

Cotuit Fire District
Prudential Committee
Minutes
27 February 2018

Call to order at 5:30

No one is recording

Present: Ray Pirrone, Lisa Mycock-Kelly, Fran Parks, Charlie Eager

Absent: Stan Goldstein

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Cynthia Gardner asked the Prudential Committee to send back the Fire Commissioners proposed FY19 budget back to Committee and return with a level funded budget and would also like the Water Department to keep their budget within a 2.5% increase.

Draft Budget Presentations

Fire Department:

Copies of the FY19 Draft budget were distributed and reviewed; along with a PowerPoint presentation. Chief Rhude discussed the Fire District budget. It is categorized in four categories required by District By-law: *Labor and Salary, Operations, Maintenance, and Miscellaneous*. Overall without the error that occurred in one of the FF salary (a decimal misplacement which put salary budget over \$69,0000) the FY19 budget increase is 0.9%, if were to reflect the error it is a 4.72% increase. Asking for articles, roof replacement around \$50,000, parking lot \$22,000, Scott Air tanks about \$12,000 or Alrpaks which need to get numbers for. Vehicle replacement: hoping to replace 260, 269 and get one vehicle for around \$27,000. Also trying to figure out about 267 and maybe replacing it with a pickup truck with a skid tank-trade it with another town or look into surplus-still under discussion. Fran suggested talking with the Barnstable DPW for gently used equipment. COMM FD has agreed to become our maintenance provider and we are working on an agreement to compensate them. Also, we had an article last year for the rehab of 263. We did not use that money so we turned it back in to the District.

Water Department:

Copies of the FY19 Draft budget were distributed and reviewed. Commissioner Tom Hoppensteadt discussed the Water Department budget. It is categorized in four categories required by District By-law: *Labor and Salary, Operations, Maintenance, and Miscellaneous*. Commissioners did a lot of research with comparing similar size districts to figure out what level our employees should be supported at regarding salaries, along with job descriptions and position evaluations for all positions and from that developed levels for each position within that have certain criteria each employee has to meet. This is why we are coming to you this year with a proposed increase of about an 8% increase range from 3-14% increase for salaries. Maintenance 5% decrease, Operations 3% increase, Miscellaneous even funded. Overall 4% increase from last year. Capital Expenditures: new pick-up truck that will be supporting the tank for the lime about \$60,000, and the Security System \$470,000 to complete project started in 2008-has been partially funded through the years. Fran asked if the security system would have cameras for all well fields, yes would be on station and tanks but not entrances where have trespassing issues-adding that would increase the cost. Fran also noted the 14% increase is a concern, and a lot to ask to do so rapidly. Commissioner Hoppensteadt distributed salaries of surrounding districts.

Ray asked if they accumulated statistics along with the rates and users. (inaudible answer) feels will be helpful to the tax payers and the Committee to see what the relative volumes are in comparison to other locations. Lisa asked to see the job descriptions, will be sent to everyone on the Committee.

Space Needs:

Only update is a correction of the dates-in respect to having a briefing in respect to the services we are requesting in the properties-the Pre-Proposal meeting will now when correct the dates will be held on April 30 at Freedom Hall, and the applications would be due on or before May 9th. Need to get advertising in place and send out PDF.

Minutes:

Motion made to accept minutes from Feb 16, 2018, seconded, all in favor.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved