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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

10 March 2023

**COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT:** Duncan Rosen, Van Hammond, Bill Fry, Michael Filipczak, Bill Byrnes, and EMS Chief John Trujillo.

**ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT:**

- Room: Teresa Bolme, Chris Horstman, Greg Fodor, MJ Yafchak, Eric Peterson, Rich Gross, Zeke McDonald, Sue Ann Cousar, and Kevin Downes
- Zoom: Bill Byrnes, Chris Kaye, Dave, Ed Boze, Georgia Murphy, Guest, Chief Jesse Cottrell, Kelly Callen, Kristi Riggle, Peggy Clancy-Flyte, And Sara Hammond

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rosen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** ([Video Recording](#)): None

3) **CHIEF REPLACEMENT CANDIDATES** ([Video Recording](#)): Commissioner Hammond reported that Chris Smith had decided with his family to withdraw from consideration

- Board Identification of Preferred Candidate ([Video Recording](#)): All 3 fully qualified for what we are looking for; **Hammond moved** to begin contract discussions with Peters, **seconded** by Fry. Fry stated that with both being qualified but each bringing different qualifications and backgrounds, better to start negotiating with both to compete the position but no Board support for that. **All voted aye** (5-0) to begin discussions with Peters
- Fry Volunteered as “Negotiator” ([Video Recording](#)):
  - Hammond stated there was concern about Fry being the negotiator from some of the Board members; that he would contact Peters and if he has any issues/problems, Peters should reach out to any one of the other boardmembers
  - Rosen stated comfortable with Fry negotiating but shares concerns with Hammond and wants to unite the board and give Bill the opportunity to start improving board functionality
  - Filipczak expressed same concern that respects Bill’s ability to dig into the details and to slice and dice the numbers but has reservations that Bill is too focused on

- 39 the numbers, too focused on getting the new chief to work for more hours and  
40 less money and Hammond has a “bit of a gentler touch, let’s say”
- 41 ○ Byrnes agrees with Filipczak and asks Hammond to call Callen to “put him on  
42 hold”
  - 43 ○ Motion by Hammond, second by Fry, for Fry to be the “negotiator” with Peters;  
44 vote was 3-2 (Filipczak and Byrnes opposed)
  - 45 ○ Rosen asked Fry to “look at the big picture” when he meets with Peters

46 4) **PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** ([Video Recording](#)): Cousar asked about a sandpile at  
47 the end of Jose’s Hideaway on Hidden Ln that needs to be leveled out since it is a draft point for  
48 the District.

49 5) **NEXT MEETING DATES** ([Video Recording](#)): Monthly Meeting Friday, 17 March 2023 at  
50 10:00AM

51 6) **ADJOURN** ([Video Recording](#)): **Move** by Fry, **seconded** by Hammond; meeting adjourned at  
52 1:16PM.

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61 Bill Fry  
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