

**FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
144 NEWTON STREET
SOUTH HADLEY, MASS 01075**

DOING OF ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 24, 2019

MINUTES OF THE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Fire District No. 1, South Hadley, Massachusetts, met at the hour and place designated.

It took 20 voters 33 minutes to discuss and vote on the 40 articles on the warrant during the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at the Town Hall Auditorium, 116 Main Street.

The following is the action taken on the articles:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to accept the Prudential Committee Report found on Pages 3 thru 9 in the annual report dated for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to accept the Water Commissioner's Report as found on pages 19 thru 26 of the Annual District Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report as found on Pages 10 thru 17 in the annual report dated June 30, 2018.

Article 4. Voted unanimously to fix the salary and compensation of the following elected officers of the Fire District No. 1 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018 as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Prudential Committee Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Water Commissioners as follows:

Moderator	\$271.99 per year
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Prudential Committee:

Chair	\$1,625.96 per year
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Clerk	\$1,883.88 per year
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Member	\$1,625.96 per year
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Clerk/Treasurer	\$66,283.11 per year, \$1,200.00 a year for car allowance and \$200.00 Longevity
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Water Commissioners:

Chair	\$1,500.00 per year
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Clerk	\$1,500.00 per year
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Member	\$1,500.00 per year
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Article 5. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,077,336.00 for the Salary Accounts as outlined in the Prudential Committee's budget and to meet said appropriation, raise \$1,367,993.00 and transfer from Ambulance Reserve Fund \$709,373.00

Article 6. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$241,900.00 for the Fire Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee's budget.

Article 7. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,500.00 for the Administration Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee Budget.

Article 8. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$187,000.00 for the Ambulance Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee Budget and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$187,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund.

Article 9. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Air Compressor Account.

Article 10. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 35,000.00 for the Building Improvements and Preventative Maintenance Account to the Fire Station Building at 144 Newton Street.

Article 11. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,000.00 for the Fire Department Major Equipment Repair Account.

Article 12. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Fire Gear Replacement Account.

Article 13. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Alarm Radio Console Account.

Article 14. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the New Fire Truck Principle Account.

Article 15. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,350.00 for the New Fire Truck Interest Account.

Article 16. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the new Fire Vehicle Account.

Article 17. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$452,383.00 for the Fire Retirement Account to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 18. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,553.00 (75%) for the Fire Department Health, Dental and Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriations: Raise \$348,553.00 and transfer from free cash \$202,000.00

QUESTION: Ed Wall-Does this include money for the 2 new elected Water Commissioner

ANSWER: Monica Walton-This is for fire only

QUESTION: Ed Wall-will there be another article for water

Answer: Monica Walton-yes

Article 19. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the Fire Vehicle Stabilization Account.

Article 20. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Ambulance Computer and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund.

Article 21. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for the Ambulance Stabilization Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$85,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund.

Article 22. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 for the Fire Department OPEB fund and to meet said appropriation, raise \$35,000.00 and transfer the sum of \$90,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund.

Article 23. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Fire Department SCBA Account.

Article 24. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Web site and IT development Account.

Article 25. Voted unanimously to authorize the District Clerk/Treasurer, with the approval of the majority of the Prudential Committee, to make legal and prudent investments of the District's funds all pursuant of the terms, conditions and restrictions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 167.

Article 26. Voted unanimously to authorize the District Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020. In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 27. Voted unanimously to allow the Prudential Committee to sell surplus equipment or material.

Article 28. Voted unanimously to authorize the Prudential Committee to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants.

Article 29. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,824,996.00 to defray the operating cost of the Water Department and to meet said appropriation and to meet said appropriation raise from its Water Receipts,

- \$ 625,647.00 for Wages & Salaries, with a \$.25 raise
- 1,094,000.00 for the Maintenance & Operations
- 16,271.00 for the Treasurer Salary, 25% share
- 10,000.00 for the Reserve Fund
- 57,064.00 for the Amortization of Debt
- 3,000.00 for the Travel Expense
- 3,500.00 for the Audit Expense
- 7,920.00 for the Interest on Debt

5,000.00 for the Compensation Account
594.00 for the Loan Fees
\$1,824,996.00 Total from Water Receipts

Article 30. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$ 260,000.00 (75%) for the District Health, Dental & Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$260,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus

QUESTION: Ed Wall-does this include money for the 2 newly elected officials

ANSWER: Jeff Cyr- rates are given by Monica every year. Answer to the question is yes.

QUESTION: Ed Wall-the money for this is coming from water receipts

ANSWER: Jeff-the money for this article is coming from water available surplus

QUESTION: Ed Wall-are the water commissioner in control of this budget

ANSWER: Jeff Cyr-yes

QUESTION: Ed Wall-were the water commissioners consulted on the new Health, Dental, life ins policy that Prudential Committee passed? Were they allowed to vote on it?

ANSWER: Bill Schenker-They were aware of it but they were not consulted or able to vote on it.

Article 31. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$151,600.00 for the Retirement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$151,600.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 32. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the Water Tank Stabilization Fund and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$65,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 33. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Meter Replacement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 34. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$110,000.00 for the New Backhoe Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$110,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 35. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Water Main Leak Detection Account and meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 36. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Water OPEB Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Water receipts.

Article 37. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Leaping Wells Watershed Account said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 38. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$203,800.00 for the Newton St Amortization and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$203,800.00 from the Water available surplus.

Article 39. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Critical Infrastructure Stabilization fund and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water available surplus.

Article 40. Voted against. A hand vote was taken by the moderator.

Yes 8, No 10 Moderator and Clerk/Treasurer abstained.

To see if the District will vote to amend Section 7 of its By-Laws, by deleting any reference of "Clerk/Treasurer" as an elected official and changing the heading prior to Section 8 to "duties of elected and appointed officers" and by deleting the language in Section 10, in its entirety and inserting new language in Section 10 as follows:

"The Clerk/Treasurer of the District shall be an appointed position and said position or any vacancy therein shall be filled by a majority vote of the Prudential Committee. The method of public advertising for said position and the compensation, benefits and term of hire for said Clerk/Treasurer shall be determined and set by a majority vote of the Prudential Committee."

This By-Law shall become effective upon the termination of the term of the current Clerk/Treasurer or if the position of the current Clerk/Treasurer is vacated before term expires.

QUESTIONS: Bruce Perron-Shouldn't the Water Commissioners have a part in deciding who will be appointed.

Water Commissioner's agreed with Bruce

Moderator made the decision to vote on the article as written and suggested to make changes at the next annual meeting

A motion was made by Kevin Taugher and seconded by Bruce Perron that the meeting be adjourned at 7:03 pm.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Annual Meeting and a true record of the doings at said meeting.

Monica G. Walton, District Clerk