

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at the District Water Department. Also, in attendance were Prudential Committee member Joshua Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes.

The January 14, 2020 meeting scheduled cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Richards French, District Representative and Nathan Collins, Assistant Town Engineer discussed a proposal on the District taking over streetlights within the District's boundaries once installed along Independence Drive. Mr. Collins stated the Town is going to be seeking bids soon for the sidewalk and streetlighting project soon. He couldn't at this time provide a completion. The Prudential Committee had request Mr. French to get an estimate of cost to the District if they did take over the lights. Mr. French told the committee the cost would be between \$2,700 and \$3,000 a year. The Prudential Committee told Mr. Collins they were in favor of the takeover contingent on the Town Counsel making the offer to donate the lights and an affirmative vote by the District voters. The Prudential Committee requested Mr. French to contact District Counsel Charles Sabatt for the article wording.

Water Department:

- Water Commissioner Jones reported the state had adopted new drinking water standards for PFOS. The new standard had now dropped the allowable amount of PFOS from 70 parts per trillion to 20 parts per trillion. The District is currently compliant. Well 3 and 4 blended are at 14.9 and wells 2 and 5 are at 15.9. Well 1 which is currently offline is clean. Water Commissioners being proactive have already applied for a \$15 million grant to get Well 1 online and treatment for Well 2 and 5. The Department will file for another \$15 million grant for treatment Wells 3 and 4. Water Superintendent Rooney said he was told by the state that the District is at the top tier for getting funds because it is in the four top hotspot areas with Westfield, Ayer and Hyannis. Asked why we are considered a top priority he stated he believes it because of the wells proximity to the Airport, Fire Academy and Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Water Department is overbudget, 43% over 40% of the year
- Capital Project list given with Commissioner Jones stating the refurbishing of Well 1 should take priority even though they are trying to get funding from the state. Roof over wells 3 and 4 is leaking is on the list but the Water Department is hoping if there is money left from the KOH tank replacement to use it to replace the roof but right now they don't know if there will be excess funds.

- The engineering for the KOH tank removal from Well 4. Once done be able to go to the state for approval.
- The roof at Treatment 2 is rotten and need to replaced. Water Department also want to pull Well 2 for inspection at the same time.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year but maintenance to vehicles is significantly over budget (19%). Will be monitoring closely for the rest of year.
- Incidents are 11% over last year. 1,597 incidents for the year, the most ever.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. Chief has completed all closeout documents and is still waiting on reimbursement. At last Fire Chief meeting the chief questioned MEMA about the payments and expressed their frustration. MEMA is working on it.
- With equipment grant the Department has received and programed all radios and is in process of installing and placing them in service.
- Ladder 206 engine has been rebuilt and road tested by Minuteman. The project came under the \$35,000 allocated by the Prudential Committee. Chief requests \$3,214.84 of the left-over money be transferred to the Fire Department operating budget. This will restore the money used to paid towing and diagnostics cost paid to Power Products and Minuteman from the operating budget. Prudential Committee agrees to the transfer.
- Frederico Nogueira MFA recruit training has moved up to February 18, 2020 with graduation May 1, 2020. He will be attending the Stow academy.
- Staffing Study RFQ has been sent out to venders on January 8,2020. They have until February 3, 2020 to submit their proposals. Chief said he has at least three venders who will submit proposals.
- Arbitration with terminated employee hearing was held in December and post hearing briefs were submitted on February 17,2020. A decision is usually made within 30 days.
- Group 1 made a field delivery of a baby girl on Christmas night. All went well and a stock pinning ceremony will be held soon.
- FF/EMT Adam Penni completed and successfully passed his National paramedic examination and is also a Massachusetts Paramedic. Working with CIEMSS and Medical Director on obtaining his Authorization to Practice. Required to do a certain number of calls.
- FF/Paramedic Matthew Goodwin received his master's degree.
- Fire Department received a \$4,000 Cape Cod Foundation/Shepley Wide Open Fund grant to be used toward LPG fire extinguisher unit.
- Fire Department received a \$1,948 SAFE and Senior SAFE grant award for public education.
- Fire Department submitted a grant for funds to purchase a Washer/Extractor. The current Washer/Extractor although working well is nearing 20 years old.
- It is time for the annual Ambulance Billing review. The Chief recommends no increase and Prudential Committee accept the recommendation.
- Chief completed a 10-year Organizational Analysis of the Fire Department. It is a 10 year look back at what the Department has done. He has presented the final document to the Prudential Committee.

Treasurer:

- The December cashbook have been reconciled to the bank and general ledger.

- Solar revenues for the months of December and January were \$3,631. Total receipts for year are \$18,612.
- The budget for FY 2020 has been 69% expended, on track to come in under budget.
- FY 2021 Treasurers and Prudential budgets are complete. The 2021 Treasurer's and Prudential's budget are 2.5% lower than last year's budget.
- Annual report emailed to the Clerk.
- FY 2019 audit is complete. Will receive bound copies in the next few days.

Clerk:

- Warrant should be ready for April meeting for edits and comments by District Counsel and Moderator.

Prudential Committee:

- Nothing new to discuss.

Motion made to go into executive session and not to return to public session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy. Members were polled: William Jones agrees, and Joshua Miller agrees. Executive session is convened.

NEXT Meeting is February 11, 2020