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**Meeting Date: January 26, 2023 @5:00PM**

Meeting posted by: Pamela Pike, Chairman January 12, 2023

**Minutes**

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

 Meeting opened a 5:02pm, Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair.

2. Roll Call.

 Pam Pike Chair, Karl Baptiste Member, Jennifer Sniger Recording Secretary, Chief Jeff Osswald OFD, Capt. Ryan Quinn OFD, Dave Candeias Water Superintendent, Marcine Fernandes Clerk- Absent

3. Approval of minutes: None

 None at this time

4. Request from Firefighter Captain Ryan Quinn, discussion with Captain Quinn’s military deployment.

 Capt. Quinn asks if Prudential Committee would put him on warrant for upcoming district meeting. Chair says need that request in writing, and that he or a member of the district has to request this for him, cannot come from the board. Chair explains district cannot afford to pay the full salary, but if was voted on at district meeting, then it’s different. Chair explains they cannot be the ones to put on warrant, they don't condone it.

 Chief asks about signatures previously submitted, Chair states current signatures need to be evaluated by council. Chair explains for next set of signatures to cut it down, into a paragraph, along with signatures on one page then submitted to district voters for warrant consideration.

 Capt. Quinn states he has 34 military days a year, used 12 so far, will be using the rest before deployment, and Chief states will follow up with council. Chair request an accounting of the hours before agreeing to pay out, with advice of counsel.

 Chief and Board discuss with Capt. Quinn how article is to be submitted, and the districts position on this. Chief explains this is a legislative process if approved.

 Chief discuss with board the budget and how it will work to pay for coverage.

Capt. Quinn states wants to stay active overseas possibly administrative, chair replies District cannot pay for this. Board recommends advice of council on this too, cannot work without pay under union contract.

Board discuss with Capt. Quinn he has 34 days and leaves next week. Quinn states he has 22 left, even though he will not be here to be paid for those days. Board states will go with advice of counsel to see how District will pay him for the balance of the days. District is obligated to pay days when active. Deployment starts active state duty Feb 4th-23rd, then federal active duty after that. Board discuss laws are already dictated by the state and will follow laws.

5.Chief of Fire Department’s Report and Discussions which may include topics pertaining to personnel, payroll, procurements and operations at the Fire Department and new Fire Station Building repairs/updates on warranty work.

 Chief discuss letter about union sick bank, union is requesting a Board member. Chair states will discuss when full Board is present. See letter dated 01/26/2022 from Local 2810 Unit B.

 Still working on the floor for repairs on seams in garage bay, no response from Joe Sullivan. Chair states will follow up.

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

 Jennifer Sniger states audit is complete, free cash is balanced, on behalf of Clerk-Treasurer Mary McCoy.

7. Water Department Report which may include topics related to personnel and operations of the Water Department new developments fee charges.

 Superintendent discusses emails and letters with Board about race track. Chair will reach out to Alan Slavin to follow up. Board discuss blocks that have already been put in place were approved on around November 14th 2022 at a meeting. See email chain labeled Re: arial photo lot lines, and Alan Slavin contact information.

Superintendent discuss with Board emails from buyers of plot of land out in the well fields. Email is asking about a letter of support for them purchasing the land so they can apply for grants. Boards discuss and approve their support, will add names to letter written by Superintendent. See Letter dated January 27th 2023 from Onset Water Department.

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

 None at this time

9. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Prudential Committee Chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

 Chair states left message with Sean Osborne making sure we were still in que for electric parking stations, and has talked with Frank Basler. Frank Basler states he will reach out to Chief to discuss tank mediation.

10. Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to clearly and imminently threatened or otherwise demonstrably likely litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Prudential Committee and the chair so declares.
 Not needed at this time.

11. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 5:52pm by Karl Baptiste, second Pam Pike vote 2-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer Sniger Recording Secretary

**Prudential Committee:**

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Pamela Pike Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_\_Absent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marcine Fernandes Clerk

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Karl Baptiste Member

Minutes typed during meeting, items used: letter from union, email chain from Superintendent about race track (2 documents), letter drafted by Superintendent for support.