

Cambridge Area Community Fire & EMS Commission

Meeting August 10, 2023

Location: Town of Oakland Office

Minutes

6:30 p.m. Mr. Cook called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Mark Cook, Kris Breunig, Dave Schroeder, Alicia Hynes, and Sheila Palinkas.
Absent: None. Also present: Attorney Steven Zach

Agenda Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 2: Nomination of officers

Nomination for President: Mr. Schroeder nominated Mr. Cook. Mr. Breunig nominated himself. No other nominations were made. Votes were cast by ballot and tallied as follows: Mr. Cook - 4 votes; Mr. Breunig - 1 vote. Mr. Cook was elected President.

Motion made to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for this term was made by SP and seconded by DS. Roll call vote: Mr. Cook- Y; Mr. Schroeder – Y; Mr. Breunig - N, Ms. Hynes – Y; Ms. Palinkas - Y . Motion carried 4-1.

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cook nominated Ms. Palinkas. Mr. Breunig nominated himself. Votes were cast by ballot and tallied as follows: Ms. Palinkas - 4 votes; Mr. Breunig - 1 vote. Ms. Palinkas was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Agenda Item 3: Budget Report

Mr. Cook advised the Commission that the accounting firm YPTC is working on its audit of Commission finances and the 2024 budget for the Commission which will be completed by the end of August and presented at the next Commission meeting.

For purposes of working on the Commission's 2024 budget, a motion was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Schroeder to establish the Commission as a Committee of the Whole.

Agenda Item 4: Collective Bargaining

Attorney Zach advised the Commission that the current collective bargaining agreement with the IAFF governing the full-time paramedics expires on December 31, 2023 and that the IAFF has requested the parties meet and confer for purposes of negotiating a successor agreement. The Commission agreed with Attorney Zach's recommendation to establish a bargaining

committee of himself, Mr. Cook, and Chief Blount and to get direction from the Commission on terms and conditions of Commission proposals.

Agenda Item 5: Closed Session

Mr. Cook announced that the Commission would consider going into closed session pursuant to the agenda as follows:

Consideration of going into closed session for the following purposes:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss parameters of collective bargaining with EMS unit.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for a status from legal counsel on personnel issues

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(e) for purposes of specific public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in particular to respond to Village of Cambridge letter dated July 24 ,2023 and to address potential approaches to and recommendations for modification of the Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion to go into closed session as announced was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Paula Hollenbeck requested to be admitted into closed session as a member of the Cambridge Village Board. Motion made by Kris Breunig, seconded by Alicia Hynes to permit Ms. Hollenbeck into closed session. Roll call vote: Mr. Cook – N; Mr. Schroeder – N; Mr. Breunig – Y; Ms. Hynes – Y; Ms. Palinkas – N. Motion failed 2-3.

The Commission moved into closed session at 7:10 p.m. Discussion occurred pursuant to the listed closed session items. No action was taken in closed session.

Motion return to open session by Ms. Hynes, seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Attorney Zach responded to the points of the July letter from the Village of Cambridge. He will draft a formal response and provide it to the Commission for review at its next meeting and then sent to the Village of Cambridge.

Mr. Breunig spoke to Item 7 and reported that the Commission is working on an approach to certain revisions to the current Intergovernmental Agreement which will be presented to the EMS and Fire leadership for review and discussion at the next Commission meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved 10.18.23