

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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The meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.

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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief; Lane Partridge, Town of Barnstable Assessor

Public Comment: None

Lane Partridge: Lane opened the meeting by stating he is the director of assessing and he is responsible for setting all the values in the towns and then dividing them up through the Districts. Lane gave a presentation that went through the changes this year in comparison to last year. Lane stated that they base their factors two years in arrears, so they took a look at the residential market in 2021, which is what our values are based on, went up 27.46%, Commercial Market went up 16%, Industrial market 15% and Property 24%. The average for the entire District was a 27% increase. Lane then explained they take our values, to calculate a tax rate. They do that by taking the levy divided by the total valuation of the District and it came out to \$1.27. Is what your rate would be at a unified rate (everybody paying the same tax rate). There was a discussion amongst the board and Lane.

David Lawler made a motion that we support a residential factor of 1 and that we do not adopt any residential exemptions or any commercial exemptions for the upcoming fiscal period.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn started by talking about the fantastic training opportunity the Fire Department had today, that took place at the intersection of Phinney's Lane and RTE 28, where they did a simulated technical rescue, using the excavation site there where they're putting the pump station. The department had twenty-nine Call members participate, fourteen Hyannis members, four from the County, the President of the Town Council, and the Chief of Police. The department simulated someone injured and unconscious at the bottom of that pit and how we would get them out of there. Chief Winn stated it's a lot more difficult than it looks just because of the complexities of the safety and traffic. If they need to lift someone out of there, the cranes are great, but if the cranes are not there, then we've got to use other methods, and that's what they practiced today. Chief Winn stated they had a successful completion of Lieutenants process. Five people passed and moved on to the oral interview, the list was then finalized to three candidates. The Department will be making a permanent appointment for Lieutenant in December.

Krystal Abrams: Krystal distributed the final figures of Fiscal Year 2022. The Prudential Department turned in \$148,662.08, Fire Department \$383,596.29 and the Water Department \$138,658.38. Krystal stated the free cash was certified at a little over \$52,000.00, which will go towards FY 2024 budget. Krystal distributed the Appropriations and Expenditure Report as of October 31, 2022, all looks well in departments as far as budgets. Krystal stated the auditors from Roselli Clark and Associates, are coming next week. There was a brief discussion regarding the resident street light request. John Lacoste stated he will have the determination for the request at the next Prudential Meeting. There was a lengthy discussion amongst the board regarding the new candidate for Clerk/Treasurer position, desired salary, and the current job market.

David Lawler made a motion that the Chairman has the authority to set the salary for the new Clerk/Treasurer. John Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Crocker: Craig gave a brief overview of all the Water Department projects going on right now. The Patty's Pond pump station is at a standstill until testing is done. There was a brief discussion amongst the board members and Craig regarding the Craigsville project and the Dowses project. David Lawler is negotiating both projects to make sure this project is fair to our taxpayers and the benefits for our District.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022, meeting minutes as printed, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: December 14, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. David Lawler seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Alexandra Jackson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer