

Onset Fire District
Office of the Prudential Committee

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Meeting Date: December 10, 2020 @5:00PM

Location: Teleconference: 978-990-5286

Listing of Topics

1. Open Prudential Committee Meeting (Chair) with Pledge of Allegiance

Pam Pike opens the Prudential Committee Meeting at 5:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Charles Klueber Clerk, Marcine Fernandes Member. Participating Remotely, Mary McCoy Clerk-Treasurer, Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary, David Halberstadt Water Commissioner/FSBC Chair, Deputy Osswald, Captain Dias, Karl Baptiste By-Law Committee.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes was tabled

3. Fire Station Building Committee's Report/ Update from OPM Joe Sullivan

Dave Halberstadt states he attended the construction meeting remotely and sent out an email with highlights of the discussion. (email attached)

The Building Inspector is requiring a railing be installed for the mezzanine. The Prudential Committee could request a waiver for the \$13,250.00 for the railing but it could take months for a decision.

Credit back from sewer hook up was not as much as anticipated.

Approval for installation of emergency horn from old station not to exceed \$1500.00.

4. Board of Engineer's Reports and Discussions which may include topics pertaining to personnel, payroll, procurements and operations at the Fire Department

Deputy Osswald states the Covid 19 uptick has forced the Fire Department to implement an action plan as needed. The Fire Department is monitoring calls for Covid to keep the Onset Fire numbers down.

New Engine should be delivered shortly.

The Fire Department boat is out of water and stored for winter. The new M1 is running and the Fire Department will transfer equipment from the current boat onto the M1 so it will be ready for next year.

Call volume has been steady and inspections are being conducted throughout the District

The apparatus is in good repair, testing has been done

The Fire Department will work with the Water Department for cleaning and disinfecting.

There was an Engineer's meeting on Monday and Chief Goodwin went over a list of projects that are ongoing.

5. Discuss District business at the Water Department; may include topics pertaining to financial, procurements and operations at the Water Dept.

Dave Halberstadt states the new billing system is working better than hoped and the bills are getting paid so the revenue is coming in.

The Water Department will be hiring a field tech to fill the open position and are gathering information from other small Water Departments in the area to help in the search for a new superintendent.

The water main project on Cranberry Highway has been completed.

6. Clerk-Treasurer's Report which may include Health Insurance, Retirement and Financial Topics

Mary McCoy states the OPEB audit has been completed and she will get it to the Prudential Committee after meeting with Bruce Almeida.

The Expenditure Report indicates the 1st and 2nd Engineers are at 63 and 65% of their pay for the Fiscal 21 year, respectively when they should be at 44%.

Free cash will not be certified by the State until January.

The Water Department has taken in \$985,000.00 since November 1, 2020.

7. Discuss current vacant buildings owned by the District and buildings owned by the District that may become vacant in the future

Pam Pike asks if there has been any success in hiring an appraiser for 240 Onset Avenue. Mary states she will follow up with Paul Hartell who did the last appraisal for the property.

There is discussion regarding a date when the new Fire Station will be occupied. David Halberstadt does not know if a date has been decided yet. Deputy Osswald states he is hearing sometime in April and that construction is ahead of schedule.

8. Any Business under the purview of the Prudential Committee that may include personnel, policies, procedures and finances that do not require a vote.

Pam Pike has updated Covid information from Attorney Sumners and will post the information at the Fire Station and Water Department. Individuals do not have to use their sick time or vacation time if they are out of work related to Covid.

9. Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting

There are none.

Charles Klueber motions to adjourn open session at 5:50PM, and go into Executive Session under M.G.L. c30A Section 21 (a)(3) to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation with members of Local 2810, Unit B, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Charles Klueber further motions to adjourn Executive Session in Executive Session and the Prudential Committee will not be reconveneing in open session. Marcine Fernandes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0. Pam Pike yes, Charles Klueber yes, Marcine Fernandes yes.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary

Prudential Committee:

Pamela Pike Chairman

Charles Klueber Clerk

Marcine Fernandes Member

Documents Used: Agenda, Email from David Halberstadt