

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 9, 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 and Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners David Jones and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the June 11, 2019 minutes.

Water Department:

- Underbudget for FY 2019 by \$64.
- The gate valves project is almost complete need some additional work by Commerce Road.
- Air Conditioning is completed.
- Tank 2 is being repainted under warranty provisions.
- Barnstable Water Commissioners met with Hans Keijser of the Town of Barnstable's Water Supply Division. He presented the Commissioners with a consultant report; the report has identified four of the potential well sites which are in our District including the McManus property. They are looking to get 2.5 million gallons of water capacity a day from five wells sites could be from one or multiple locations. If they were to build a treatment plant off Old Jail Lane, we might be able send our water to it and get it back out treated. Everything is very preliminary. Water Commissioners will look after our supply. Commissioners also asked about the money coming from Vineyard Winds because our District is being impacted by the project too. The Commissioners were told no money has been received yet.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are 9% over last year.
- FEMA reimbursement received for the March 3, 2018 storm in the amount of \$5,284.96 Chief requests money be used to repair storage enclosure damaged (Station 2) by the storm. Treasurer has given his approval for use of funds.
 - **Prudential Committee makes a motion to use the FEMA reimbursement funds to repair the storage structure by any means the Fire Chief deems appropriate. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program reimbursement received in the amount of \$47,939.00.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. Chief has completed all closeout documents and is still waiting on reimbursement.
- 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 a \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Equipment Grant for radio replacements. District share would be \$8,250. No update.
- Chief submitted a Safer grant to add one additional firefighter. No progress to date.
- Village of Barnstable is opened Phase 1 April 2019. There are approximately 15 units leased/rented so far. Phase 2 is still scheduled for July/August. When opened there will be 225 senior living units. So far it has had little impact on the Department with 4 incidents since opening.
- EMS Officer Brian Tyson was promoted to Captain on July 8, 2019.
- EMS Officer position vacancy posted internally. Applications closed on July 8 with one applicant expressing interest.
- 1935 Mack Engine is still owned by the Fire Fighter's Association. Need the title before turning it over to Fire Department per District Attorney. The only thing that has happened to date is the voters have voted to allow the District to accept the Engine. The Association need to set up a meeting and vote to donate the vehicle.
- Chief will be taking possession of a 2019 Chevy Tahoe mid to late July.

Treasurer:

- Still working on draft policy for Public Records requests.
- June cash book will be reconciled when all the Towns cash receipts have been received.
- Prudential Budget is 94% expended. On track to finish under budget.
- FY 2020 budget has been entered into the program.
- Please have encumbrances to him by July 12, 2019.
- The yearly health contributions have been made.
- Please have sick/vacation accruals to him by the end of July.

Clerk:

- Asked about possibility of using the Harborview Conference Center for Annual Meeting. Clerk said he had contacted the county but the person he talked to was not in charge of the room. She provided a contact to call. Will call before next meeting.

Prudential Committee:

- Chief Burke sent letter thanking for the assistance provided with Thomas Kenny's funeral.
- Motion made to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and collective bargaining and not to reconvene in Open Session. All members were polled and in agreement. Public Session adjourn and executive session opened.

NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 13, 2019