DORSET FIRE DISTRICT
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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

May 10, 2021

2020 Annual Meeting

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Abbott de Rham, Lee Fox, Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Kevin O'Toole (Moderator)

Others Present: Gay Squire, Laura Bechwith, Claudia Stannard, Jordan Dickinson, Virginia Longacre, Bernie Stupski

Zoom Participants: Justine Cook, Michael Chase, Michael Keene, Sanfra Weiss

K. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The 2021 Annual Meeting Warning was read as follows:

S. Hazelton moved and G. Squire seconded to waive the reading of the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes and accept them as presented in the report. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Weiss reviewed the DFD Prudential Committee Annual Presentation explaining the Fire Department's budget and year in review summary. The Fire Department took delivery of a new rescue truck. The Water Company's budget and year in review summary was also discussed. B. Weiss noted the water budget was increased by three percent, the continuation of leak fixing, replacement of multi-user lines, permitting of the gravel packed well, Topics discussed:

Status update on DWSRF Funding the plan to get easements for all service line work in an effort to stem leaks and remove the moratorium on new connections and additional use.

Updates on the Cheney Road well sites; bedrock well failed, gravel pack well 1 is permitted but only at 17 gpm. DFD will be working with SB Church to review options for a second gravel pack well.

The Fire District website has been updated with the help of a Burr & Burton student Michael Alfano, the website – www.dorsetfiredistrict.org

K. O'Toole pointed out the Fire Department's budget on page 9 of the DFD report. L. Beckwith moved and G. Squire seconded to approve the Fire Department budget as presented at $184,000. R. Squire pointed out that the budget has a modest increase due to insurance, equipment maintenance and the continuation of a sinking fund. Motion carried unanimously.

K. O'Toole pointed out the Water Company's budget on page 11 of the DFD report. J. Dickinson moved and G. Squire seconded to approve the Water Company budget as presented at $144,000. J. Cook questioned the amount paid to the engineer, G. Kepler, and R. Gaiotti explained it is a complicated answer because G. Kepler's invoice includes payments to other entities. J. Cook stated that it was important to make use of bid opportunities and R. Gaiotti noted that it was not always in the best interest of the hiring organization to take the lowest bidder as there are many factors to consider. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Hazelton moved and G. Squire seconded to elect Cindy Loudenslager and B. Weiss to one-year positions and Patrick McGuire to a three-year position on the Prudential Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Squire nominated L. Fox for a one-year Treasurer position on the Prudential Committee. S. Hazelton moved and G. Squire seconded to elect for one-year positions: R. Squire as Clerk, L. Fox as Treasurer & Collector of Delinquent Taxes and K. O'Toole as Moderator. Motion carried unanimously.

No other business came before the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by motion of L. Beckwith and second by J. Dickinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Aversano
Dorset Fire District No. 1