

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

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The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David 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;

Public Comment: None

Craig Crocker: Craig distributed the latest pumpage report, we are having a record year. He stated we are going to go over our existing permitted withdrawal amount with the state but Craig isn't too sure what they can do about it, since every system is going to be in the same situation. The permit issued by the Mass DEP is usually good for 20 years, they keep re-issuing it for the same withdrawal amount so currently it's the same number as it was 15 years ago. He mentioned this is just due to drought conditions and more people staying in their vacation homes, etc, we can also validate that we supply for Hyannis Water, as well, which contributed to our record pumpage numbers. Craig stated that other Water Districts are in the same situation.

Chief Winn: See attached Department updates from Chief Winn that were distributed. Chief Winn also stated that the Fire Commissioners meetings will resume taking place via Zoom. He also informed the Prudential Committee that he had a lengthy conversation with the Executive Office of Public Safety about what the guidance is for first responders and essential personnel. Judy asked the Chief if he would like the Dispatch assessment for Cotuit to remain the same. Chief said that will be fine.

Judy Sprague: Judy recapped that we will keep the Dispatching services for Cotuit Fire at the same cost as it has been. As far as the Tax Recap, Judy got an email from the Town Assessor that he spoke to the Bureau of Accounts and they had some additional questions but they should know in the next couple days when it is finalized. They had a re-assessment year this year which is causing some of the delay. Judy distributed an Appropriations and Expenditures report through October 31. Judy also stated that we got our free cash certification, which was \$1,720,504 for this year.

John Lacoste made a motion to appoint Alexandra Jackson as the new Assistant Treasurer for the COMM Fire District at a starting hourly rate of \$23.50 with a 6 month probation period and review for June 2021. David V. Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave commented that Alexandra was a very strong candidate. After the review from Carlton and viewing the resume, as well as understanding where she came from, she will be a tremendous asset to the District.

Judy discussed her consulting duties post retirement with the Prudential Board as well as setting Rich Sargent up on Prudential payroll for his new IT duties per his retirement on November 27th. Carlton discussed the need for possibly hiring a fifth dispatcher, the other members agreed. Carlton stated he is going to talk to the Chief about this.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting as printed, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

David Lawler made a motion to approve October 29, 2020 executive meeting minutes as printed, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: December 9, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

David Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer