

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 19, 2018

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

No public comment

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept the April 10 and May 15, 2018 minutes as amended.

Water Department:

- Under budget – 84% spent over 92% of the year.
- Building project is scheduled to start next week.
- 1st tank work has been completed. Second tank work will start in fall.
- New truck ordered.
- Discussed valve project with engineers today and it is schedule to start early October.
- Water Department has a concern with the Village Betterment Project is the Town will be pulling cement over the District's 1935 water main. Replacing that section of watermain would cost \$500,000.
- Nothing new on solar tax issue.

Fire Department:

- On budget
- Town-wide Dispatch Center discussions - nothing new to report.
- Engine 205 will have repairs done by M & R Truck in Whitman, MA. They will not be able to start until September. After discussions with mechanics Carl Sulkula and Ryan Smith it was decided the engine would be okay to run until September.
- HVAC project will be completed last week
- Chief was recently informed on February 1, 2019 the state would be enforce OSHA standards in the workplace. Chief has participated in webinar for implementation of the new law. There will be more specific Fire Department webinar to follow.
- Chief and Deputy with the cooperation of the Union have made staffing and call-back modifications for a 3-month trial period with positive results. Changes have led to full staffing

98% of the time and reduction in sick leave with minimal impact (7 overtimes hours) on operating budget. Trial is continuing until July 15, 2018.

- Barnstable Fire began primary response for CCH Urgent Care at 1220 Iyannough Road on May 1, 2018. To date Barnstable Fire has responded to 30 calls in 45 days at the facility. It has only needed mutual aid from Hyannis twice. Mutual aid provided by Barnstable and Hyannis during this time has been equal. This a concern of Hyannis Fire expressed at an April meeting between the Prudential Chairman Jones, Hyannis Fire Commissioner Cross and Barnstable and Hyannis Fire Chiefs.
- The Chief applied for the Massachusetts Certified Public Expenditure Program. The program is a MassHealth reimbursement program and was approved for \$31,470 which the Treasurer has received.
- Chief has applied for reimbursement for the winter storms. It is in progress with MEMA right now. No report on whether a federal disaster will be called.
- EMS Officer Brian Tyson applied for and was given a grant from the Andrea Holden Foundation for \$1,020 to implement the Handtevy Pediatric Care System.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Donna Rex after nearly 32 years will be retiring on August 16, 2018. Her last shift will be June 21, 2018. There will be a last shift coffee for her that day between 9:00AM – 12:00PM.
- Provisional firefighter/paramedic Keith Stranger was hired June 1, 2018. Chief use list created in February from last hire.

Treasurer:

- Information has been reinpitted in the computer since the hard drive crash.
- Information backup is being done nightly offsite.
- Treasurer is up to date on reconciliations.
- Any encumbrances please send as soon as possible.
- FY 2019 ledger will be inputted by end of next week.
- Split payroll coming up attend of year.
- The Bond sale done by Roosevelt & Cross.

Clerk:

- Everything already covered.

Prudential Committee:

- Chief contract signed.
- Arbitration settlement – Prudential Committee made a motion to accept the settlement as written. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS JULY 10, 2018