

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023

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PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, David V. Lawler, John Lacoste, Prudential Committee; Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer; Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Michael Winn, Chief;

Also Present: Byron Eldridge; Deputy.

The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2023 meeting as printed. John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn opened the meeting with a department update. Chief Winn stated that the Fire Department has received notice from Local 59 Teamsters, for the ministry of employees of the Fire Department, which includes a Custodian, a Mechanic and two Administrative Assistants. Chief Winn stated that one of the ambulances that has been on order since FY 21, should be coming into the station in July 2023. Chief Winn discussed a couple of unique incidents that occurred over the past couple of weeks, that required a wide area search for missing Alzheimer's patients in the District. Both patients were found within close proximity of their homes. Chief Winn discussed in detail the avenues taken to find the missing patients and gave credit to all agencies involved. Chief Winn highlighted the importance of social media when trying to locate the patients missing. COMM staff were able to get a message very quickly on our social media platform, which is small, but what was bigger was it got grabbed by the Town of Barnstable social media, and their presence on social media is huge. Having the presence on social media allowed us to get the word out to the public, and intern many people from the public showed up to the site, volunteering to help search for the missing patients.

This past Friday, the Deputy and several members of Fire Department participated in an active shooter drill that took place at Barnstable High School. There were approximately 200 responders who showed up for this training. They went through several iterations of an active shooter, hostile event. This was incredible training.

Molly Stevens: Molly stated that the Annual District Meeting Booklet is almost complete. All departments have received their segments to proofread. All segments of the booklet will be turned into the Treasurer's Department by Friday, April 14, 2023, to be turned into Lujean Printing. Bill Fraher, CPA and Doug Murphy, District's Attorney, have both reviewed the

booklet, the budgets, and Articles. Molly distributed and discussed a proposal for HR Key Solutions, which is a consultant Molly would like to invite to help us with the Personnel Code. The Prudential Committee agrees with the proposal. No vote is required. Molly gave a department update, Assistant Treasurer, Alexandra Jackson, has completed the three-day Procurement Course and passed the Procurement Exam. Alexandra has several more courses on the schedule this Fiscal Year, which will go into detail of each procurement process. Molly added the department is very proud of her accomplishment.

Carlton Crocker made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Prudential Operation Budget. David Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding sewer projects and construction continuing in the District until Labor Day.

Water Superintendent, Craig Crocker joined the meeting at 6:30pm.

Craig Crocker: Craig discussed a preliminary discussion he had with the Town of Barnstable regarding possibly installing meters for irrigation when residents are beginning to connect to the sewer. There was a discussion on whether they would be privately installed and read by COMM water techs to separate indoor water use from outdoor non-sewer water use. Craig reiterated, this was all preliminary discussion and no decisions have been made, and that he still has more facts to be filled in on. Craig stated his FY 23 budget is on track for the last quarter of the year. Craig distributed the pumpage report and provided a comparison of the last Fiscal Year pumpage report. Craig stated the Water Department is well into the flushing program. The department is out in Marstons Mills, by Stop & Shop area. Craig stated they will be starting phase three of flushing tomorrow, which goes south of Route 28.

The dates for Annual District Meeting were reiterated. Monday, May 15, 2023, voting will take place at COMM Headquarters, 1875 Falmouth Road, Centerville MA 02632, from 8:00AM until 7:00PM. Annual District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00PM.

Next meeting: June 15, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

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

Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer