

Prudential Committee  
Freedom Hall  
976 Main St., Cotuit  
Minutes  
December 16, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

**Called to order** at 5:30 P.M.

**Prudential Committee:** Fran Parks, Lisa Mycock-Kelly, Silvio Genao, Ray Pirrone-Treasurer

**Public Recording:** Amy Kates is recording

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Chairman Pisano:** gave a report from the last Fire Commissioner's meeting (December 10) regarding the anonymous vote to approve the opening of a thirteenth position in the department. Purpose of this decision was to address three major concerns-addressing staff turnover in the department, current situation of multiple line of duty injury vacancies, and the Board is very conscious of fiduciary responsibilities to the District. LMK asked how many were out on IOD, Commissioner Pisano replied three as of right now. SG agrees and is completely for anything we can do to eliminate overtime costs. FP asked if will still go ahead with thirteenth position if the three FF return, RP replied that even if all three returned to ft duty based on experience from the past five years trying to project IOD costs feels this would introduce budgetary stability and allow the Chief to hire a qualified individual for the thirteenth position faster than having to approach the Board and ask permission. SG recapped and asked if the current resignation is being taken into account RP replied trying to fill both that position and a new position. LMK asked the open position is still available-RP replied it has been filled and currently have 9 staff and 3 out of IOD. FP asked for public comment. Cynthia Gardner would like to go on record she is not against what fire department proposing but doesn't understand how as the Prudential Committee and Fire Commissioner's they feel could encumbrant the district another position without going to a district meeting and doesn't think it is in our Bylaws that that can be done.

**Treasurer's Report:** RP reviewed handouts. Discussed the three departments revenue, payments and transfers. Reviewed projects-rehab of 263 now completed, pump well treatment on hold for contingencies, SAFE grant ongoing, roof replacement is completed with the addition of the transfer made in September, completed project within adjusted allocated amount. Air packs on budget, fire station repairs in process, Freedom hall flooring completed and under budget, Freedom hall basement is pending, water department pick up is closed out-RP stated book keeping needs to catch up and make an adjustment for the 880 expenditure, water department security project is ongoing. Water tank balance is under review. Discussed the note that was sold in December (winner was Oppenheimer), reviewed about Vadar moving to the cloud legal reviewed contract with one item pending and waiting for response back from vendor. RP asked for Committees approval will proceed with signing agreement in late December. SG asked what qualified Oppenheimer to win the bid. RP said they won due to a coupon rate of 2% then give extra money which lowers the effective rate. LMK asked about the software training/cost to go to the cloud. RP said the money is for the license to use the cloud no incremental training required or involved benefits are added security and the recovery. SG asked about Vadar topic 2 it says see attachment A-which he doesn't have in packet but was discussed and the answer is \$1400 incremental cost to go to the cloud. RP responded that what schedule A does is add the \$1400 with the additional contract with the annual license payments. Fran made a motion that we approve the contract with Vadar for cloud storage services, second, so moved, all in favor.

**Freedom Hall:** FP discussed the front door repair.

**Minutes:** N/A

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** SG reviewed the Policy Advisory Committee meeting. Elected officials- Silvio is the Chair, Tom Hoppensteadt is the clerk, and Adam Zais is the Vice Chair. Cynthia Gardner is also part of the committee, Jackie Mastro not able to attend. Discussed short- and long-term plans. RP discussed an upcoming USDA compliance review on January 9<sup>th</sup>. SG announced the next Policy Advisory Committee meeting will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Hall at 5:30.

**Executive Session:**

Fran made a motion to go into Executive Session under Purpose 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation of a public body. The committee will not return to open session, seconded/agreed by Lisa Mycock-Kelly, Fran Parks, and Silvio Genao.