

# CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

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**PRESENT:** Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David V. Lawler, Prudential Committee, Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer; Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer; Michael Winn, Chief; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent, Byron Eldridge, Deputy.

The meeting convened at 5:31 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Craig Crocker:** Craig opened the meeting by providing the most current pumpage report. There was a brief discussion comparing the pumpage from last year. Craig also distributed a first draft of the Water Department Operational and Maintenance Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Craig stated he is still finalizing chemical and electricity costs. Craig stated at the next meeting he will have some Articles prepared for Annual District Meeting. There was a brief discussion, directing new Treasurer Molly Stevens, on the Water Department's indirect costs, and the numbers Molly will provide to Craig to work into his Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

**Chief Winn:** Chief Winn stated at last month's Fire Commissioner meeting there was a vote to promote new Lieutenants. Lieutenant Ryan Scott who was assigned to group one, Lieutenant Dan Carpenter who was assigned to group four. These were two vacancies that existed, one from the retirement of Lieutenant Aalto, and the announcement of retirement for Matt Dillon, who will be retiring on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Following that, the Fire Department has made two conditional offers of employment to, Odane Murphy of Centerville and Jack Tuohy-Bedford who will join us from the lower cape. Both were offers of employment for Paramedics. In addition to that, there were three part time dispatchers hired, and the Fire Department will be discontinuing the past practice of using firefighters as dispatchers when there is a struggle with staffing. After working through the collective bargaining components, Matt Mills, Joe Gibbs, and Casey White were offered the part time positions. Chief Winn stated there are three outboard motors that were taken off the departments boats years ago, one in 2017 and then two in 2019. Chief Winn asked the Prudential Committee to declare these motors to surplus. Chief Winn would like to give them to the Lower Cape Vocational School for the Marine Outboard Program. There was a brief discussion between the Prudential Committee and Byron Eldridge regarding other potential surplus items.

**David Lawler made a motion that all three motors in question be donated or handled as surplus at the Chief's discretion. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Byron Eldridge:** Byron led a discussion amongst the meeting attendees regarding the Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC), that was discussed at length at the September 14, 2022, Prudential Meeting. This program is going to try and be up and running in two years. There is a grant opportunity coming up in March 2023, to get feasibility money, and what it would cost to build or renovate a site and what the initial costs would be for a project like this.

Chief Winn stated that we are three years away from our Centennial. Chief Winn has asked the Prudential Committee for assistance on getting a work group together to plan the celebration of 100 years of service to the villages.

**Molly Stevens:** Molly distributed the Appropriations and Expenditure report as of December 31, 2022. Molly also distributed a timeline of events scheduled for the Annual District Meeting. The Election will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, May 2023 and the election will follow on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, May 2023. The advertisement to take out election papers will be posted on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, February 2023, and nomination papers will be available at the Prudential Office starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, February 2023. The deadline for department reports is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**David Lawler made a motion to increase the Assistant Treasurer, Alexandra Jackson, hourly rate to \$29.00 per hour, retroactive to January 1, 2023. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**David Lawler made a motion that at the chief sole discretion, surplus items that have been in storage, or otherwise sitting around the Fire Department for any period greater than two years without being used, maybe sold disposed of, or donated at the Chiefs discretion. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022, meeting as printed. David Lawler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.**

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**Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer**