

***Wareham Fire District
Prudential Committee
August 27, 2020***

Minutes

5:53 PM

Members: George Barrett (Chair), Dean Decas (Clerk), Ron Enos, Rick England, John Connolly

Non-Members: Wendy Lemieux, Chief Matt Rowley, David Heard, Claire Smith, Paul Gerard, Assistant Fire Chief John Kelley, David McClure, Chief John Walcek, Lieutenant Walter Correia, EMS Director David Evans, Frank Mulligan, FF Ralph Braley, Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Haskell, Robert Haskell, Selectman Patrick Tropeano (remote), Chloe Shelford (Wareham Week)

5:53 PM ***Meeting called to order*** (George)

- George asked is anyone recording. No

5:53 PM ***Discussion with Public Safety Building Committee***

- Discussion on location of Public Safety Building
 - Possible locations include Minot Avenue, Main Street at Decas School, possible alternate land acquisition
- Discussion on possible grants through the State and Federal Government
- Discussion on different entities that may be interested in relocating to Wareham Public Safety Complex

6:39 PM ***Correspondence***

- Motion to approve Terms of Engagement with Lynch Marini & Associates Inc. for the purpose of a financial audit.
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)

- Motion to pay Mansfield Shredding Service (\$408.50) for the shredding of paperwork.
Motion to pay Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for consulting services regarding construction of water treatment plant (\$27,500)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)

6:50 PM Clerk's Report

- Advised audit is beginning
- Discussion on free cash
- Discussion on EAP / ESI
 - Workman's Comp
- Discussion on fraudulent unemployment claims (imposter fraud)
- Discussion regarding financial advisor

6:56 PM Chief's Report (see attached)

7:18 PM Motion to go into executive session for reason#2 and not to return to open session by Ron second by Rick. Chairman states discussion in open session could be detrimental to the District

- **Vote:**
Ron: Yes
Rick: Yes
Dean: Yes
John: Yes
George: Yes

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Vote Date:	9/29/20
Approve	5
Disapprove	0
Abstain	0

Chairman Steve T. Burt
Clerk Dean Decos

Chief's Report for August 27th, 2020

Friday, August 7th

- Meeting with the Wareham School Superintendent regarding the school year, fire drills and decontamination procedures that may affect our Fire Alarm System.
- Meeting with Industrial Communications regarding our radio system, they will be doing a survey of the system and make recommendations. Moving forward we may be changing our communications company.

Saturday, August 8th

- Marine 4 was detailed for the Mayflower II escort into Mass Maritime, no incidents occurred.

Monday, August 10th

- Vehicle inspections for Department Apparatus, two issues found Special Op's and Breaker 402 did not come up at the Registry. Wendy was able to get the situation corrected.

Tuesday, August 11th

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Zoom meeting was held regarding the AFG-S grant. Our grant was for the full-face respirators. \$5,000 was requested and has been deposited.
- We will also be eligible for another AFG-S grant this fall, due to being a combination department.

Wednesday, August 12th

- Went to the Scituate Public Safety complex to look at their facility. Very nice on the police side, the fire side was an afterthought. Glad to have gone and realize you would want separate buildings.

Thursday, August 13th

- Conference Call with Leo Peliquin regarding the Covid-19 travel order.

Friday, August 14th

- Discovered there was over \$909 thousand dollars sitting as unused funds in the AFG account. Dave Parr was emailed and confirmed that we were going to be awarded the Tower grant.

Wednesday, August 19th

- MM Barrett and I went to Mendon to do an inspection on the new Brush Breaker. Fire 1 has done a phenomenal job, body will be heading to paint in a week.
- Spoke with Jeff Fournier from Minute Man Trucks regarding the trade-in of Ladder 1 and Engine 3, several points, age of the truck and also where we are replacing with an AFG grant, neither truck can be sold in the U.S. The value of both would be somewhere of \$10,000 to \$20,000. No matter what, whom ever gets the bid will be taking them.
- E-1 progress was also updated by Jeff Fournier. The Engine has been repaired and is functioning properly, working on other repairs. He also stated that we want to send a letter to our insurance company that states if there are issues with the motor within "a certain period of time" that it would be related to the accident.

Thursday, August 20th

- Received a call from Congressman Keatings Office, congratulating our Department on the AFG Grant award.

Friday, August 21st

- AFG Grant was officially awarded

Sunday, August 23rd

- Car-7 went O.O.S.

Monday, August 24th

- E-5 went O.O.S. for a priming valve issue
- The AFG grant for the Tower was accepted and paperwork forwarded to the Clerk/Treasurer.

Tuesday, August 25th

- Vehicle Inspections were completed
- AFG public announcement was posted on the Districts website and Facebook Page

Wednesday, August 26th

- FEMA reimbursement Project Application was submitted \$156,110.26 (75% would be \$117,000), work to continue on the MEMA State workbook.
- Meeting via Zoom with FEMA regarding the Tower AFG Award.
 - FEMA Rep. Dave Parr stated it is rare to get vehicle grant like we did.
 - 12 month performance period (got to hustle), extensions will be granted.
 - Recommended the HGAC if a member verses going out to bid.
 - Trade in on our current vehicles was recommended, they cannot ever be sold for emergency response unless sold to another country.

Thursday, August 27th

- Spoke with Jeff Fournier regarding the HGAC and the Pierce Tower that was advertised. We will be going the HGAC route, he will have that specification to us on Friday or Monday. This truck is \$1,322,460, allowing for \$86,630 in options.
- Retire Chief Hatfield from the Foxboro Fire Department called and relayed that the Horse Race track is moving forward and requested a meeting next Thursday to talk to Public Safety heads. They will be requesting a special Town meeting.