

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

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**PRESENT:** Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David V. Lawler, Prudential Committee; Judith Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer; Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Michael Winn, Chief

**Also Present:** Byron Eldridge, Deputy,

The meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Chief Winn:** Chief Winn distributed a report sent from Pierce on the status of Ladder 307 in the refurbishment process. Deputy Eldridge, Fire Commissioner Scott Frank and himself will be flying to Wisconsin that weekend to go over the truck in its assembly thus far. Chief Winn also distributed his proposed articles for FY 19 that he had already presented to and worked through with the Fire Commissioners at their last meeting. Chief Winn also discussed his general operating budget for FY 19. Deputy Eldridge stated that they had a pretty significant ice rescue on Paddy's Pond in Marstons Mills a couple weeks ago, the guys did a really good job and utilized all the training they do throughout the year it really tested their skills. Lastly, there were some personnel changes, on February 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Gardner submitted his paperwork for retirement. As a result of his retirement, at Mondays Fire Commissioners meeting they have promoted Pat Hill to the open lieutenant spot. He has been an acting lieutenant for several months while both firefighter Schneckloth and Lt. Miskiv have been out on injury leave. Also they have promoted Mike Rogers to the acting lieutenant spot while Lt. Miskiv is still out injured for a couple more months.

**Carlton Crocker:** Carlton discussed the proposed streetlight at Race Lane and Route 149. A week or so ago he attended the Marstons Mills Village Association meeting after he received a letter from the President to discuss lighting in that area. They are requesting 3 or 4 more lights and it was agreed that there is no question that they need lighting at the roundabout. We are currently waiting to hear back from Eversouce before we can contact Siemens to install lights. There would be two lights on Race Lane, east and west, close to the rotary and there is already one light south on 149 . We would put one north of 149.

**David V. Lawler made a motion to authorize a minimum of three lights to be installed at the Marstons Mills roundabout at either the Chairman or Mr. Lacoste's discretion. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Judy distributed Craig's water budget that he had given Carlton last week for the Prudential Committee's review and it will be discussed at a later time when Craig returns from vacation.

**Judy Sprague:** Judy distributed an updated expenditures report through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Judy also distributed and discussed the high deductible/health savings account plans that will be available, since the unions will be going into negotiations. We will schedule to set up meetings with BCBS and Harvard to come down and talk to those who are interested in going on the new plans. Judy also discussed the Financial Consultant applicants, she received resumes from 9 individuals interested in the position and 3 of those have municipal experience. The Prudential Committee requested that those 3 provide cover letters, resumes as well as references. Judy also asked what is being considered as far as a salary for this position for budget purposes, it was agreed that \$15,000 will be the tentative amount. Judy also informed the members about the Employer Health Care Contribution which is a quarterly tax we pay, and that she had got notification from them that since there are so many individuals on Mass Health they are raising the rates, about \$26 more a year per employee. Judy also discussed the BAN that was approved at the special meeting and asked the board to determine how many payments they wanted to pay that in. It was determined this will be decided at a later time. Judy also informed everyone that we have a software demo for the water department, for financial and payroll scheduled. Lastly, Judy stated that the auditor Bill Fraher will have a draft next week of the Fy 17 audit.

**John A. Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting as printed, David V. Lawler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: March 14, 2018 at 6:00pm.**

**Public Comment:** None

**John A. Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. David V. Lawler seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

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**Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**