

CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

PRESENT: Carlton B. Crocker, David Lawler, John Lacoste Prudential Committee; Molly Stevens, Clerk/Treasurer; Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer; Michael Winn, Fire Chief; Byron Eldridge, Deputy Fire Chief; Patrick Hill, Deputy Fire Chief; Craig Crocker, Water Superintendent

Also Present: Attorney Douglas Murphy; Mark McCartin, Dowling & O'Neill

The meeting convened at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment: None.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting as written, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024 meeting as written, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Craig Crocker: Craig discussed the water rate increase that was voted on and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners. The new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2024, and will be on the January 2025 bill. This is the first rate increase since 2014. Notices will be going out to district residents in July.

There was a brief discussion of the Contract Labor bid which is due on Wednesday. The bid was sent to approximately seven local contractors.

Michael Winn: Chief Winn gave a brief department update. We have 3 new per diem dispatchers currently in training. Deputy Hill is working on narrowing the pool of applicants for the fire prevention officer vacancy. There were 43 applications received for the open firefighter position.

A Change of Command ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 28th at 10AM with an open house beginning at 9AM. The new Chief and Deputy will be sworn in at the ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

Molly Stevens: Molly gave a department update, noting that the budgets are in great shape with the end of the fiscal year upon us. She requested a transfer from the salary line of the budget for the Assistant Treasurer to the Treasurer's salary line to make up for the stipend she was paid while she was working alone.

David Lawler made a motion to transfer \$13,582.02 to the wage line of the Treasurer, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Molly discussed the outstanding ambulance billing accounts receivable balances from the Management Letter from the auditor and passed out a list for review by the Board. She is working with Deputy Eldridge on a formal write off policy, which will encompass hardship requests, but also timely write offs for uncollectable balances.

David Lawler made a motion to write off outstanding ambulance receivables as submitted by Molly, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Molly explained why we re-accepted Chapter 32B Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws regarding our OPEB Trust. A new trust document was provided by Attorney Douglas Murphy approximately one year ago and was presented to the Commissioners.

David Lawler made a motion to approve the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Declaration substantially drafted by Attorney Murphy and that we do so effective July 1, 2024, John Lacoste seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

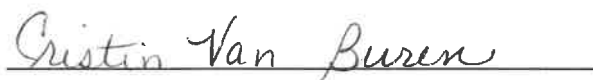
Mark McCartin: Mark McCartin of Dowling & O'Neill gave a presentation of the Business Insurance Policy Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025. Changes in the premiums, deductibles, limits, and coverage were discussed.

Carlton Crocker: Chairman Crocker led a brief discussion about the scheduling of future meetings.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Carlton Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.



Cristin Van Buren, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer