

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones at 4:00 PM at the District Water Department. Also in attendance was Prudential Committee member Joshua Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accepted minutes of the July 18 and August 8 minutes as written.

**Water Department:**

- Under budget – 12% spent over 16% of the year
- Building Project – Asbestos and lead paint in the old windows in front part of the building. Bid documents received for removal of asbestos and lead. Both are lengthy and detailed. Water Commissioner decided to go out mid-March and award end of April. Start May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Paving project is scheduled for the fall.
- Go out to bid for the Water Tanks with start date Spring of 2019 for the first tank and Fall 2019 for second.
- Solar tax issue ongoing.

**Fire Department:**

- On budget
- Incident volume 3% higher than last year.
- Captain Ogonowsky returned to full duty.
- Firefighter Ryan Smith has completed and passed pre-employment testing and was appointed Permanent Firefighter today, September 12, 2017.
- Firefighter Ryan Jones attendance to MFA Recruit Training has been postponed to November 2, 2017 for family reasons. He has been scheduled for recruit training starting January 19, 2018.
- Chief Pulsifer recommends suspending the appointment of a provisional fighter at this time with the return of Captain Ogonowsky and postponement of Firefighter going to recruit training.
- Union has filed Step 1 grievance on August 24, 2017 regarding Paramedic School Tuition reimbursement from John Fleming. Chief has denied the grievance on September 7, 2017. If Union wants to proceed they must file Step 2 grievance with Prudential Committee by September 21, 2017. Prudential Committee then must hold a hearing within 14 days of Union's submittal. Prudential Committee must answer the grievance no later than 45 days after the hearing.

- Adam Penne, Firefighter/EMT request to attend Paramedic Program. He has made request for consideration of reimbursement. He has been told the pending grievance may have an impact on his request.
- Mass. Certified Public Expenditures Program application is open and Fire Department will be applying. Deadline is October 13, 2017. Reimbursement any award will not be made until June 2018. Last year we received close to \$32,000.
- Captain Beal was activated by FEMA to Texas with MA TF-1 DMAT on August 27, 2017 and returned September 6., 2017
- Firefighters responded to a Building Fire at 4260 Main Street on September 6, 2017.

Treasurer:

- Waiting on town to send outstanding balances for report to state for certification of Free Cash,
- Present draft policies and procedures addressing accountant concerns which was taken under advisement.
- Working on preparing paperwork for setting tax rate.

Clerk:

- Reminded everyone about the schedule for setting warrant.

Prudential Committee:

- Nothing

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 10, 2017

CAPITAL BUDGET DUE AT DECEMBER MEETING

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AT JANUARY MEETING

PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGETS DUE AT FEBRUARY MEETING

FINAL OPERATING BUDGET DUE AT MARCH MEETING

WARRANT WALK THROUGH WITH DISTRICT COUNSEL AND MODERATOR AT APRIL MEETING