

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 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 August 13, 2019 minutes.

Water Department:

- Water Department had their first water service break due to Village construction.
- The Water Department has spent 16% over 16% of the year.
- Tank 2 roof is being redone under warranty.
- Tank 1 is down while floor is being patched.
- Superintendent has been given permission to fix Well #1 pump.
- Contract signed with engineering firm for treatment tank.
- Superintendent took a class on OSHA Regulations. He reported as long as we are working to have a safe working conditions, we should be ok. One area that concerned him was confined space rescues. If the Fire Department doesn't do this type of rescue then must be prepared to do them their self. Fire Department does do them. Policy in place which requires all water department employees to wear harnesses when working in a combined space. Nobody is allowed to go into the vault alone. Prudential Committee recommends the Water Department take the Fire Department out and show them where all the confined spaces are located. Also, the Fire Department show the Water Department employee what they will be doing to remove them from the spaces.

Fire Department:

- On budget for year.
- Incidents are 10% 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 summited 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 received word that the \$164,483 Assistance to Firefighters Equipment Grant for radio replacements was granted. District share would be \$7,823.52. The new digital radio can work on both analog and digital platforms, where the analog radio can only work on the analog platform. A few of the radios can be flashed up to digital and the rest that can't will be traded in when purchasing the new radios. Bid process is not needed because radios are on state bid. Need two separate invoices one to cover article amount and other for the grant amount.
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Prudential Committee to accept the Grant.
- Chief submitted a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant (SAFER) to add one additional firefighter. No progress to date.
- Village of Barnstable opened Phase 1 in April 2019. There are approximately 35 units leased/rented so far. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in September. When fully opened there will be 225 senior living units. So far it has had little impact on the Department.
- Ladder 206 developed a mechanical issue on its drive out to Wisconsin to fix the aerial in Rhode Island. The cost is estimated at \$60,000 for remanufactured motor and installation. The District doesn't have the money in the budget without going to a District Meeting. Prudential Committee recommends having the engine taken by flatbed to Wisconsin and back. The mechanical issue addressed after the aerial has been repaired. Chief was requested to get a fix price for an article at the District Meeting. Treasurer will research on borrowing the cost.
- 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.
- Capital Beal was deployed August 30, 2019 with the FEMA team to Florida for Hurricane Dorian and returned September 8, 2019. District will be reimbursed the full cost including overtime and backfill.
- Frederico Nogueira will be attending Recruit Program at MFA Springfield On November 21, 2019 to February 7, 2020.
- Ambulance 204 placed in service 1 year ago has responded on 144 incidents.
- Chief has submitted for Mass Certified Public Expenditure Reimbursement Program again. The estimated reimbursement is \$141,000.

Treasurer:

- The August 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 \$4341.50. Total for year of \$7,262.54.
- The Treasurer is continuing to work on FY 2020 Free Cash and Recap.
- The budget for FY 2020 has been 41% expended, due to prepaid insurance and debt costs.
- Town Assessor would like to hold the Classification Hearing sometime between October 14th and 31st. The Prudential Committee picks October 15th and will also hold the monthly meeting on that date.

Clerk:

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

Prudential Committee:

- Received letter from Local about setting up dates for collective bargaining for new contract requesting meeting on September 19th. Peter Eastman will not be around that week. Chairman Jones will let the Local know they will need to pick a date later in September or early October.
- Memorandum of Understanding was presented for signatures of Prudential Committee.
- 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 William Jones, Peter Eastman and Joshua Miller were in agreement. Public Session adjourned and executive session opened.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 8, 2019