



## Office of the Treasurer / Clerk

South Hadley Fire District No. 2

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### ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

MAY 6, 2019

### CLERK REPORT

The warrant having been duly posted and a quorum of forty being present Moderator Christopher Pile, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and all officials introduced themselves to the audience.

It is noted here that all articles were moved and seconded, although such is not recorded individually here within these minutes.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

It was moved that the District vote to hear and act upon the reports of the officers of the District and to give recognitions.

Ken McKenna remembered Attorney Edward J. Ryan Jr. for more than thirty years serving District 2 as District Counsel and read the dedication page from the Annual Report.

Chief Brady remembered Chief John MacLean for 40 years serving on the fire department and his time as Chief of the department.

Assistant Chief Calkins remembered Chief Allan Simpson District 2 Fire Chief from 1986 – 1999.

Ken McKenna requested a moment of silence for Attorney Edward Ryan, Chief John H. MacLean and Chief Allan L. Simpson

Ken McKenna introduced Jim Menard and Ken LeBlanc, Prudential Committee members elected since the last Annual Meeting. He recognized Rob Lak and Rick Constant thanking them for each having served nine years on the Prudential Committee.

Frank DeToma introduced Bill Holt as the member of the Water Commissioners elected since the last Annual Meeting and recognized Donna Russell expressing his appreciation for her nine years of service to District 2.

Assistant Chief Calkins asked that all the full time and on-call members of the Fire and Ambulance Department stand and be recognized for their dedication and service to the District.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 2**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$356,484 for the Insurance and Employee Benefit Accounts, said sum to be raised by Taxation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 3**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,100 for Administrative Expenses, said sum to be raised by Taxation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 4**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,397 for the Operational Expenses of the Prudential Committee to include it's OPEB obligation, with the sum of \$11,910 to be transferred from Free Cash, the sum of \$8,000 to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and the sum of \$110,487 to be raised by Taxation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 5**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,786 for the salaries of the Tax Collector and Assessors of the Towns of South Hadley and Granby, for time invested in the assessment and collection of taxes for Fire District No. 2, said sum to be raised by Taxation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 6**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$727,681 to be used for the Operations of the Fire Department to include a sum of money to pay firefighters for time spent in firefighting, drills and other duties, and for leave with pay to incapacitated officers and firefighters as authorized by Chapter 41, Section 111-F of the General Laws, said sum to be raised by Taxation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 7**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$310,263 for the operations of the District No. 2 Ambulance Service, said sum to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for appropriation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 8**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$89,320 for the payment of principle and interest on the District portion of the bond that is for the building debt, with the sum of \$20,000 to be transferred from Free Cash, the sum of \$24,660 to be raised from Taxation and the sum of \$44,660 to be raised from Water Department Receipts.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 9**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$27,400 for the payment of principle and interest on the ambulance debt, with the sum of \$20,000 to be transferred from the Mount Holyoke College Gift Account and the sum of \$7,400 to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **ARTICLE 10 Fiscal Year 2019**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,875 for the purpose increasing the FY2019 Water Department Office Expense line to cover the Water Department portion of the 2019 election costs, said funds to be transferred from Water Surplus.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 11 Fiscal Year 2019**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,153 for the purpose of increasing the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund, said funds to be transferred from the Water Department Capital Receipts and Connection Fees portion of Water Surplus received from May 1, 2018 through and including April 30, 2019.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 12**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$794,179 for the operations of the Water Department to include insurances, wages and the OPEB obligation, with the sum of \$22,103 to be transferred from Water Surplus and the sum of \$772,076 to be raised from Water Department Receipts.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 13 Fiscal Year 2019**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of 150,000 for Water System Capital Improvements on Hadley Street and replacement of water meters and fire hydrants throughout the District, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be transferred from the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 14**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$59,490 for the payment of principle and interest for the Water Department Capital Expense debt, said sum to be transferred from Water Surplus.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 15**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of increasing the Water Department Building Stabilization Fund, said amount to be raised through Water Department Receipts.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 16**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of increasing the Water Storage Tank Stabilization Fund, with the sum of \$50,000 to be transferred from Water Surplus and the sum of \$15,000 to be raised through Water Department Receipts.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 17**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of increasing the Water Department Vehicle Stabilization Fund, said amount to be transferred from Water Surplus.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 18**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fire Department Capital/Vehicle Replacement Stabilization Fund, said sum to be transferred from Free Cash.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 19**

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of increasing the District Stabilization Fund, said sum to be transferred from Free Cash.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 20**

It was moved that the District vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 41, Section 113, to vote that official ballots shall hereafter be used and Sections one hundred and fourteen to one hundred and nineteen, inclusive, shall apply. The district may, at the annual meeting or at a meeting called for the purpose at least thirty days before the annual meeting, by a two thirds vote discontinue the use of official ballots, and cease to be subject to said sections.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 21**

It was moved that the District vote to amend the District By-Laws Article II, Section 1, as printed in the Warrant.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 22**

It was moved that the District vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to defend all suits that may be brought against the District during the Fiscal Year 2020 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the District, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable.

**Motion passed with one vote against.**

#### **ARTICLE 23**

It was moved that the District vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell and/or dispose of any surplus personal property belonging to the Fire District.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 24**

It was moved that the District vote to allow the Prudential Committee or the Water Commissioners, or the Fire Chief with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to apply for, accept, and expend any state or federal grants that may come available for Fiscal Year 2020 and/or to accept any gifts given to the District.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 25**

It was moved that the District vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2019, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and the acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 26**

It was moved to ask the District if they want the Prudential Committee to continue to explore the ways and means by which approximately 25 acres of the Elmer Brook Property off Amherst Road (Lot 20)

might be leased for development into a solar farm, which may include soliciting bids from contractors for development. This is a non-binding vote.

**The motion was withdrawn after considerable discussion.**

The Moderator announced the business portion of the meeting as closed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**



Barbara Miller  
Clerk/Treasurer

<b>Balance in Various Accounts as of April 30, 2019 (Rounded )</b>				
Balance	Proposed Amt. to be			
4/30/2019	(Used)/Added	Account Name	Funds Used/Added	Article #s
\$114,199	\$ (71,910)	Free Cash	Used	4, 8, 18 and 19
\$527,480	\$ 40,000	FD Capital/Vehicle Replacement Stabilization	Added	18
\$ 52,387	\$ 5,000	District Stabilization Fund	Added	19
\$ 78,655	\$ 47,013	OPEB Stabilization Fund to become OPEB Trust Fund	Added	4 and 12
\$ 19,742	\$ -	Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund		
\$327,475	\$ (325,663)	Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	Used	4, 7 and 9
\$ 32,488	\$ (20,000)	Mount Holyoke College Equipment Gift Account	Used	9
\$215,378	\$ 130,153	Water Systems Improvement Fund (WSIF)	Added	11
	\$ (150,000)	Cap. Improv. On Hadley St and other meters & hydrants	Used	13
\$374,085	\$ (298,621)	Water Surplus per FY2018 Audit & Capital Receipts	Used	10, 11, 12,14, 16 and17
\$383,213	\$ 65,000	Water Storage Tank Stabilization Fund	Added	16
\$ 44,284	\$ 30,000	WD Vehicle Stabilization Fund	Added	17
\$ 15,049	\$ 5,000	WD Building Stabilization Fund	Added	15