

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2021**

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 members Joshua Miller and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones 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 November 9, 2021 as written.

Rich French explained to the Prudential Committee that Siemens Mobility who maintains our streetlight has been sold to another company which will be dissolving the company July 1, 2022 and will no longer provide this service. Cape Light Compact working on behalf of the District and the rest of the towns on the Cape secured the amendment to have the service continue until June 30, 2022 instead of December 31, 2022 in the current contract. At this time there is no replacement for the company but Cape Light Compact will be having a zoom meeting in mid-January to discuss the matter.

Rich French also brought up the suggestion on replacing in the future the sodium vapor lights in the District with LED lights because as time goes on the supply of these lights will diminish increasing the cost of replacing them. The District is the only one on the Cape to use sodium vapor lights. The District does have a supply of ten sodium vapor lights. Rich said he will ask Siemens if they will replace the sodium lights with LED lights before they disband.

**Motion made to accept the terms of the Outdoor Area Lighting Operation and Maintenance Agreement Amendment with Siemens Mobility, seconded and passed unanimously.**

Water Department:

- Water Department is under budget it has spent 38% over 42% of the year.
- Well 1 work is proceeding. Has power now, the building shell being built off site is 75% complete and the generator is expected to be shipped in February.
- Well #4 KOH tank replaced 6 months ago is leaking. It under warranty. Need to get the contractor in and manufacturer to tell what is going on.
- Received a \$150,000.00 grant to develop interconnections. There is already one at the Yarmouth/Barnstable line. Look see if there is an agreement with Yarmouth. Start using the money with that connection and if there is money left over to start one with COMM.

- The Water Department won't be able to get a price for the treatment plant at Well 5 until the January. They scaled down the building and now are waiting on a price for the scaled down version.

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.
- 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. All equipment should be in service in January 2022.
- Chief requests \$6,000.00 from Gift of Funds to buy 17 individual SCBA Facepieces.
- **Motion made by the Josh Miller to allow \$6,000.00 from the Gift of Funds to be used to purchase 17 individual SCBA facepieces, Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Ambulance 204 had final inspection at factory October 20 -22. Delivery is should either this week or next. Current Ambulance 204 is going up to Attleboro tomorrow so the equipment can be swapped over. Then the Department will need to fill up with medical supplies and it will be ready to go. The ambulance should be in service in a couple of weeks.
- Ladder Truck 206 final inspection at factory was early November. Delivery is schedule for December 20, 2021.
- Shift Commander Vehicle C-212 was delivered today at 3:30 PM. Still waiting on a few lights but it won't affect putting it in service today.
- Marine 219 incurred damage during the October Nor'easter from a fallen tree. Submitted information to Cabot Risk. New England Appraisal appraised the damage at \$5,585.59. Department received a check for \$5,085.59. Policy has a \$500.00 deductible. Replacement parts have been ordered and Ryan Smith will install.
- Firehouse Software Program will be discontinued December 31, 2022. Chief is looking at Fire Records Management System options to transition from Fire House. Will likely increase operating budget or a capital request. Looking at several options running from \$7,000.00 to \$42,000.00.
- Chief recommends limiting unsupervised public access to 1935 Mack. Prudential Committee agrees 100% that supervision is the key to preserving the vehicle.

Treasurer:

- Cash has been balanced to the bank and general ledger for the month of November with no variances.
- On track to be on budget for the year.
- The tax rate for the District is certified by the Department of Revenue at \$2.52 per thousand. This is a little higher than discussed at the classification hearing because there was a feeling an additional amount was needed for the overlay account.
- The Treasurer has submitted reports to the Clerk for the Annual Report.
- Treasurer has started work on the FY 2023 Prudential and Treasurer's budget.

Clerk:

- Department reports due in February for Annual Report.

Prudential Committee:

- Prudential Chairman Jones asks the Fire Chief to review letter written by Attorney Ford to make sure he is quoted correctly. Attorney Ford wants the Board of Water Commissioners to sign off on the letter. Chairman Jones what to make sure was correctly referenced in the letter.
- Interviews scheduled for today have been postponed due to a Covid incident at the Fire Station including one of the candidates. Interviews tentatively rescheduled at the Water Department for December 27, 2021, at 4 PM. A decision will be made which candidate will receive an Offer of Promotion after interviews are completed. Promotion is subject to negotiation of a contract.

**Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Prudential Committee to adjourn the meeting.**

**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 January 11, 2022**