

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 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, Craig Crocker; Water Superintendent

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Craig Crocker: Craig distributed his FY 19 operations management budget, he has updated the salary budgets and believes he can cover any increases in negotiations with these numbers. This increase percentage in the draft budget is without the insurance increases. Craig stated that he does have a few projects for next fiscal year with the installations and improvements article. At the intersection of Route 28 and Osterville West Barnstable Road there will be some major changes done by the state department, where the water department will be relocating hydrants and doing improvements including getting old copper pipe out and replacing it with plastic while the roads are open during construction. Also the Osterville Pines Condominium only has a two inch line going across the road, so while the project is going on they will be putting in an 8 inch line and install a hydrant and fire protection on that side of the road. Carlton also stated that there are some questions and concerns in regard to Cape Light Compact and he would like to talk to Attorney Doug Murphy about it. Judy stated that she will talk to her contact at Cape Light Compact to see if we can be in a contract with them.

Judy Sprague: Judy distributed appropriation sheets for FY 19 with and without borrowing for the ambulance and this is without putting in any increase in the valuation. If you put the \$350,000 for the ambulance into the tax rate it ends up being \$1.68 roughly. If they decide to borrow for the ambulance or take it out of raising it ends up being \$1.63 but this does not include the other \$1.7 million that we have to raise for the shortfall that is going to be on the tax rate as well. It is unknown at this time due to other factors to predict what the tax rate will be with the shortfall. Carlton stated that his first impression would be to borrow for the ambulance. He mentioned that himself, and the Chief have had conversations about possibly leasing the new ambulance and what that would include and consist of. Judy also stated that she put \$250,000 into OPEB and \$150,000 as a payment on the BAN. There was a discussion about the different leasing options. Judy also stated that next Thursday is the other demo for the other utility company. Judy mentioned that the Chief and Dave are going to try to get a better photo of the model T firetruck, for the front of the Annual Warrant. If they can't they have a really good

picture of 307 all refurbished. Carlton mentioned that on the vehicle schedule down the road we have 305 on that list. We are thinking about having that sent off to Wisconsin to do the same refurbishment as 307. Judy stated that on the Appropriations and Expenditures schedule, there are some highlighted articles that are going to be 5 years old and need to be used or they will expire. He can also repurpose it into one of his articles if he doesn't plan on using it before it expires and that will also help reduce what we need to raise. Judy asked the Prudential committee that for the High Deductible Health Plans that we will be rolling out this July, for our retirees that are under the age of 65, they can go on this plan but it is up to our discretion if we want to put in half the deductible for them as well. It does save us enough money that it doesn't really hurt us to put in half for them as well. It was decided that we can put in half the deductible for those retirees who are under 65 that wish to do the High Deductible Health Plans. Judy also stated that we have an education session scheduled for May 4th at 4:30 pm upstairs in the meeting hall and it is open to others on the Cape. Judy stated that she looked into doing remote deposits with Century Bank since we have had some issues with the post office with them going missing in the mail. Although she has not spoken with our direct representative, there is \$1 per deposit fee, \$50 per month fee and if they don't have a scanner we have to purchase one.

Chief Winn: The different options for leasing or borrowing for the ambulance were discussed again with the Chief. The Chief said he will contact his rep for leasing the ambulances to see what he has for connections for municipal finance companies to get some numbers and more information. Judy also informed the Chief about the Appropriations and Expenditures schedule, the highlighted Article amounts that need to be used or repurposed as well as those that will need to be used by next year. Leasing the ambulance for FY 19 was discussed again and the other options available to us and how it affects us financially. Carlton also stated that the ladder truck is done and will be here next week.

John A. Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting as printed, David V. Lawler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

David V. Lawler made a motion to go into executive session at 7:14 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the litigation strategy for the District and that we do not reconvene after the end of executive session. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. Roll call vote, D. Lawler, yes; J. Lacoste, yes; Carlton Crocker, yes.

Next meeting: May 9, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer