

WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 2018

PRESENT: Prudential Committee members Edward Smith, Stuart Schulman, Van Northcross, Chief Joe Maruca, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Paananen, District Treasurer Ray Pirrone, District Accountant Susan Rao and District Clerk Elaine Grace.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The minutes of the September 19, 2018 Prudential Committee meeting were accepted as written, with two typo corrections.

Ms. Grace distributed the 2019 District Election calendar, a copy of which has been forwarded to Barnstable Town Clerk Ann Quirk.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019, location to be determined. All reports for the 2018 Annual District Reports Booklet should be turned in to the District Clerk by March 1, 2019 (or sooner!).

The draft FY2020 budget and FY2020 special articles will be discussed at the December meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following warrants were approved for payment:

AP 19-09	10,444.64
AP 19-10	32,174.70
AP 19-11	6,113.63
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AP 19-15	21,409.93
PR 19-12	16,760.34
PR 19-13	14,594.41
PR 19-14	23,634.61
PR 19-15	12,526.34
PR 19-16	26,884.25

*Note: AP 19-12, AP-13, and AP-14 do not exist as AP Warrants.

Mr. Pirrone advised that the wrap up of FY2018 is running behind schedule. The auditors have completed the preliminary work; however, they have not started their final report.

FY2019 revenue is up 40% over last year. Expenses are also up but in line with the budget.

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Ed O'Neil, Barnstable Director of Assessing has suggested the District hold their tax classification hearing on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 4 PM. He will be available to come to the meeting at that time.

Mr. Northcross motioned, Mr. Schulman seconded, and it was unanimously voted to hold the Tax Classification Hearing on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

The Clerk will advertise the hearing under Legal Notices in the Cape Cod Times on November 10, and November 11, 2018.

Ambulance Transports

Ambulance activity is flat at this time.

FIRE CHIEF'S ANNUAL REVIEW

The Chief's review was continued to the November 14, 2018 meeting.

BARGAINING UNIT

The Union is progressing with a wish list and a new contract.

SCHEDULING NOVEMBER MEETING

The regular November meeting falls on the night before Thanksgiving; therefore it was decided to move the meeting to another date.

Mr. Northcross motioned, Mr. Schulman seconded, and it was unanimously voted to move the regular November Prudential Committee meeting from November 21, 2018 to November 14, 2018 at 4 PM.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Hiring/Replacement Process:

The career firefighter position was re-posted. The Deputy has received 6-7 applications, but most don't meet the qualifications. There is a problem filling vacancies overall.

Respectful Workplace Training:

Everyone is invited to attend the training, but it is not mandatory. It will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the Training Room at 7:00 PM. The training has been recommended by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. The instructor is from the Collins Center and is a new program developed for municipal entities. There have been lots of issues of late.

Water Shuttle Drill:

The WBFD held a water shuttle drill on Monday, October 15, 2018 at Amari's Restaurant on Route 6A with the Sandwich Fire Department. (The restaurant was closed.) It was coordinated by Sandwich Fire. The newly promoted Sandwich firefighters were put in charge of the drill. 74,500 gallons of water was pumped over the course of the drill. It was a good drill and met the properly rated flow rate. Chief Maruca, Chief Burke and Deputy Chief Paananen observed the operation.

Community Events:

The WBFD will hold their annual Halloween Safety Event on October 28, 2018 from 11 AM-1PM at the Fire Station.

Fire Station Polling Place

The Fire Station Training Room will again be used as a polling place for State Elections on November 6, 2018 from 7 AM-8 PM since work has not been completed at the West Barnstable Community Building.

Staff Status Updates

The Administrative Assistant, Janice King may be retiring this year.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Engine 294 Status

Deputy Paananen advised that he connected with the Rosenbauer representatives last Thursday, October 11th. The shocks have been replaced, and ballasts added; however, the truck still does not ride right, and the cab is not level. New England Fire Apparatus was advised to do no more work on the truck. The truck will go back to Rosenbauer in South Dakota for repairs and the warranty has been reset until the vehicle is made right. The Rosenbauer representatives are committed to the repair.

Ladder 297 Repairs /Maintenance

While replacing the springs, Ryan Smith, our mechanic found a hole in the torque box due to rust. Pierce has to certify it's acceptable before UL will approve for use. The truck needs to be re-evaluated for refurbishment because of the amount of rust. Pierce is due to inspect the truck in early November and give us a cost/repair list so we can make a decision on whether to go ahead and refurbish or buy new. Many Cape fire departments are facing the same issue. AFG grants will no longer support grants to buy used vehicles. The Deputy will have more information by the November meeting.

Building Updates:

The lights are being replaced in the apparatus room. Mr. Schulman asked if Cape Light Compact has been approached. The Deputy advised that he spoke with them 2-3 years ago and they said it was too soon. The Deputy will contact them again. The sump pumps failed in the basement and the basement flooded again. Lt. Murray continues to work on this ongoing issue.

Other

The Prudential Committee unanimously approved the purchase of a new laptop for the District Clerk .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Grace, District Clerk

