

WEST BARNSTABLE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES – MAY 16, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING

Present: Chief Maruca; Prudential Committee members Ed Smith, Van Northcross and Chrystal LaPine; District Treasurer Ray Pirrone; District Accountant Susan Rao; District Clerk Elaine Grace; and newly-elected Prudential Committee member Stuart Schulman.

Clerk's Report:

Van Northcross motioned, Chrystal LaPine seconded, and it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 regular Prudential Committee meeting as written.

Van Northcross motioned, Chrystal LaPine seconded, and it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Annual District Meeting as written.

There was discussion regarding lowering the quorum requirements for future Annual District Meetings. The Chief will draft an article for next year's Annual District Meeting to change the quorum requirements to a number lower than 25.

Treasurer's Report:

The following warrants were approved for payment:

AP 18-18	23,060.42
AP 18-19	10,884.45
AP 18-20	4,495.00
PR 18-43	14,294.92
PR 18-44	18,588.43
PR 18-45	20,953.37
PR 18-46	16,083.73

Treasurer Pirrone advised that according to his expenditure projection, there would be available funds for year-end spending.

He anticipates a revenue surplus of approximately \$126,000 for either free cash or year-end spending encumbrances. He also anticipates additional revenue from state reimbursement on the ambulance activity. Tax revenue is up slightly over last year as far as current collection goes. Ambulance revenue is flat.

Chief's Report:

Ambulance Billing: There were 25 transports in April, 2018. Of those, 23 were to Cape Cod Hospital, 2 to South Shore Hospital.

Deputy Chief Away: Deputy Chief Paananen is in Anniston, Alabama for a week as a fire department grant review reader. All his expenses are covered by the grant review board. The Deputy is also learning the tricks of grant writing.

Career Staff Hiring: The hiring process has been going on since January 2018. The Tuesday-Friday day shift vacancy was offered to all current members and former members of the West

Barnstable Fire Department. The Hiring Committee eventually chose three applicants. The candidates were subjected to psychiatric and background checks as well as one-on-one extended interviews with the Chief. The end result was a three-way tie – Keith Stranger, Kim Sylvia and Curtis Cottrell. Since Keith Stranger just accepted a job at Barnstable Fire, Kim Sylvia will fill his position and Curtis Cottrell will fill the day shift position (Chris Greim's position). Kim has 13 years as a paramedic/firefighter and will start on May 29th; Curtis will start on May 30th and is an EMT, and in paramedic school.

The Department is also losing Scott Thomas to Sandwich and two Wbfd people have recently interviewed at Joint Base Cape Cod.

New Volunteers:

The Chief met 18 new candidates on May 15th. The Department will be instituting a rapid on-the-job training program through July 17th specific to Wbfd protocols. The eight people graduating from the Fire Academy will join them in this training.

Bridge Overpass Dedication:

The Chief spent at least 10 days working out the logistics of the bridge overpass and flag dedication – it was a headache but the ceremony turned out to be a really moving and well attended ceremony - even the weather accommodated the event.

New Engine:

The new engine is still not in service – there is bucking, shuddering and rattling that concerns the Chief. The manufacturer is friendly but not especially cooperative (slow to respond).

Forestry Grant:

The Department received a grant in the amount of \$1950 to use toward new hose.

Emergency Incident Review:

The Wbfd played a substantial role in the recent Millway house fire in Barnstable Village. West Barnstable was third on the scene with Stranger, Cotrell and Noriega. Other responders included Hyannis and West Yarmouth.

Wbfd also responded to a head-on motor vehicle accident between a pickup truck and a compact car. The driver of the pickup, who was wearing a seat belt, walked away with minor injuries. The compact car driver, not wearing a seat belt, suffered facial trauma and broken bones and was airlifted to an off Cape Hospital.

Next Meeting:

The June meeting will be June 20, 2018 at 7 PM. There was some discussion about leaving the meeting schedule as it, alternating between 4 PM meetings and 7 PM meetings, or going back to 7 PM meetings. No decision was made at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Grace, District Clerk