

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

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The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Byron Eldridge, Deputy Chief; Ed O'Neil; Town of Barnstable Assessor;

Public Comment: None

Tax Classification: Ed O'Neil discussed evaluations and our tax classification for the District.

John A. Lacoste made a motion that read as follows:

I would like to make a motion that we support a residential factor of 1 and that we do not adopt any residential exemptions or any commercial exemptions for the upcoming fiscal period.

Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Crocker: Craig stated that the new hire that is taking Judi's position is starting on December 3rd, he had roughly 25 applicants and conducted about 6 or 7 interviews. John Lacoste asked if Craig has done any of the security updates and he responded that he has completed his portion. Judy asked how the other new hire is doing and Craig stated that he is working out well. Carlton informed Craig that the county has sent out an RFP for the streetlights and maintenance and they offered to put all LED lights outside and they will take care of all the lighting for us, if Craig was interested in doing that at his buildings. Craig also stated that the contract was ratified with Local 59. Carlton informed Craig he has not signed it yet, he wants to talk to David Lawler first to make sure we are all on the same page regarding the changes.

Judy Sprague: Judy distributed an appropriation and expenditures report through 10/31. Judy also stated that she wanted to see if the board wanted to approve the rate for the Cotuit Fire District for their Dispatching services. We have left it at the same rate for the last few years. John Lacoste asked if the security upgrades have taken place yet. Carlton said he spoke with the Deputy and the Chief and they are working on getting some of the critical doors changed out to accept the new alarms. Judy also stated that she spoke with Carlton about closing the office the day after Thanksgiving and he spoke with the Chief and it was determined we will close at noon on Wednesday and all the offices will be closed on Friday. Carlton asked the Chief about the

Cotuit Dispatching services rate, the Chief recommended we leave it the same and it was approved. Judy also asked the Chief if he knows if we will have to have a special meeting to vote in the new contract amounts for the firefighters and dispatchers in the FY 2019 budgets and he responded that we will.

Chief Winn: Chief Winn discussed the Senior Safe Grant which is the program that was started in 2014. It is when we enter the homes of senior citizens and make sure the homes are safe from different hazards. It has been very successful and grown exceptionally each year. Chief Winn also stated that Dispatch has had a busy year, as of the end of October there has been 4,171 calls for EMS for COMM, which is 357 calls ahead for the same period last year. For a comparison, in 2008 there was 3,800 calls. There was a lot of training happening during the month of October and it has continued into November. COMM participated with an engine and ambulance training and did firefighting and rescue work at Joint Base Cape Cod. He stated we will be able to secure Homeland Security funding for backfill and overtime so the cost to participate to the District was negligible, but our people got an opportunity to operate at a state level. Joe has been working on building and grounds updates, such as blowing leaves and replacing doors for station security. They are in the process of writing the RFP for the station security upgrade and that should be out before the 1st of the year. Lastly, he stated that Craig and he, have both mentioned that OSHA is coming to the Fire Service the 1st of February 2019, so he is in the process of putting together a work group of those who have a background of OSHA and start to get in front of minor fixes prior to February 1st. Chief Winn also stated that the Christmas Eve brunch is December 24th and he mentioned that tomorrow November 20th is a very big day with Firefighter of the Year Awards in Worcester.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting as printed, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

John Lacoste made a motion to approve the motions for FY2018 as written, Carlton Crocker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: December 19, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

John A. Lacoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Carlton Crocker seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Krystal Abrams, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer