

# **CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017**

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**PRESENT:** Carlton B. Crocker, John Lacoste, David V. Lawler, Prudential Committee; Judith Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer; Michael Winn, Chief; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

**Also Present:** Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief and Douglas Murphy, District Council

The meeting convened at 6:04 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Craig Crocker:** Craig presented his first draft of the FY18 Budget and Articles for the Annual District Meeting. The biggest one will be the New Pump Station. He put in \$1 million but was already told that it will cost \$1.5 million. It will be located at Hayden Well Field by Old Post Road. Craig spoke to one of the security companies the chief is looking into and they are meeting this week.

**Chief Winn:** The chief passed out a paper showing his rough estimate of the increase to the fire budget for FY18. He feels there will only be about a \$140,000 increase to the salary lines and the operating costs will be pretty much the same as this year. He explained the articles he has listed and the reasons for the requests. At this time they do not feel a new vehicle to replace 322 is going to be necessary but will wait to decide. New regulations and laws make the radio upgrades and Gear Washers important articles and, of course, the security for the stations is one of the number one priorities. The chief should be getting a ballpark estimate on the cost this Friday. There were two bidders for the ambulance billing contract and one was in noncompliance which left Comstar. The contract with Comstar went out Monday and we reduced their percentage of the monies taken in from 3.5% to 3%.

**Judy Sprague:** There was a discussion on the streetlight issues still outstanding, such as the credits that have never been received. Kevin Galligan from Cape Light Compact says that that was never part of the original deal. Judy stated that she did get over \$35,000.00 taken off the bills for the adjustment from sodium to LED lights. John Lacoste is going to meet with Judy after she returns from vacation. Judy brought up the subject of borrowing the monies needed for the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Trust instead of putting money aside each year. She spoke to the auditor and he said it is a matter of choice but we first must get legislative approval to borrow the money. A discussion was held about the benefits and drawbacks of doing it both ways. It was decided to look into this further for possibly being on next year's Annual

District Meeting since it will take a while to get everything into place. Carlton decided to discuss Krystal's increase after her probation ended at the next meeting. Judy also let the Board know that the W-2's and 1099's were complete and sent out.

**David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting as printed, John A. Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: February 8, 2017 at 6:00pm.**

**Public Comment:** None

**David Lawler made a motion to go into executive sessions to discuss the disability retirement case proceedings for J. Gannon and not to return to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Carlton Crocker, yes; David Lawler, yes; John Lacoste, yes.**

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**Judith Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer**