

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Prudential Committee member William Jones at the Water Department Office, 1841 Phinney's Lane, Barnstable. Also, in attendance was Prudential Committee members Joshua Miller and Andrew Miller, Water Commissioners David Jones, Steve Whitmore and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Treasurer Rick Buffington, Streetlight Consultant Rich French and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 as written.

Motion made, seconded and passed to release and accept the executive session minutes of January 11, 2022.

Clerk Charles Eager sworn in Christopher Beal as Deputy Chief.

Water Department:

- Water Department is under budget it has spent 54% over 58% of the year.
- Well 1 work is proceeding pipe support put in place waiting on prefab building and generator.
- Superintendent Rooney request members go to the County's website survey on the ARPA funds received. Request funds be used for water treatment.
- District has not heard a word from Town or County on the pollution of wells.
- Evelyn's grant writing acquaintance says she will have the Water Department drafting a grant but couldn't make today's meeting.
- Preliminary FY 2023 budget presented.
- Water Department proposes an article for Annual Meeting for a filtration plant which estimated to cost between \$17 and \$20 million dollars. They would like to go out to bid in July if the article passes.
- Water Department when looking into insurance policy to fund their reserves for catastrophes found they already have enough coverage.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department is currently on budget for the FY 2022 year but by the end of the year may be over. This is due to the Deputy Fire Chief promotion and back fill plus the District share of the FEMA Grant for SCBA.
- Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant of \$205,213.00. to replace Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), as well as a new SCBA Cascade filling station. Cascade to be delivered and installed December 20, 2021. Member completed training on SCBA and Compressor. Currently creating inventory in Fire House and programming air packs. Should be in service in mid-February.
- Ladder Truck 206 was delivered on December 20, 2021. Pump and ariel training was done in January. Mounting equipment, radios and continuing training. Driver training scheduled for February. Hope to have it in service in March 2022.
- Captain Tyson has been greatly involved in Youth Fire-setter Intervention Program. The program received a \$2,500.00 contribution from the District Attorney's Office to put on a class. NFA YFSI Program scheduled for April 26 and 27 on Cape Cod.
- Deputy Pfautz retired February 1, 2022. Retirement/Promotion/Recognition Ceremony held January 28, 2022.
- EMS Officer Tuepker promoted to Captain on February 1, 2022 with pinning ceremony at a later date.
- Firefighter Stranger appointed to EMS Officer position.
- New firefighter position received 12 applications, interviewed 4 applicants on February 4, 2022 and offered employment to Austin Osborn who is Firefighter 1, 2 certified. He undergoing pre-employment testing.
- Chief has submitted a FEMA SAFER Grant February 4, 2022 for 4 additional firefighter positions.
- Chief will file for state grant to do firmwear updates to radios.
- Chief will be transferring the 2008 Ford Explorer to West Barnstable Fire Department next Tuesday.
- Chief request permission to donate the old SCBA Cascade and air packs to the Warren, NH Fire Department. Chief says there is no value to the items.
- **Motion made, seconded to donate the old air pack and compressor to the Warren, NH Fire Department. Motion passes unanimously.**

Treasurer:

- On track to finish FY 2022 under budget.
- Cash has been balanced to the bank and general ledger for the month of January with no variances.
- FY 2022 budget shortfalls the Treasurer says we can make transfers at the end of the year between Departments by a majority vote of the Prudential Committee. Treasurer estimates the amount to be \$30,000 if needed.
- The Treasurer says a Warrant Article could be used for future year retirement buyout costs.
- Treasurer has obtained an additional credit card for the Fire Department with an overall limit increased to \$10,000.

- Health Insurance rate will increase by 3% for FY2023. Dental and vision rates will remain the same. Medicare monthly rates have increased \$4.00 per month or 80 cents to retirees per month.

Clerk:

- Nomination papers are available starting February 9, 2022.

Prudential Committee:

- Contract with Deputy Fire Chief signed.
- The changeover of streetlights from sodium to LED will cost the District any police details need and extraordinary electrical costs. Cape Light Compact is waiting on the Prudential Committee vote. Estimated there are 100 lights to change.
- There won't be a mailing about the change of the streetlights. It will be put on the website.
- Any lights currently out won't be repair pending the changeover.
- **Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the streetlight conversion from Sodium to LED by the Cape Light Compact.**
- **Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the public session and go into executive session to discuss the character of an individual and not to return to public session. All members were polled and in agreement.**

PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS DUE AT JANUARY'S MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT DUE AT FEBRUARY'S MEETING

FINAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET DUE AT MARCH'S MEETING

MODERATOR AND COUNSEL INVITED TO REVIEW DRAFT WARRANT AT APRIL'S MEETING

WARRANT DUE APRIL 21TH

Next Meeting is March 8, 2022