

**BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT  
1841 PHINNEY'S LANE  
BARNSTABLE, MA 02630**

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 11, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee member William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee member Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones, Steve Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Streetlight Consultant Rich French and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021 as written.

Rich French explained to the Prudential Committee that Siemens Mobility will not provide maintenance service for the streetlights after June 30, 2022. Cape Light Compact will prepare a new RFP for all the Cape and Vineyard including Barnstable Fire District. There are several companies on the state bid list and one Pine Ridge expressed interest. The RFP will be prepared by the end of February.

The Siemens representative has not replied about 100 lights the District has for changeover. It anticipated that there will be no cost to the District. From his conversation with Cape Light Compact this morning Siemens should have enough lights to do it. If we plan to go forward with the changeover Rich French has composed something to advise the voters of the change. Chairman Jones and Rich French will get together to edit his draft before sending out the letter.

Water Department:

- Water Department is under budget it has spent 43% over 50% of the year.
- Well 1 work is proceeding.
- Today voted not to allow water connection to the project behind Wilken Center.
- Waiting on price for the scaled back treatment plant.
- Preliminary budget is not ready.
- Received partial loan forgiveness of \$1.4 million loan.
- Prudential Chairman Jones suggests the Board of Water Commissioners get a grant writer.
- Water Department is currently underfunded in their reserves for catastrophe. They would like to look into purchasing a liability insurance policy that could be used in case a disaster should happen. Water Superintendent Rooney asked the Treasurer if he could get a cost on a policy.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is currently on budget for the FY 2022 year but by the end of the year may be

over. This is due to the Deputy Fire Chief promotion and back fill plus the District share of the FEMA Grant for SCBA.

- Year end incident volume up 22% over 2020. (1,656)
- Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant of \$205,213.00. to replace Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), as well as a new SCBA Cascade filling station. Cascade to be delivered and installed December 20, 2021. IPS in-service training on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Should go in service shortly thereafter.
- Ambulance 204 was delivered, registered, insured and in service.
- Ladder Truck 206 was delivered on December 20, 2021. Pump and ariel training was going on the last two weeks. Mounting equipment, radios and continuing training. Hope to have it in service February 2020.
- Shift Commander Vehicle C-212 is in service. Still waiting on a few lights.
- Marine 219 waiting on parts.
- Firefighter Watts has completed probation as of January 4, 2022. Adding the day shift firefighter resulted in a 6% reduction in overtime despite 22% increase in run volume.
- Captain Brailey has received Chief Fire Officer Credentialing.
- Captain Tyson has been greatly involved in Youth Fire-setter Intervention Program. The program received a \$2,500.00 contribution from the District Attorney's Office to put on a class.
- Deputy Pfautz is retiring February 1, 2022. Captain interviews scheduled for January 12, 2022. New firefighter /paramedic position posted last weekend with applications due January 19, 2022. Retirement/Promotion/Recognition Ceremony January 28, 2022.
- Former 201/212 vehicle registration and insurance are being removed. West Barnstable Fire Department is requesting the vehicle be donated to them. Chief is recommending donation to West Barnstable Fire Department.
- **Motion made by Andrew Miller to donate a 2008 Ford Explorer to West Barnstable Fire Department at no cost. Motion was seconded and passed.**
- Preliminary Operating Budget presented.

Treasurer:

- On track to be on budget for the year
- Cash has been balanced to the bank and general ledger for the month of December with no variances.
- The budget templates are setup for FY 2023.
- The Treasurer budget for FY 2023 will increase 5.4%. This due to an increase of the retirement assessment and increased debt that commences this year for the fire truck and interest for first phase of the water project.
- Treasurer received word from the Mass Clean Water Trust that the district has received loan forgiveness for a portion of the Water rehab project. The amount of principal and interest forgiven was \$96,786.41 based on an affordability metric. (6.6%)
- The FY 2021 audit has been received and is in the Treasurer's office for review.
- Treasurer requesting an Article for the FY2023 District Meeting to rescind \$200,000.00 from Article 16 of the Annual District Meeting of 06/10/2020 which was for the first phase of the water project. The District received a State grant that covered this part of the borrowing authorization.

Clerk:

- Department reports due in February for Annual Report.

Prudential Committee:

- On December 27, 2021 two candidates were interviewed for the Deputy Fire Chief position. Captain Christopher Beal was selected for the position. He will take over on February 1, 2022.

**Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the public session and go into executive session for contract negotiations with non-union personnel and not to return to public session. All members were polled and in agreement.**

**PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE AT JANUARY'S MEETING**

**ANNUAL REPORT DUE AT FEBRUARY'S MEETING**

**FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET DUE AT MARCH'S MEETING**

**MODERATOR AND COUNSEL INVITED TO REVIEW DRAFT WARRANT AT APRIL'S MEETING**

**WARRANT DUE APRIL 25TH**

**Next Meeting is February 8, 2022**