

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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 and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Streetlight Committee Chairman Richards French and Clerk Charles Eager.

The first order of business was to hold the Tax Classification Hearing for the District. Assessor Edward O'Neil explained the options to the Prudential Committee. After discussion the Committee member Peter Eastman made a motion to use a single rate factor of one, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

No public comment

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of October 9 and 17, 2018 as amended. The corrections were a couple of spelling errors.

Rich French reported to the Prudential Committee on the Streetlight Maintenance contract. Cape Cod Compact had called a meeting to get input on changes to the upcoming contract before going out for proposals. They wanted to the opinions on basing the contract being based on the per light cost. Rich requested that they consider an either/or contract with charges being based on a per light charge or a time and material charge. The RFP that when out adopted this approach. Rick suggests it is probably in the best interest of the District to with the per light charge. The District's lights are older light and his initial thought is a time and material would cost the District more. He is uncertain when the RFP is due but thinks it would probably be right after Thanksgiving. The Compact is also in discussions with the DPU on ways to have the utility changing the pole to move the streetlight to the new pole without the towns and districts incur any costs in the changeover. This is an unsettled issue at this time. Rich will come to next meeting and provide his opinion as to the best option for the District once he sees what the contract provides. The new contract will stipulate that there will be designated employee in the District who will be responsible to transfer the repair request.

Water Department:

- Underbudget for F/Y 19 year having spent 27% over 33% of the year.
- Building project - gutters and doors are complete, Tom Rooney will be meeting with the Old Kings Highway Historical Committee for the proposed signs, phone system is installed.
- Water tanks 2 is completed and 3 is 95% complete.
- Well 3 needs to be rehabbed.
- Vineyard Wind Project – Town Counsel McLaughlin had requested to speak about the project tonight but agenda was too full. Superintendent Rooney who spoke with Counsel McLaughlin provided some insight into the project. Chief Pulsifer and Superintendent Rooney have had conversations with the Town dealing with the containment of fluids which will be near the District wells field as well as dealing with high voltage issues at the substation proposed in the

Industrial Park. The town is proposing to assess the personal property at the substation at \$100,000,000 generating a large tax revenue for the District.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year. Overtime budget is back on budget.
- Incidents up 200 over last year at the same time. 63% of calls occur between 9 AM – 5PM.
- FEMA reimbursement for March 3, 2018 storm the Chief has completed Damage Inventory Sheet, had Recovery Scoping Meeting and is in the process of completing state workbook with MEMA and FEMA.
- Mass Certified Public Expenditure Program application has been submitted for \$50,391 and is currently in the desk review period. Payment not expected until June 2019.
- Firefighter/ Paramedic Keith Stranger had his permanent appointment letter given today. All pre-employment test completed and passed.
- Firefighters Black and Jones Recruit Training set for April and July respectively.
- Hurricane Florence – Two BFD members from the BCTRT (Tuepker and Fleming) were deployed to North Carolina. It was a ten-day deployment. Members time and overtime reimbursed but not backfill. Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC.
- Engine 205 structural work is now scheduled for November 19, 2018. It will take approximately one month for repairs. Chief confirmed estimate given has not changed.
- A Captain will be out approximately 4-6 months on sick leave for a personal injury. Union has asked about making an Acting Captain but current promotional list is exhausted and the next promotional exam is scheduled for Spring 2019. Chief intends not to appoint an acting Captain and appoint DFF for the shift until new promotional test results are completed.
- Active shooter drill held for October 27, 2018 from 8 AM to 12 PM in the County Complex. Drill will be with BFD, BPD and the Trial Courts. Chief said it was an excellent exercise and very beneficial.
- Department has put in for \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for radio equipment replacement. Nothing to report yet.

Treasurer:

- All reports have been submitted Department of Revenue for Free Cash certification. (217,000)
- November's solar revenues are \$6,399.
- Cash has been reconciled for July to bank and general ledger for September.
- Treasurer is at 52% of his budget mainly due to prepaid insurance.

Clerk:

- Nothing at this time.

Prudential Committee:

- Chairman Jones presented draft copies of Treasurer's contract for review to Prudential Committee and Clerk.
- Union requested to address some concerns about the staffing and call-back changes and vacate Captain's position. The Union said the changes made to the staffing and call back were changes to working conditions and they would like to negotiate some changes. They stated they needed a command structure especially now with two Captains out. The Senior Private would be charge of the crew when the Captain was not there. They suggested there may be some cost saving by appointing Senior Privates over Designated Firefighters. There is one obstacle in place for

making Senior Privates is that it requires an exam by the terms of the contract. They said they would be willing to work around the requirement. They would like to reset the two-hour clock on callbacks after the call has been cleared. They would like to get rid of the one-hour requirement before you get three hours minimum on a Holiday callback. Also, they would like to rewrite the Memorandum of Understanding on Commercial AFA. Finally, they want a Captain appointed without a list when there is an expectant vacancy of 30 days or more. The Prudential Deputy Chief explains why he is in favor of resetting the two-hour clock as it is now and why he feels it won't have a significant financial impact. After discussion the Committee is willing to discuss a couple of the Union's requests such as Senior Privates and resetting the 2-hour clock but with budget concerns there is not much further they can agree on. They told the Chief and Deputy to bring their offer to the Union and see how respective they are to what the Committee is offering to do. Chief brought up a Medicare requirement that each member of the Department have a yearly CORI. This is a negotiable item according to Labor Attorney. Chief will throw it out during discussion and see how the Union respond responds.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 11, 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