

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

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 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 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

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes.

Insurance presentation on Line of Duty Insurance by VFIS and Dowling & O'Neil which recently loss the District as a client. They wanted to explain the difference in coverage between what they offer and what the policy issued by MIAA/Cabot Risk covers. Cabot Risk offer a \$100,000 death benefit and \$300,000 accidental injury benefit of \$300,000. Offer cancer death benefit also. He points out that MIAA policy will only pay a death benefit if the death occurs with 26 weeks of the incident. Also, for HIV and occupational hepatitis benefit goes to the injured party not the District. The District will still have to cover the medical expenses of the injured party. Cancer benefit is \$6,250 for early stage and \$25,000 for advanced stage cancer. Advanced stage cancer is when it appears you only have two years to live.

VFIS policy – Loss of life \$100,000, medical expenses \$500,000 and critical illness. Will cover any disease and illness unless excluded in policy. PTSD is covered under the \$500,000 limit. There are no time limits on death benefits. Would need a rider for \$20,000 benefit for cancer coverage but also cover stroke, heart attack and kidney failure. The policy cost \$15,000+ with a \$20,000 deductible.

Prudential Committee will need to do further review to determine if it should reverse its August decision taking into consideration any premature termination penalty.

No public comment.

Motion made to accept minutes as amended, was seconded and passed. Amendment were to change Capital Beal to Captain Beal and port collar instead of starboard collar.

Water Department:

- The Water Department has spent 16% over 24% of the year.
- All tanks are full of water and running.

- Well # 1 pump needs to be fixed with a price tag around \$50,000 to \$60,000. Superintendent is aggressively pursuing getting pump fixed. It is a backup. With PFOS issue its good to have a backup.
- PFOS sampling required quarterly.
- Treatment 1 new roof
- Well #2 is to be cleaned and service. It has been on line for 13 years and it is recommended that the wells be service every 5 year.

#### Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are 11% over last year.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. Chief has completed all closeout documents and is still waiting on reimbursement. MEMA looking into the delay.
- Chief doesn't believe the District will recipient of the other 2 Assistance to Firefighters grants submitted. Money is drying up.
- Village of Barnstable opened Phase 1 in April 2019. There are approximately 50 units leased/rented so far. So far it has had little impact on the Department but as the units are filling runs are increasing. 28 incidents so far since opening in April with 8 coming in last month.
- Marine 219 has a tear in the starboard collar toward the rear. The collar needs to be replaced they have tried to repair it and it did not hold. There are two options for repair; one replacing one collar (\$10,000); the other replace both (\$42,000). Deputy thinks the Coast Guard may have surplus part and will check on it.
- District's Injured on Duty Insurance was renewed with new carrier.
- Captain Beal's deployment reimbursement paperwork has been submitted to FEMA and should be paid in two weeks.
- Frederico Nogueira will be attending Recruit Program at MFA Springfield On November 21, 2019 to February 7, 2020.
- Ambulance write off request. Fire Chief seeks Prudential Committee permission to write off the bill due to hardship. It is outside the parameters of the Chief's and Treasurer discretion. Prudential Committee makes a motion to waive the bill which is seconded and passed unanimously.
- Chief makes a request of the Water department to place an A frame sign at an open hydrant when it being flushed and nobody is around because they are receiving calls on the open hydrants. Water Department says generally when they flush there is an employee on site.

#### Treasurer:

- The September cashbook have been reconciled to the bank and general ledger.
- The audit for FY 2019 is ongoing.
- Solar revenues for the month of August were \$2,754. Total receipts for year are \$10,016.
- The Treasurer is continuing to work on FY 2020 Free Cash and Recap.
- The budget for FY 2020 has been 49% expended, due to prepaid insurance and debt costs.

- Classification hearing reminder will be on October 23, 2019.

Clerk:

- Nothing to report.

Prudential Committee:

- The Local has requested a date to start contract negotiations. First meeting will be October 22th at 5 PM with 2-hour limit. Second meeting will be October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.
- Received letter from the Local on the ladder truck and other items like building needs. Need to do a lot of research on how to handle the ladder truck. First decision for the Prudential Committee is what to do with the truck.
- Chief had two quotes for fixing engine both requiring a bid process. The District needs a ladder truck. The Chief would like to replace the engine and get the truck back into service to plan for a replacement. The ladder truck needs to be planned out for Department needs such as the length, height and turning radiuses. Chairman Jones wants to know how homeowner's insurance will be affected if there is no ladder truck or if there is a quint. Chief is already in conversation with ISO.

Motion made and seconded to go into executive session and not resume public session to discuss litigation strategy for upcoming arbitration hearing. William Jones, Joshua Miller and Peter Eastman were polled and all were in agreement with the motion.

**NEXT MEETING IS November 12, 2019**