

Central Vermont Public Safety Authority
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Building
April 21, 2016
Meeting Minutes – Draft

Directors present: Dona Bate and Tom Golonka, representing the City of Montpelier; Martin Prevost and Michael Smith, representing Barre City; Kim Cheney, Doug Hoyt and, Alexandra Pastor (participated by phone), at large directors.

Directors absent: None

Others attending: Paco Aumand, CVPSA Executive Director; Scott Cameron; David Delcore, Times Argus reporter; Bob Sager, CVPSA Board Treasurer.

The meeting was opened by Tom at 6:36 pm.

A motion to approve the agenda, as presented, with one addition, was made by Michael, seconded by Doug. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 7th meeting was made by Dona, seconded by Martin. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Board had a discussion regarding an employee survey, specifically for the dispatchers, to hear their ideas and concerns regarding the development of a communications center. Paco has met with Public Safety managers to get both their approval and ideas to carry this out. In the coming weeks Paco will be meeting with the management and dispatching staff personally and possibly utilizing online survey tools to complete the task.

The Board discussed creating a financial identity including: opening a bank account for the Authority; creating appropriate financial policies and; developing, and approving, a Board resolution for formal authorization to open the account and, name the Board Chair, Treasurer and the Executive Director as signatories.

A motion to approve the opening of a bank account with Community National Bank and to authorize the Board Chair, Treasurer and, the Executive Director to sign the necessary paperwork for such as well as be the three signatories for the account was made by Dona, seconded by Martin. **Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.**

Paco presented a brief overview of his Executive Director's report including updates on the pending Homeland Security grant and, meetings related to the upcoming communication center implementation plan.

The Board discussed going into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations with labor attorney Scott Cameron and for future union negotiations.

A motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the contract and union negotiations proposed for discussion would clearly place the CVPSA at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public was made by Michael, seconded by Dona. **Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion to go into executive session under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the previously mentioned items and, invite Scott Cameron, Bob Sager and Paco Aumand, was made by Michael, seconded by Dona. **Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. The Board went into executive session at 7:03pm.**

Scott Cameron left at 7:50pm.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Dona, seconded by Michael. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Board came out of executive session at 8:08pm.**

A motion to hire attorney Scott Cameron for professional services related to labor/management issues and, to authorize Executive Director Paco Aumand to sign a service agreement, spending up to \$3000 for these services, was made by Dona, seconded by Doug. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Without objection Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michael Smith
CVPSA Secretary

The Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority will be held May 5th 6:30pm at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Building.