

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, David V. Lawler, John Lacoste, Prudential Committee; Krystal Abrams, Clerk/Treasurer; Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Michael Winn, Chief; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief, Bill Fraher, CPA, Thomas Goodearl, Capt., Michael Rogers, Lt., Daniel Osgood, Lt., Charles Riley, FF., Anthony O'Donnell, FF., Brian Morrison, Capt., Ryan Scott, Para., Enrique Arrascue, Capt., Mark MaCallister, Fire Commissioner, Natalia Celeste, Executive Assistant.

The meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Bill Fraher: Bill Fraher opened the meeting with a discussion regarding our tax recap for Fiscal Year 22 and how COMM will navigate this over the next few years. Bill discussed each option in detail.

David Lawler made a motion to retain Bill Fraher as a Consultant for finances and matters in question relating to the financials of COMM Fire District. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

David Lawler made a motion the District, with respect to revenue shortfall, will utilize its own funding resources in reserve, in particular allocation of existing OPEB monies, stabilization funds, and free cash, and other recommendations by our consultant, Bill, to maintain the present Fiscal budget going forward. John Lacoste seconded this motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn discussed Fiscal Year 22 budget and the anticipated shortfall. Chief Winn also discussed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 23. Chief Winn discussed the draft of Articles proposed for Fiscal Year 23. The Articles include a new ambulance, station maintenance upgrades, and Dispatch upgrades as COMM is still using the original Dispatch equipment from 1989. The Fire Department is also requesting a re-appropriation of previous year Articles to the Fire Fighter overtime for Fiscal Year 22, and lastly a Covid Relief Article which will allow for any unanticipated costs of manpower or equipment related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Craig Crocker: Craig discussed moving forward with the Catastrophic Sick Bank Program discussed at last Prudential Meeting.

David Lawler made a motion that the Catastrophic Sick Bank Program as drafted by Paul Hodnett, be approved by the Prudential Committee and all steps taken by Mr. Crocker to effectuate a committee as proposed. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Craig discussed the Water Departments draft budget for Fiscal Year 23. Craig also discussed proposed Articles for Fiscal Year 23.

Krystal Abrams: Krystal stated that the health insurance rates were finalized and there is a 3% increase across the board for all plans, except Dental and Life insurance. There will be no premium holiday this Fiscal Year.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve minutes from February 2, 2022 meeting as printed. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: March 30, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06p.m. John Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer