

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 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;

**Also Present:** Michael Rogers, Lt; Ryan Scott, Paramedic.

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Chief Winn:** Chief Winn distributed the department updates. There was a brief discussion regarding the projected budget shortfall for this Fiscal Year. Chief Winn discussed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and took the advice of the Prudential Committee and the Treasurer at the last Prudential Meeting, to increase budgets such as the fuel and energy allowances. This was advised due to the current inflation changes. Shawn Lehane has been promoted to the Fire Prevention Officer and will be moving to the second floor to train with Michael Grossman, FPO, who will be retiring August 2022. The Fire Department has two announced retirements for this coming Fiscal year and are currently interviewing for two candidates to start July 1, 2022. Application process will be closed Friday, April 8, 2022 at 4:00pm.

**Krystal Abrams:** Krystal stated that she has drafted a Nomination Paper Policy for Annual Meeting to take effect immediately upon approval from the Prudential Committee. There was a discussion regarding policy and protocol for nomination papers to be taken out going forward. There will be a vote on this policy at the next Prudential Meeting. Krystal discussed salaries for both the Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer for Fiscal year 2023. Krystal is asking for .78 an hour raise totaling \$82,680.00 this coming Fiscal Year. Carlton Crocker evaluated Krystal earlier in the week. Alex is also asking for the same increase of .78 an hour, totaling her hourly rate to \$26.78, totaling \$57,844.80 annually for this coming Fiscal Year. Krystal evaluated Alex earlier in the week also. Alex is also asking for an additional week (5 days) vacation.

**David Lawler made a motion to approve the salary increases for Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, with additional vacation time for Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**David Lawler made a motion to approve minutes from March 9, 2022 meeting as printed. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

There was a brief intermission taken at 6:33pm.

**David Lawler reconvened the meeting at 6:43pm. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Water Superintendent, Craig Crocker joined the meeting at 6:43pm.

**Craig Crocker:** Craig distributed his most updated budget for Fiscal Year 2023. The operation and maintenance budgets were approved by the Water Board at their last meeting. Craig was also advised by the Prudential Committee to increase fuel and energy budgets this coming Fiscal Year. There was a discussion regarding water projects currently happening in the District. Craig stated he is still looking for the right candidate for an entry level distribution operator to replace Luke White, who separated from COMM Water Department last month.

**Next meeting: June 15, 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.**

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**Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**