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ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 2, 2022
(FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET)
CLERK REPORT

The warrant having been duly posted and a quorum of forty being present Moderator, Carlene Hamlin, called the meeting to order at 7:26 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.

Chief Calkins presented the Annual Report, which was dedicated in memory of Chief Michael Koske.

Prudential Committee Chair, Kenneth LeBlanc, thanked James Menard for his four years of service to the District as a Prudential Committee member and Chair. He further thanked all employees of the District, the Prudential Committee members and Water Commissioners.

Frank DeToma stated his appreciation to the Water Department employees. He also thanked the employees of the District and the board members.

Chief Calkins recognized all active and retired members of the department. He presented Firefighter Service Awards to: Timothy Cauley (25 years), Paul Lemoine (25 years), Mike Cote (30 years), Cpt. John Moriarty (30 years), AFC Joseph Fernandes (35 years).

Lt. Mike O'Neill was recognized for his service to the District and congratulated on his new position as Chief of the Granby Fire Department.

Ken LeBlanc, Prudential Committee Chair, announced the vacancy in the Prudential Committee would be filled via an appointment by the remaining Prudential Committee members and the Water Commissioners, until the next election. Interested parties were asked to send a letter of interest to the Prudential Committee by May 9th.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report of the Officers was provided for the attendees.

ARTICLE 1

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$542,245 for the Prudential Committee Operating Budget: Salaries & Wages \$52,972, Expenses \$489,273, said sum to be raised by Taxation.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$733,479 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: Salaries & Wages \$633,879, Expenses \$99,600 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 \$300,666 for the operations of the District No. 2 Ambulance Service: Salaries & Wages \$154,866, Expenses \$145,800, said sum to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,920 for the payment of principal and interest against the District building addition debt, with the sum of \$37,960 to be raised from Taxation and the sum of \$37,960 to be raised from Water Department Receipts.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,180 for the payment of principal and interest on the ambulance debt, with the sum of \$20,000 to be transferred from the Mount Holyoke College Ambulance Gift Account and the sum of \$5,180 to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,333 for the payment of principal and interest against the Rescue Truck lease debt, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$820,516 for the operations of the Water Department to include insurances, and the OPEB obligation: Salaries & Wages \$376,400, Expenses \$444,116, said sum to be raised from Water Department Receipts.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,400 for the payment of principal and interest for the Water Department Capital Expense debt, said sum to be transferred from Water Surplus.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Water Storage Stabilization Fund, said sum to be transferred from Water Surplus.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10 Fiscal Year 2022

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$113,597.46 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, 2021 through and including April 29, 2022.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11 Fiscal Year 2022

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$17,146.81 for the purpose of increasing the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund, said funds to be transferred from the Water Systems Capital Improvement Project Account.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12 Fiscal Year 2022

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$121,500 for Water System Capital Projects, including meters, SCADA system upgrade, hydrants, separate services, test wells and new generator at the water tank, including the payment of any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be transferred from the Water Systems Improvement Stabilization Fund.

Motion was made and seconded to amend article 12 to the sum of \$131,500 to include 50% of the cost for the Isotopic Delineation Study at Dry Brook Well.

Motion to amend passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion as amended passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13 Fiscal Year 2022

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,500 to pay the first year cost of a three year lease agreement for a rubber tired excavator for the Water Department including the payment of 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 \$5,000 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 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 transferred from Water Surplus.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16 Fiscal Year 2022

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new vehicle for the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, with \$25,000 to be transferred from Free Cash and \$25,000 to be transferred from the Fire Dept. Vehicle Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed with a 2/3 majority as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 17

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 18

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fire Department Vehicle 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 \$6,320 for the purpose of a 5% Assistance to Fire Fighters grant match, for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 20

It was moved that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of increasing the Ambulance Stabilization Fund, said sum to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 21

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 2023 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 a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 22

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 23

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 2023 and/or to accept any gifts given to the District.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 24

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, 2022, 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.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Barbara Miller
Clerk/Treasurer

Balance in Various Accounts as of April 30, 2022				
Balance as of 4/30/2022*	Net Balance All Articles Passed (Used)/Added	Account Name	Article Number Effect on Balance	
			Decrease	Increase
\$ 326,529	\$ 683	Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	3, 5 & 20	
\$ 10,005	\$ 30,005	Ambulance Stabilization Fund		20
\$ 62,771	\$ 67,771	District Stabilization Fund		17
\$ 117,214	\$ 167,214	FD Capital/Vehicle Replacement Stabilization	16	18
\$ 181,447	\$ 70,127	Free Cash	16, 17, 18 & 19	
\$ 19,874	\$ 19,874	Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund		
\$ 48,123	\$ 48,123	Mount Holyoke College Equipment Gift Account		
\$ 282,410	\$ 332,410	OPEB Trust Fund *Fund balance is as of 3/31/2022		1 & 7
\$ 516,338	\$ 526,338	Water Storage Tank Stabilization Fund		9
\$ 245,882	\$ 53,885	Water Surplus per FY21 Audit plus Capital Receipts	8, 9, 10, 14 & 15	
\$ 347,501	\$ 330,244	Water Sys. Impr. Stab. Fund w/Art. 12 Amendment	12 & 13	10 & 11
\$ 25,183	\$ 30,183	WD Building Stabilization Fund		15
\$ 88,043	\$ 93,043	WD Vehicle Stabilization Fund		14