

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

DOING OF ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2018

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 40 voters 28 minutes to discuss and vote on the 41 articles on the warrant during the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 30, 2018 at the Town Hall Auditorium, 116 Main 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 3 thru 9 in the annual report dated for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to accept the Water Commissioner's Report as found on pages 18 thru 26 of the Annual District Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report as found on Pages 10 thru 17 in the annual report dated June 30, 2017.

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
Clerk	\$1,883.88 per year
Member	\$1,625.96 per year

Clerk/Treasurer car allowance	\$66,283.11 per year, including a 3.5% raise and \$1,200.00 a year for
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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 \$2,057,894.00 for the Salary Accounts as outlined in the Prudential Committee's budget and to meet said appropriation, raise \$1,388,638.00 and transfer from Ambulance Reserve Fund \$669,256.00

Article 6. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,400.00 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 \$125,250.00 for the Administration Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee Budget.

Article 8. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 for the Ambulance Operating Expense Account as outlined in the Prudential Committee Budget and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$175,000.00 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 \$ 10,000.00 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 \$60,000.00 for the Fire Vehicle Stabilization Account.

Article 15. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Fire Department Unfunded Liability Account.

Article 16. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Fire Department OPEB fund.

Article 17. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Fire Department SCBA Account.

Article 18. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Web site and IT development Account.

Article 19. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the New Fire Truck Principle Account and to meet said appropriation, raise \$68,400.00 transfer the sum of \$51,600.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account.

Article 20. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00 for the New Fire Truck Interest Account.

Article 21. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the New Fire Truck Bond Issue Fee Account.

Article 22. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,208.00 for the Fire Retirement Account to be paid by the District Treasurer to the Treasurer Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 23. 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 \$350,553.00 and transfer from free cash \$200,000.00

Article 24. 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 25. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the Ambulance Stabilization Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund.

Article 26. Voted unanimously that the District change the existing By-law Section 1 to the proposed By-law.

OLD BY-LAW

SECTION 1. The polls shall be opened at twelve (12) o'clock noon on the annual election day, and shall be kept open at least four (4) hours.

NEW BY-LAW

SECTION 1. The annual district meeting shall be held on the month and day to coincide with the month and day of the Town of South Hadley's annual election as stated in Chapter 18-1 of the By-Laws of the Town of South Hadley, as amended from time to time. The hours and location of voting for the annual district meeting shall be set to coincide with the hours and location of the Town of South Hadley's annual election as established by Order of the Select Board. The polling place for the district voters shall be in a separate location within the building from the polling place for the town voters.

Discussion:

Clerk/Treasurer made voters aware of initial cost to purchase new voting equipment and increase in yearly cost.

Question: Voter asked if the town would be running the election.

Answer: No, the Election will still be run by District Clerk.

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, 2018 and July 1, 2019. 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 \$ 1,821,332.00 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, 2% increase
- 1,094,000.00 for the Maintenance & Operations
- 16,271.00 for the Treasurer Salary, 25% share
- 10,000.00 for the Reserve Fund
- 55,935.00 for the Amortization of Debt
- 3,000.00 for the Travel Expense
- 1,750.00 for the Audit Expense
- 9,050.00 for the Interest on Debt
- 5,000.00 for the Compensation Account
- 679.00 for the Loan Fees
- \$1,821,332.00 Total from Water Receipts

Article 31. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$141,823.00 for the Retirement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$141,823.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 32. 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.

Article 33. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the Water Tank Stabilization Fund and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 34. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for the Replacement and Installation of New Water Mains and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 35. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Meter Replacement Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 36. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Water Main Leak Detection Account and meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 37. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Leaping Wells Watershed Account said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 38. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Computer Meter Reading and Equipment Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Water Stabilization Account.

Article 39. Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the Water OPEB Account and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus.

Article 40. 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 Receipts.

Article 41. 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.

A motion was made by Mark Beauregard and seconded by John Mikuszewski that the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 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

