

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018

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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy; J. Douglas Murphy, Attorney,

The meeting convened at 6:01pm.

Public Comment: None

Craig Crocker: Craig Crocker distributed a draft of his operation and maintenance budget and his proposed articles. Craig also asked Doug about the solar agreement in regards to his electricity budget, Doug stated the price is locked in with CVEC. Craig stated that the contract negotiations might alter the budget if it's ironed out before the deadline. If the contract is not settled before the deadlines, he will have to estimate the increases in comparison to last year to get it into the budget. Chief Winn asked; since Local 1, Local 2346 and the water department are all negotiating this year, what is our strategy if the collective bargaining agreements aren't done for Annual Meeting? Judy stated that if you don't carry money for those somewhere in your budget such as making a line item more than what you need. then a line item transfer can be done. Otherwise we would have to go to a Special Meeting and raise the funds for it. Carlton mentioned that he signed the agreement for the scrap metal and that is finished. Craig had put the scrap metal out to bid, and the selected vendor jobbed it out to another contractor which turned out to be Craig's brother. Everything worked out well, but next time Craig will insist that they don't use an outside vendor if they go with that company again. Carlton asked if Craig has heard anything from Hyannis Water about pumping water to them again this spring, Craig said he has not. Craig also stated that he has an RFP for a cell site on the Old Stage tank so he sent that to AT&T since their 10 year lease is expiring.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn distributed his rough draft of his prepared budgets that reflect no increase in salaries and wages rather just increases in ordinary expense lines like legal fees, EMS Supplies and Firefighting equipment. Chief Winn also distributed draft language for their articles that was already approved by his Fire Commissioners. Lastly, the Chief received the final update of the ladder truck refurbishment which Dave, the mechanic will be flying to Wisconsin next week to do some testing and quality control to the truck. He stated that we made out okay not having it in service during this time by relying on mutual aid from Hyannis Fire or West

Barnstable. Deputy Eldridge added that the fuel bid is out and due tomorrow for the gas and diesel for the next year. Judy asked the Deputy if there is any idea on the IT budget, he said there is no change from last year.

Judy Sprague: Judy asked if anyone had any ideas for the book cover for this year's Annual Warrant. The antique fire truck was decided. Judy also distributed a book schedule and report deadlines to everyone. The quorum for future meetings was discussed.

David V. Lawler made a motion to change the quorum for a regular meeting to 50 people, and a special meeting to 25 people. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was discussed that in the future we will hold the Annual Meeting here at the Fire Department in the meeting hall since the quorum will be smaller and it will save the District some money. Lastly, Judy passed out the resumes and references for the 3 applicants for the financial consultant position; she stated that they are all more than qualified for the position.

David V. Lawler made a motion to authorize Carlton, the Chairman, to interview the three individuals and report back to the board. John A. Lacoste seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Carlton Crocker: Carlton discussed his concerns with Glacial. We are only in the beginning stages and we don't want to spend more in legal fees than what we will end up settling for. It was determined that litigation matters will be discussed in an executive session after the next monthly meeting on April 4, 2018.

David V. Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting as printed, John A. Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: April 4, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

David V. Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Atty. Doug Murphy: Attorney Murphy discussed the easement with Attorney Ben Lorsoto. It was stated that we, as a board, don't have the authority to take a vote to give away the rights to the Water Department's real estate. Doug discussed our position and what he believes we can do and can't do as well as his communications with Attorney Ben Lorsoto and the Water Commissioners.

John A. Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. David V. Lawler seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer