

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 34 voters 37 minutes to discuss and vote on the 40 articles on the warrant during the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016 in the Fire Department building at 144 Newton Street.

The Annual Meeting was digitally voice recorded.

The following is the action taken on the articles:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to accept the Prudential Committee Report found on Pages 4 thru 9 in the annual report dated for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to accept the Water Commissioner's Report as found on pages 18 thru 24 of the Annual District Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report as found on Pages 10 thru 17 in the annual report dated June 30, 2015.

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, 2016 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

Prudential Committee:

Chair                              \$1,625.96 per year

Clerk                               \$1,883.88 per year

Member                          \$1,625.96 per year

Clerk/Treasurer               \$63,513.16 per year, plus \$1200.00 a year for car allowance

Water Commissioners:

Chair                               \$1,500.00 per year

Clerk                               \$1,500.00 per year

Member                          \$1,500.00 per year

Article 5. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,975,436.00 as outlined in the Prudential Committee's budget and to meet said appropriation, raise \$1,390,726.00 and transfer from Ambulance Reserve Fund \$584,710.00

Article 6. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,000.00 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 \$120,750.00 for the Administration Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee Budget.

Article 8. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$166,500.00 for the Ambulance Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee Budget and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$166,500.00 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 \$ 30,000.00 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 \$ 15,000.00 for the Fire Department Major Equipment Repair Account.

Article 12. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 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 \$27,500.00 for the Fire Truck Note Account.

Article 15. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,331.00 for the Fire Truck Interest Account.

Article 16. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$391,519.00 for the Fire Retirement Account to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 17. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$480,000.00 (75%) for the Fire Department Health, Dental and Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriations: Raise 170,000.00 and transfer from free cash \$310,000.00

Article 18. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the Fire Department Vehicle Stabilization Account.

Article 19. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum \$30,000.00 for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Account.

Article 20. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the ADA Design and Research for the front Entrance Account.

Article 21. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Ambulance Computer System Account.

Article 22. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the Ambulance Stabilization Account.

Article 23. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Ambulance Infusion Pumps Account.

Article 24. Voted unanimously to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, Other Post Employee Benefits.

Article 25. Voted unanimously to rescind the prior adoption of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5D, Pension Reserve Fund.

Article 26. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 and to close the Pension Reserve Fund in the amount of \$212,684.83 plus any accrued interest, and transfer said funds to the Fire Department OPEB fund.

Article 27. 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, 2016 and July 1, 2017. 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 28. Voted unanimously to allow the Prudential Committee to sell surplus equipment or material.

Article 29. Voted unanimously to authorize the Prudential Committee to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants.

Article 30. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,801,609.22 to defray the operating cost of the Water Department and to meet said appropriation and to meet said appropriation raise from its Water Receipts,

- \$ 607,647.00 for Wages & Salaries, 0% increase
- 1,097,000.00 for the Maintenance & Operations
- 10,300.00 for the Treasurer Salary, 0% increase
- 10,000.00 for the Reserve Fund
- 54,826.65 for the Amortization of Debt
- 3,000.00 for the Travel Expense
- 1,750.00 for the Audit Expense
- 11,242.39 for the Interest on Debt
- 5,000.00 for the Compensation Account
- 843.18 for the Loan Fees
- \$1,801,609.22 Total from Water Receipts

Article 31. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$ 235,000.00 (75%) for the District Health, Dental & Life Insurance Account and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$235,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 32. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$129,000.00 for the Retirement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$129,000.00 from the water Available Surplus.

Article 33. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Water Tank Stabilization Fund and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 34. 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 35. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the Replacement and Installation of New Water Mains and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$120,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 36. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the New Pick-up Truck Account and meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 37. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Water Main Leak Detection Account and meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 38. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Water Tank Upkeep and Repair Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 39. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Water Department OPEB Fund said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 40. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Critical Infrastructure Stabilization Fund and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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

Kari Scytowski  
Assistant Clerk