

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022

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PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David Lawler, Prudential Committee; Krystal Abrams, Clerk/Treasurer; Alexandra Jackson, Assistant/Clerk Treasurer; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent; Michael Winn; Fire Chief

Also Present:

The meeting convened at 6:08 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Chief Winn: Chief Winn opened the meeting with a department update. Dave Scott, Mechanic, retired on July 27, after sixteen years of service. Edward Dalbec back retired on July 31, after twenty-two years of service. Fire Protection Officer Mike Grossman will be retiring at the end of this month, after 34 years of service. Shawn Lehane has begun his initial training in Fire Prevention. The fire department made the decision to go with an online platform training service for Emergency Medical Services. The training platform is a parallel offering for Lexipol who offers and provides for us all our policies and procedures. Lexipol allows COMM to have every member of the department to have access to Lexipol on their phones and computers and in the trucks. Our policies and procedures are updated anytime there's a state or federal change or any laws that affect us, whether it's labor, or industrial or vocational or OSHA. July this year was the busiest month ever with 531 Call Center Services. Chief Winn stated they have collected applications for the Mechanic position and are interviewing. Chief Winn stated they hope to make a conditional offer by the end of the week. Chief Winn stated the department purchased a piece of equipment for dealing with the vehicle fires, The Original Fire Blanket. If we come across a new vehicle that's going into thermal runaway, our location is teaching us to use up to 40 50,000 gallons of water. One of the reason the department purchased The Original Fire Blanket is because the tow yards are going to have to have some type of containment or isolation period for electric cars that are involved in accidents. We know we can't put a fire out at a certain thermal runaway level. When needed to be used, the blanket will go over the top of the burning car to take the energy out of the and give our people an opportunity to come up with a game plan to hook it and pull it away from whatever it's burning next to. We put the blanket on and keep it away from the exposures whether it's in a parking garage or parking someone's house, or a row of new cars burning. The blanket can also be used if there is a house fire with solar panels, we can put the blanket over the roof to stop it from making power. The Original Blanket is reusable up to 30 times.

Craig Crocker: Craig distributed an updated pumpage report. There was brief discussion comparing pumpage over the recent months and same months in previous Fiscal Years. Eversource came last week and installed the cables and set up the meter for the new pump station. The project is at a standstill until the pump station has power. There was a brief discussion regarding being able to obtain equipment and supplies due to the demand right now. Craig stated he is still having some issues getting equipment and supplies in a timely manner. Craig stated that the sewer project and Vineyard Wind project will be up and running again a week after Labor Day. There was a discussion regarding the pipeline project throughout the District and the routes they will be digging up to replace the pipes.

Krystal Abrams: Krystal stated we will approve the FY 2022 motions at the next meeting. Krystal distributed an expenditure and appropriations report as of June 30th. Krystal stated that the fire department will be turning back in approx. \$150,000.00. Krystal is working with Bill Fraher, Financial Consultant, for the year end close and financial statements to prepare for the tax recap.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting as printed, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2022 meeting as printed, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. John. A. Lacoste seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer