

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy, Chief

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Chief Winn: Chief Winn stated that they had a walk through done this morning of their COMMBUYS posting for the station security project. They had four extremely reputable and competent bidders show up for the mandatory walk through of all 3 stations. He also mentioned that Kathleen was contacted by the Inspector General's office asking if COMM would like to host a Boards and Commissions training class, he responded that we would be happy to host their class that would take place in either May or June for the Cape. Chief Winn also stated that Dispatcher Ben Pierce's mother had passed away. He distributed a draft of FY2020 budget and articles and as he has stated due to the contract bargaining implications, we are going to show a substantial wage increase in our overall budget of about 6%, since we are working on a almost a year retro plus the current increase. David Lawler asked how we are doing coming up with the funds to cover the contract negotiations for the current year. Chief Winn responded that it is a debatable item at this point, he said they have a fairly good snapshot of what it is going to cost us and they have a fairly good idea of the last three years of what we bring in, and knowing what wiggle room we have. He stated that Deputy Eldridge and he, have discussed this as well, that if it is decided to fund this increase through the operating budget, they would implement a spending freeze in the department to stop unplanned spending. Chief Winn discussed and went over his list of articles for FY2020 in order of priority.

Craig Crocker: David Lawler informed Craig that he was contacted by one of the lawyers that represents Aimee's Bakery, their building abuts District property, and they are applying for a liquor license and forgot to send us notice. We just have to accept the notice unless Craig feels differently. Carlton stated that it is more of a question for Craig's board, although the property is owned by the Fire District. David stated that we are just being notified as an abutter that this is going to happen; Craig responded that he will bring this to the Board's attention tonight at his

Water Commissioners meeting. Carlton stated that it is approved by the Prudential Board pending approval from the Water Commissioners. Craig distributed an updated draft of the operation and maintenance budget for FY 2020, though he is still working on a few items. At this time he only has one main article which is the installations and improvements. There will be another article for about \$25,000 which would be to make some repairs to the two buildings in Osterville, specifically for the roofs to the main building and the garage. And the last article is for the OPEB account. Chief Winn asked how Main Street Marstons Mills project is going. Craig stated that they have finished their project for today, but they have two more tie ins down at the cash market, but he believes they can keep one lane open for traffic. As for Lovell's Lane, Craig stated he will keep him informed. Carlton asked if he knew what the story was with the states project on Route 28 and Osterville West Barnstable Road. He responded that it is supposed to start this spring. It does not involve us too much, although Craig does want to upgrade a few services while the road is opened up and he does want to get a hydrant in across from Osterville Pines. There will also be some streetlights that will need to be moved but Eversource has to move the poles and they were already notified a while ago. There was a discussion about The Vineyard Wind Project.

Judy Sprague: Judy stated that there will be no increase in health and dental insurances for this fiscal year. Once Judy gets all the changes for the contracts and salaries she can work better on the budgets because of Medicare, Social Security and things like that. Judy asked the Prudential Committee, in regards to the ambulance BAN for \$300,000, how they wanted to do the payments for it. It was decided to do pay for it over the course of two years. Judy also asked the Prudential Committee since our quorum is now 50, if we wanted to have the Annual Meeting upstairs in the meeting hall.

David Lawler made a motion to have the Annual Meeting at Station One headquarters in Centerville in the meeting hall. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Judy stated that our assessment from Barnstable County Retirement is only going to go up under 2%. She also stated that the RFP is complete for the new financial and water utility software and the advertisement went into the newspaper. There has been three companies so far that have responded to the proposal.

David Lawler made a motion as previously discussed that we accept the waiver of notice of liquor license hearing as presented, indicating that we are only accepting notice, we neither agree nor oppose the license just accepting the notice. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Judy also stated that she talked to Kelly from Dowling and O'Neil and she said to put in for about a 5% increase.

David V. Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting as printed, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: March 13, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

David V. Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer