

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 13, 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 and Evelyn Bassett, Water Superintendent Tom Rooney, Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer, Deputy Chief Rick Pfautz and Clerk Charles Eager.

No public comment

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes.

Next order of business was to hear from the Chairman of the Streetlight Committee Richards French and Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin regarding streetlighting on Independence Drive. Town received \$3.75 million grant last year which will include sidewalk improvements along Independence Drive and Kidd Hill Road, sewer improvements, drainage improvement, traffic signal improvement and streetlighting. In the Barnstable Fire District, there would be 21 new lights added along Independence Drive. Roughly the lights will be placed every 400 feet. The Engineer is here to see if there is any interest in the District to take ownership of the lights after they have been installed. William Jones told the Engineer the District would have to know the cost of taking ownership would be. Mr. French said he could determine the cost for the committee once he knows the wattage of the lights. No commitment was given on the District's ownership of the streetlights. The project mostly likely won't be completed until FY 2022.

Water Department:

- Under budget for FY 2020. 7% of the budget spent over 8% of the year.
- Superintendent Rooney just signed a contract with Lawrence Lynch to pave roadway to Wells 2 and 5.
- Superintendent Rooney is looking for a KOH treatment tank for Well 4.
- Superintendent Rooney and Water Chairman David Jones were invited to the groundbreaking for Hyannis Water Supply Division's new Water Filtration Building
- Hyannis has no place to put a well that why they are looking outside the District for water sources. Some of the suggested sites are within the Barnstable Fire District. The Prudential Committee warns the Water Department to be careful of the placement of any well within the District so it doesn't jeopardize our current or future water supply. Hyannis hoping to be able to treat their current water sources for six more year before reaching capacity.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are 12% over last year.
- Hurricane Florence – Chief has applied for reimbursement through EMAC. Chief has completed all closeout documents and is still waiting on reimbursement.
- Chief submitted for a \$42,000 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for policy management solution. District share would be 5% or \$2,100. No update.
- Chief submitted for a \$165,000 Assistance to Firefighters Equipment Grant for radio replacements. District share would be \$8,250. No update.
- Chief submitted a Safer grant to add one additional firefighter. No progress to date.
- Village of Barnstable opened Phase 1 in April 2019. There are approximately 15 units leased/rented so far. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in August. When fully opened there will be 225 senior living units. So far it has had little impact on the Department.
- J. Neil Tuepker was appointed EMS Officer on August 12th.
- Chief updates the Prudential Committee the 1935 Mack Engine insurance is up for renewal in September. Prudential Chairman Jones said before the District takes ownership the engine the Firefighter's Association has to complete their ownership requirements. He doesn't care if the engine is uninsured because it will remain housed in the garage behind the Water Department and won't be going anywhere.
- Ladder 206 sustained damage to a hand rail on July 21, 2019 while bringing the parade flag in from Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen procession. The ladder truck was taken out of service and MIIA/Cabot Risk was notified. Pierce representative and MIIA adjuster met to review damage. They believe it is possible to straighten the bent part and retest the aerial but work must be done at the Pierce factory. MIIA working with Pierce on scheduling repairs.
- Memorandum for Policy 403 (Staffing) had some isolated cases when personal time coverage went unfilled. Chief sent the Local a letter regarding the issue. Local was sensitive to it, would talk to the members and try to not let it happen again.
- Chief reviewed the District's Injured on Duty Insurance and got a second quote from MIAA/Cabot Risk. The VFIS policy due for renewal price is going up a little to almost \$35,000. This is for a limit of \$100,000 per injury/per firefighter with no cancer coverage. If limit is increased \$250,000 cost would increase to \$60,000 still no cancer coverage. MIIA for a little less than \$36,500 can provide coverage with a limit of \$300,000 per injury/per firefighter that include a cancer benefit (lump sum benefit). There are a number of Cape town using MIIA. Chief and with Treasurer recommends changing coverage.
 - **Motion made and seconded and passed by the Prudential Committee to change Injured on Duty Insurance carrier to MIAA/Cabot Risk.**

Treasurer:

- The June and July cashbooks have been reconciled to the bank and general ledger,
- FY 2019 is closed
- The audit for FY 2019 began on July 30th.
- Solar revenues for the month of July were \$2,921.04
- The Treasurer will be working on FY 2020 Free Cash and Recap over the next couple of months.

- The Prudential Committee expended 94% of its 2019 budget with the surplus going to General Fund.
- The budget for FY 2020 has been 32% expended, due to prepaid insurance and debt costs.

Clerk:

- Has scheduled FY 2020 Annual Meeting at the County's Harborview Room.

Prudential Committee:

- Prudential Committee Chairman Jones with approval of the Committee will have District Counsel check to see if the District will benefit from any of the money being paid by Vineyard Winds for bringing its cables through the Town and District and locating its generating plant in the Industrial Park which is also within the District.
- Chief and Local are formulating a Memorandum of Understanding. Chief sent first draft to the Local and they requested wording to be added. The Chief added additional wording to address their concerns and sent back a revised Draft to the Local last week. He hasn't heard back from the Local yet. Nothing will be done until the Local replies back.
- Motion made to adjourn Public Session and to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to up-coming litigation and not to reconvene in open Session. All members were polled and in agreement. Public Session adjourned and executive session opened.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2019