR Director John Viarella. Mr. Viarella will be assisting the MNRECC with their human resource issues going forward.

The board then entered a lengthy discussion on funded and unfunded retirement and pension obligations.

Motion by Mr. Viscay, seconded by Chief Guido that the board adopt the law that allows the MNRECC to establish a full-time liability fund (health care).

Motion passed unanimously.

Good and Welfare: The board wished Chief James Guido all the best for a long, happy and healthy retirement with his family. Thank you for your service Chief!

Motion to Adjourn: Offered by Mr. Mazzola, seconded by Captain Wiley.

Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.