

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2020

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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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy; Richard Fontana, John Callahan, Lansdowne Association

The meeting convened at 5:59pm.

Public Comment: Phillip Fontana from the Lansdowne Association in Marstons Mills spoke to the Prudential Committee to appeal the District's decision not to take over the decorative lights in the private development he currently resides in. Phillip Fontana had submitted a request back in October for the District to take over the maintenance of the decorative streetlights in the private development that includes Tupelo Road and Whitmar Road. After hearing Mr. Fontana's appeal, the District still decided against taking over the lights in the Lansdowne development.

David Lawler made a motion to deny the applicants request to appeal the original decision of the Prudential Committee. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn distributed fire department updates, see attached. Chief Winn also discussed the Coronavirus and the precautions that we as a department are putting in place as well as how we plan to deal with the Coronavirus moving forward. Lastly Chief Winn distributed his proposed budget for this upcoming fiscal year, including hypothetical figures for the Local 59 negotiations if an agreement is reached. Judy asked the Chief about Meditrol who is a third party administrator, right now we pay him a monthly amount but it was decided to terminate the current agreement and transfer to an hourly as need, rate.

Craig Crocker: Craig distributed and discussed a revised draft of his operations and maintenance budget for FY2021. Craig discussed his articles, he stated he made some changes to the costs associated with his proposed articles after receiving some of the numbers back, but the articles are still the same. Craig also stated that we will start pumping water to Hyannis again by mid-April, which is earlier than we have in the past. The rate will increase from \$1.25 to \$1.55, and this will be the last season they will need water. They think they will have their treatment online by this time next year.

Judy Sprague: Judy distributed a very preliminary spreadsheet based on the numbers she received from the Chief just to give everyone an idea; the rate is dropping for next year. Last year our rate was 1.693 and actually came out to 1.59, and at this preliminary point it looks like it will be 1.542; so it is even less. We will have roughly \$146,000 left over from free cash, after using \$375,000 to pay off the BAN and interest, putting \$1 million into OPEB, \$300,000 into stabilization and that's including paying for the ambulance next year without borrowing. Judy also discussed raises, Judy had said she is satisfied with receiving 3% again this year since this will be her last year before retirement. Judy proposed Krystal's rate to be increased to \$27.00 per hour in respect that her rate needs to be bumped up substantially since she is basically going to take on many more responsibilities in preparation for Judy's retirement to get in as much training as possible. The Prudential Committee agreed to this.

David V. Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting as printed, John A. Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: April 1, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

David V. Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer