

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

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

**Also Present:** Byron Eldridge, Deputy; Mark McCartin, Dowling & O'Neill;

The meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Mark McCartin:** Mark gave an overview of the District's renewal proposals for the insurance policies for the next fiscal year. He discussed the commercial package, commercial auto, workers compensation and pollution liability coverages as well as the values of the buildings, vehicles, water towers, etc. that are covered in our policy.

**Craig Crocker:** Craig thanked the Chief and Deputy for their efforts during the E-Coli event, as well as the Town and County for the communication end of it. Although all the precautions weren't needed in the end, it was nice to know everything was ready to go at any moment. He also said Glenn, Luke, Beth, Cristin and Serena came in that Saturday which was a huge help and thanked them as well. Craig is still not too sure what the root of the cause was. It showed up at one of the wells during a routine sample in Craigville. He said we re-sampled immediately and those samples came back absent. They did take some extra measures, including checking both of the tanks, disinfected the well, added a little chlorine to the tank and the guys double checked their efforts at all the stations. Craig stated as far as the budget there are no updates or changes since it was presented at the last meeting. He did mention that we did see a bump in May's water pumpage probably due to the factor of people staying home or coming down early. We did start pumping to Hyannis as well.

**Chief Winn:** Chief Winn stated that he has some bargaining items, one item being the Local 59 contract renewal that needs Prudential Committee's signature. In addition there is a one page Memorandum of Understanding between ourselves and Local 59 that needs to be signed. Our mechanic is going to be out for four or five months with shoulder/bicep surgery and the Deputy and Chief have been planning how we can bring in some part time help to minimize the mechanical issues so he isn't buried when he comes back. As far as the budget goes for the rest of the year, we have one payroll, one overtime, one warrant and small accrued payroll left. He

believes we will just squeak by. He also mentioned we have a pending retirement of Thomas Miskiv in the next 60 days or so. Chief Winn stated we have been predicting a tight budget all the way through the year and it will be as tight as ever but we will come out okay.

**Judy Sprague:** Judy stated that after the Special District Meeting she did send in the information and necessary documents to the Attorney General and less than a week later, she got a response from them basically giving their endorsement and we are in the clear. She also mentioned new laws that have been coming down just lately, as far as the Annual Meeting. They are finally addressing the quorum issues. There shouldn't be any problem regardless, but, basically, they are saying if you have a quorum you only need 10% attendance to qualify. The other item that came down with the changes, is that we can shorten the hours for our election. The legal requirement is 4 hours but we will have ours for 6 hours. Deputy Eldridge recommended for the Annual Meeting this time to tape off an area outside of the tent in the parking lot since at the Special most people were hesitant to go inside.

**John A. Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting as printed, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: July 8, 2020 at 6:00pm.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. John A Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

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**Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**