

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 14, 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 member Peter Eastman, Water Commissioners David Jones, Stephen Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept the July 10, 2018 minutes

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 2% over 8% of the year.
- Building project is 98% finished. Waiting on shutters to be put up door to be painted. The retaining wall in the driveway will be renovated and two signs will be put up.
- Main Street value project is being worked on Route 6A and harbor area.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tank work will start September 15 but are already doing some preliminary work.
- New SUV in possession of Water Department.

Fire Department:

- 1.5% underbudget for F/Y 19 budget.
- CCH Urgent Care Center/ 1220 Iyannough Road still generating a good volume of calls
- Ambulance 204 placed in service and has been used four times in last five days.
- Federal Disaster declaration announced last winter's storms. Request for approximately \$10,000 reimbursement was submitted by the Fire Department. Federal reimbursement is up to 75% of the amount approved by FEMA.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program has opened the application period. Department will be applying and the Chief expect similar result as the past 2 years.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Donna Rex after nearly 32 years will be retiring on August 16, 2018. Provisional firefighter Keith Stranger is working out well and will be offered the permanent position upon Donna's retirement.
- New cancer presumption language was signed into law. The law recognizes certain cancer as line of duty injuries. Current VFIS coverage does not cover cancer. It does offer Critical Illness Insurance which would pay a lump sum benefit. Additional cost per year is an additional \$3,444.30 a year.
- Chief requests moving next meeting due to September 11 ceremony. Prudential Committee agrees to move meeting until September 18.

Treasurer:

- FY 2018 Audit has started.
- Cash has been reconciled for July.
- Recap and Free Cash process has been started. Treasurer is estimating Free Cash to be low this year.
- Treasurer has a proposal from current Auditors for new three-year contract. The price is going up \$700 a year. Treasurer recommends accepting our current auditor proposal.
- **Motion made by Peter Eastman and seconded by William Jones to accepted the current auditors' proposal and passes unanimously.**
- Treasurer brings forward request to allow Nationwide to offer an additional Deferred Compensation plan. Prudential Committee agrees to allow the company to offer their plan to the District.
- Solar tax issue is ongoing – Developer has paid the taxes and is seeking reimbursement.

Clerk:

- None

Prudential Committee:

- Website fix is to change company which will cost a little more than what we were paying. The new webmaster will have to build the site. The initial setup will cost about \$450.00. Maintenance fee for the year will be \$300.00.
- Labor attorney drafted a contract for the reimbursement of paramedic class cost for a fire fighter which would require him to commit to staying on the job for three (3) years. The amount of payback would be prorated based on how long the firefighter remained on the job.
- **Motion made by Peter Eastman and seconded by William approved the reimbursement of paramedic training for Brian Tyson if Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the other parties.** The Prudential Committee signed the Memorandum of Understanding and sent it to the Union for their signatures. If the Union and employee signs the contract then the firefighter will be reimbursed. The amount to be reimbursed \$7,245.
- Peter Eastman will attend the DPW meeting with Deputy Chief and Water Superintendent regarding a possible traffic signal at Phinney's Lane and Kidd's Hill Road.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 18, 2018