

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 12, 2019**

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 Commissioner David Jones, Evelyn Bassett and Stephen Whitmore, 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 accept the December 31, 2018 minutes.

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 55% over 66% of the year.
- Pre-construction meeting to replace the gates at Railway Ave, Millway, Brags Lane and Commerce Way possibly Mary Dunn set for March 19, 2019.
- Tank 1 is down. Circulator is just out of warranty but will check with Attorney if anything can be done to get reimbursement. There is another circulator that just had the same problem. The company discontinued the circulator just after installing it in our well. You can't just replace the motor the whole unit must be replaced.
- Tanks 2 and 3 almost complete. Need to recoat the top of Tank 3 and complete site work around the tanks.
- The Water Department building project is complete except for the mini splits for front and Treasurer's offices.
- Superintendent Rooney reports there is a water main under the site where Vineyard Winds wants to put their transformer. They will have to pay to move the main. He also reports that Vineyard Winds is going in front of the Cape Cod Commission to build a 40-foot wall between their site and Village Green for sound migration.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are slightly over last year at this time.
- FEMA reimbursement – no update yet.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program application has been submitted for \$50,391. Completed desk review with no issues. Payment not expected until June 2019.

- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. Waiting for everyone to submit paperwork. Won't release funds until everyone has completed process.
- Engine 205 structural work completed and under budget. Back in service now.
- Chief submitted for a \$42,000 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for policy management solution. District share would be 5% or \$2,100. No update.
- Chief submitted for aa \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Equipment Grant for radio replacements. District share would be \$8,250. No update.
- Terminated employee appealed the denial for unemployment benefits. Hearing with DUA held January 24, 2019 but continued until February 27, 2019 and continued again until March 26, 2019.
- Frederico Nogueira was hired to fill empty firefighter position. Orientation going well and he just started 24 hour shifts today.
- Village meeting put on by Counselor Flores was well attended. Chief was asked to present an overview of the fire department operations.
- Cape Cod Commission held today. They are conducting a roadway safety audit of Mary Dunn and Route 6A. They were discussing ways on improving safety at intersection with some talk of streetlights and crosswalks. The Commission will be generating a report in the future.

Treasurer:

- On track to finish the year slightly under budget.
- February cash will be reconciled to bank and general ledger as soon as the Treasurer opens all the statements. That will be done by Friday.
- Solar revenues were \$1,492 for January and \$23,511 for the year.

Clerk:

- Annual Meeting venue all set for May 15, 2019. Voting will be May 11, 2019.
- Clerk will contact Charles Sabbatt and Peter Eleftherakis.

Prudential Committee:

- The Prudential Committee denied the Step 2 appeal of the terminated employee.
- Budget and articles meeting set up for 4 PM, Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Water Department.
- Fire Budget was discussed. It was decided to wait on the Personal Protective Equipment Article. The Chief and Deputy will write for a grant to replace Personal Protective Equipment. The primary sets still have five more years before they. The secondary set will expire in the fall just in time to submit grants. It was suggested to replace this article with one for new vehicle for the Chief. Chief will get back with a price for a new vehicle before the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Prudential Committee decided to put off discussing arbitration strategy as it might be a little premature even though the Union has filed it request for arbitration. Chief request a copy of there request and any other information about the arbitration that come to the Prudential Committee.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 9, 2019**

**PRELIMINARY WARRANT AND MEETING WTH MODERATOR AND DISTRICT COUNSEL AT APRIL'S MEETING**