

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 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, Stephen Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of August 14, 2019

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 5% over 16% of the year.
- Building project is 98% finished. New hand railing installed. The shutter will be completed soon. 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.
- 2nd Tank work started this week.
- State is proposing regulatory changes to water quality.
- Ron Tivey received an award for his performance.

Fire Department:

- .5% underbudget for F/Y 19 budget.
- CCH Urgent Care Center/ 1220 Iyannough Road still generated 75 calls since taking over coverage
- Ambulance 204 placed in service and has been used 30 times in 5 weeks. Mutual aid has been cut in half.
- 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. Setting up initial kick-off meeting with FEMA in next couple of weeks.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program has opened the application period. Department will be applying and the Chief expects a greater reimbursement than in the past 2 years about \$50,000. After desk reviews and submission requirements the payment would probably be received in June of 2019.
- A joint retirement party with Firefighter/Paramedic Donna Rex and husband Captain William Rex is set for September 23, 2018 at the Mattakeese Wharf.

- Firefighter/ Paramedic Keith Stranger once Donna Rex was officially retired was offered the vacant permanent position and has completed nearly all pre-employment testing.
- 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. Cost of lumpsum payment would be \$3,444.30 a year for \$20,000 and \$5,166.54 a year for \$30,000.
- Staffing and call back changes have been working well allowing the Department to better staff to NFPA standards, ability to staff for multiple incidents and sick time use reduced. The Union was receptive to the change at first but now they have voiced concerns about the policy and would like some concessions to continue as presently being implemented. Chief has requested Union put their concerns and requests in a letter. He wanted the Prudential Committee know in case they got notice the Union would to sit down for impact bargaining.
- Firefighters Jones and Black have been scheduled for recruit training April – June and July – September due to a large backlog at the academy. Working with Recruit Coordinator to have them placed on wait list for earlier classes. Possibility of having them both attend April but would have a significant impact on budget.
- Two members from the Barnstable Fire Department on the BCTRT have been deployed to North Carolina following Hurricane Florence. This is a ten-day deployment. Members time and overtime is reimbursed but not the cost of backfill. Due back on September 24, 2018. One member of the force on the FEMA MA-TF1 is on standby for possible deployment.
- September 11 services went well.
- Barnstable County Sherriff's Department had a meeting with Fire executives to discuss plan in place for retention of Dispatch employees by offering higher compensation. Cost would be split between their customers. This would result in estimated \$3,000 increase in FY 2019.

Treasurer:

- Solar revenue for first quarter of FY 2018 is a little under \$8,000.
- Cash has been reconciled for July to bank and general ledger.
- Recap and Free Cash should be done by sometime next month.
- Audit ongoing and two-year contract has been submitted.
- Nationwide has been set up as an alternative deferred compensation plan.
- Treasurer is at 42% of his budget mainly due to prepaid insurance.

Clerk:

- Budget review schedule.

Prudential Committee:

- Prudential Chairman congratulated the Treasurer for passing the test to become a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk. In the fall a meeting needs to be set up to discuss a contract for the Treasurer.
- Peter Eastman reported on DPW meeting on placing a traffic signal at the corner of Phinney's Lane and Kidd Hill Road. The town said the light and sidewalks were in response to the Athletic Complex proposed. They want to keep it due to traffic studies and future expansion in the Industrial Park. Peter offered an alternative location where the traffic signal might be

beneficial such as Independence Drive and Communications Way where the new senior living complex is being built. Peter Eastman was told by Elizabeth Jenkins the town are going ahead with the project because they need to spend the money. They would be using an almost approve Economic Development Grant to pay for it. Time line for the project is have all plans ready and go out to bid January 1, 2019 and 1st phase of construction to being Spring of 2019, 2nd Fall 2019 and final phase Spring 2020. Peter was requested to see if a public meeting can be planned to discuss the project planned.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 9, 2018

CAPITAL BUDGETS DUE DECEMBER'S MEETING
PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE FEBRUARY'S MEETING
FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE MARCH'S MEETING
PRELIMINARY WARRANT AND MEETING WTH MODERATOR AND DISTRICT COUNSEL AT APRIL'S MEETING