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ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2022

ON THE COVER

An old wooden pipeline was unearthed, and this portion was removed during the recent Route 8 reconstruction project. The location was adjacent to River Street, where the rest of the main remains buried and continues on its path.



Where the pipe was found.



Cutting it out from its location.

according to the internet...

To make these wooden pipes, a log was set up and fastened to the tops of two sawhorses, and two more sawhorses with vertical guides or marks provided alignment as the very long auger was driven into the end. The auger typically had a centering device to keep the bore running straight. The process was very laborious as the auger had to be pulled out regularly to clear the chips. When the first hole, typically 1½" diameter, was bored additional reamers could follow it to expand the hole to a desired diameter.

This type of pipe, with an interior circumference of 2 to 6 inches, was normally made of long, straight, solid logs with the center bored out, and later burned. As water flowed through the pipe the wood expanded, creating a watertight joint.

Wood log pipe was cheaper to buy and install; easier to tap for service connections; less liable to freeze since it was an excellent insulator; and less likely to burst, because of its elasticity. It was claimed to be more durable and better at maintaining the purity of water that flowed through it.

The longevity of a pipe didn't depend as much on the type of wood it was made from as the environment in which it was used. Pressurized wood pipe that continuously carried water could, and would, last for centuries. Because the pipe was constantly wet and constantly surrounded by damp soil, oxygen was denied and the wood became immune to deterioration.

a possible theory

Could the likely source of water for this pipe on River Street have been the spring house on Glen Street? Could the water have been piped to the L. L. Brown Paper Co. that was once located at the corner of Center and Commercial Streets because clear spring water is valuable in making a whiter sheet of paper?

Special thanks to Eugene Michalenko for assisting us with our search for information relevant to this pipe.



The charcoal remains on the pipe's burnt interior lengthens its lifespan and aids in water purity.



A metal coupling joins two pipes.



It appears that L. L. Brown Paper Co. was a source of potable water after the Flood of 1938 damaged the town's water system.

Photo taken looking north on Commercial St., near the present McDonalds' entrance.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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2022 Annual Report Dedication

William “Bill” Gero

When thinking about an Alert, many things come to mind. One word that always comes to mind is **dedication**.

For William “Bill” Gero, dedication is a vast understatement. This past October, the Alerts honored Bill for his 50th Anniversary as a member of the Alerts.

As a young child, Bill knew he wanted to become a member of the Alert Hose Company. Growing up in Adams, Bill admired the members of the Alerts. In his neighborhood, there were five members of the company, and when the sirens went off, these five firefighters would rush off to the call, leaving a young Bill dreaming about responding with them. As he grew older, the fire inside Bill to become an Alert still burned bright. Seeing this, the members would bring Bill along with them to some calls. Then the time came and Bill became an Apprentice with the Alerts, the start of a dream come true. After serving as an apprentice for almost two years, waiting for a roster spot with the Alerts to open, on October 3, 1972, Bill was elected a Member of the Adams Alert Hose Company #1.

With over 50 years of service to the Alerts and the Town of Adams, Bill continues to do everything possible to help out. He has served the Alerts in so many capacities. He was Second Assistant Foreman (Aug. 1986 - Aug. 1988), First Assistant Foreman (Aug. 1988 - August 1990), Foreman (Aug. 1990 - Aug. 1992), Trustee (Dec. 1982 - Sept. 1986 and Aug. 2002 - present) and on the Fire Grounds, he holds the rank of Lieutenant, LT1.

The fire service, and the Alerts, are steeped in tradition, something that Bill truly respects. He is currently the most senior member on the



Alerts, something he takes great pride in. Through the years, he has seen the fire service change and evolve, but still holds on to the history, knowledge, and traditions that he passes along to the young members as they walk through the bay doors of the station. In addition, he is the one that all members go to for guidance and advice.

Bill, his wife Gloria, and their son William Jr, see the Alerts as part of the family. He is always willing to help another member or their family, attend weddings, birthday parties, graduation parties, or sporting events of other members or their family. He has fond memories of the Alerts Company trips, parades, and the Alerts Annual Ball. Bill has attended every Alerts Ball since he was elected a member. Another one of his greatest highlights was when his son William rode on the Alerts’ Hose Cart in the Bennington Parade.

Bill, thank you for your dedication and service!

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Adams Fire District Officers

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman	Term Expires 2025
Richard G. Kleiner, Member	Term Expires 2023
Allen J. Mendel	Term Expires 2024

CLERK AND TREASURER

Kathleen A. Fletcher	Term Expires 2024
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CHIEF ENGINEER

John M. Pansecchi	Term Expires 2023
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FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Timothy C. Ziemba	Term Expires 2023
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SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER

David J. Lennon	Term Expires 2023
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THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Edward B. Capeless	Term Expires 2023
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FOURTH ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Mark J. Therrien	Term Expires 2023
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Adams Fire District Personnel

OFFICE

Kathleen A. Fletcher
Date of Hire: October 18, 2010

Bookkeeper
Clerk & Treasurer

Victoria A. Lassonde
Date of Hire: February 28, 2011

Assistant Clerk & Treasurer

Whitney E. Flynn
Date of Hire: February 1, 2017

Administrative Assistant

WATER DEPARTMENT

+*#^John C. Barrett
Date of Hire: February 11, 2013

Superintendent

+*#^Nicholas A. Johnson
Date of Hire: February 4, 2013

Assistant Superintendent

+*#^Damien D. Wimpenny
Date of Hire: May 9, 2016

Laborer/Operator

+*#^Joshua S. Sworzen
Date of Hire: October 29, 2018

Laborer/Operator

+*#^Zachary T. Hillard
Date of Hire: June 17, 2019

Laborer/Operator

*Certified Drinking Water Distribution Operator
#Backflow Tester
+ Cross Connection Surveyor
^ Certified Drinking Water Treatment Operator

2022 Prudential Committee Report

The Adams Fire District Prudential Committee strives to provide the best possible service to our rate payers. This is done by continually upgrading the water distribution and fire protection systems. The condition of these systems is constantly monitored and future projects are identified and prioritized. This is done with the rate payers in mind, keeping the rates at an acceptable level. This is a constant balancing act, as these systems are continually aging.

The COVID-19 Pandemic that started in March of 2020 continued at a lower level making it less difficult for the Adams Fire District employees and the Adams Fire Department/Alert Hose Company to provide safe drinking water and fire protection. The office was re-opened to the public and the Alerts were able to resume weekly in-person drills.

At the Annual Election held on May 10, 2022, Thomas A. Satko was re-elected to a third 3-year term on the Prudential Committee.

The Annual Meeting was held on May 24, 2022, the FY 23 Budget and Warrant Articles were approved.

A Special Meeting was held on June 16, 2022. Changes were approved to the Adams Fire District By-Laws. (On September 13, 2019, the Adams Fire District was served with a lawsuit which challenged the way the District billed Street Lighting and Fire Protection as a fee. The By-Laws were changed so that Fire Protection and Street Lighting revenue would be collected semi-annually as a tax by the Town of Adams for the Fire District. The tax will be assessed based upon property value per \$1,000.00.)

The Adams Fire District was informed in July that the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs issued a Level 1 – Mild Drought for the Western region of the Commonwealth based on advice from the Drought Management Task Force. In August it was increased to a Level 2 - Significant Drought because of the lack of rain. After a significant amount of rain in the fall it was downgraded to Level 0 – Normal.

Projects undertaken in 2022 were:

- 1) Replacement of water meters (which are past their life expectancy) - \$100,000.00. Approximately 71% of all meters have been replaced as of December 2022, which is in its eighth year. Replacement of meters has been delayed by COVID-19 and supply-chain issues.
- 2) Continued working with the Town of Adams to supply water to the Greylock Glen Project.
- 3) Inspections of the District's three storage tanks (2 million, 500,000 and 100,000 gallon).
- 4) Special Legislation to expand the District boundaries for the purpose of billing taxes for Fire Protection and Street Lighting within the Town of Adams boundaries.
- 5) Applying for a \$50,000.00 SRF Loan for Lead and Copper Rule Revisions – Water Service Inventory and Assessment.

Water Department employees and office staff have been attending webinars and zoom meetings which included Cyber Security. Hosted a Tabletop Exercise with Massachusetts Rural Water Association, including Williamstown Water Dept., about Water Emergency Response.

A MIIA Risk Management Grant for Safety Equipment was applied for and \$3,315.00 was received for Confined Space Equipment for the Water Department.

The Prudential Committee would like to thank Chief Engineer John Pansecchi, the Engineers, and the Alert Hose Company for their hard work and unselfish dedication of time. The District recognizes the amount of time these volunteers give to the District, the Town of Adams, and surrounding communities in assisting in mutual aid. The professionalism and integrity of the Adams Fire Department is appreciated and applauded.

The Adams Fire Department applied for and received the following grants: the Massachusetts Fire Fighter Safety Equipment Grant for \$15,399.24, used to purchase 5 portable radios and 38 helmet lights; the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant for up to \$2,500.00 and the FY 23 Safety Equipment Grant for \$15,000.00 that will purchase Ballistic Vests and Helmets along with a dryer for Fire Gear.

The Adams Fire Department has placed an order for a new fire truck, an E-One High Typhoon Rescue Pumper from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles LLC for \$625,000.00.

Special recognition goes to the Retention and Recruitment Committee for their hard work to recruit volunteers for the Alert Hose Company. The Retention and Recruitment Committee received a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for current personnel to attend EMT training.

The Prudential Committee would also like to thank all Fire District employees for their dedication and hard work throughout the year: Bookkeeper/Clerk & Treasurer Kathleen Fletcher, Assistant Clerk & Treasurer Victoria Lassonde, Administrative Assistant Whitney Flynn, Superintendent John Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Nicholas Johnson, Water Department Laborer/Operators Damien Wimpenney, Joshua Sworzen and Zachary Hillard. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated.

In December, Water Department Laborer/Operators Damien Wimpenney resigned after 6½ years of service with the Adams Fire District. The Prudential Committee and employees of the District wish him well in his future endeavors.

Respectfully Yours,

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman
Richard G. Kleiner, Vice-Chairman
Allen J. Mendel

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2022

As management of the Adams Fire District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here, as well as the District's basic financial statements that follow this section.

Financial Highlights

Government-Wide Financials **(Full Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

The District's combined ending total net position of assets minus liabilities on June 30, 2022 was \$4,274,844. Total net position decreased during fiscal year 2022 by \$764,866; comprised of a decrease of \$467,750 in governmental activities and a decrease of \$297,116 in business-type activities (Water department).

The primary cause of the deficit of \$764,866 is related to the following items:

- The District is a defendant in a lawsuit alleging that the District's practice of billing property owners directly for non-water services (fire protection charge, street lighting charge, and customer charge) is not a "fee" but rather a "tax," which should be assessed and collected in the same manner as town taxes. The matter was submitted to summary judgment which the Superior Court found in favor of the plaintiff. Subsequent to fiscal year end June 30, 2022, on October 6, 2022, the lawsuit was settled. The settlement expense amount was \$600,000 and is recorded as an expense and a current liability in the government-wide and fund financial statements as of June 30, 2022.
- The District is required to measure and report a long-term projected benefit obligation associated with postemployment benefits (or OPEB) earned by employees for services rendered to date, as opposed to when the benefit is actually paid. The change in this estimated liability was \$50,459 (expense) for the year ended June 30, 2022.
- The District is also required to measure and report a long-term projected benefit obligation for its proportionate share of the Adams Contributory Retirement System's net pension liability. The change in this estimated long-term liability was \$224,991 (expense) for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The District's total debt outstanding was \$3,414,200 at the end of the current fiscal year.

Governmental Fund and Enterprise Fund **(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Governmental Funds reported an ending fund balance of \$994,157, which decreased \$333,414 from the prior year.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Enterprise Fund (Water department) reported an ending fund balance of \$1,724,231, which decreased \$297,116 from the prior year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's financial statements are comprised of four components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, (3) proprietary (enterprise) fund financial statements and (4) notes to financial statements. This report also contains supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

These basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of the net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods such as unused vacation leave.

Both of the basic financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by water rates and other charges from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The total governmental activities of the District include the water department, fire department and street lighting. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Adams Fire District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are reported into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary (enterprise) fund.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the basic financial statements. However, unlike the basic

financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the basic financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the basic financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District adopts an annual budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14 and 15 of this report. The budget and actual comparison statement can be found on page 17 of this report.

Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The District maintains one proprietary fund for water department operations. Since this area of activity is supported by user fees, the fund is accounted for as a business-type activity. The District adopts an annual budget for its proprietary fund. The proprietary fund financial statements for the water department can be found on pages 18 through 20 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide, fund, and proprietary fund financial state-

A summary of the Statement of Net Position is below:

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT SUMMARY NET POSITION June 30, 2022					
	Primary Government			Comparative	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total 2022	Total 2021	Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	\$ 2,086,331	\$ 436,131	\$ 2,522,462	\$ 2,407,198	\$ 115,264
Interfund receivable (payable)	(473,039)	473,039	-	-	-
Capital assets, net	2,281,190	5,846,873	8,128,063	8,452,340	(324,277)
Total Assets	3,894,482	6,756,043	10,650,525	10,859,538	(209,013)
Deferred outflows of resources	141,902	299,082	440,984	104,639	336,345
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,036,384	7,055,125	11,091,509	10,964,177	127,332
Current Liabilities	619,135	21,788	640,923	36,969	603,954
Long-term debt	-	3,414,200	3,414,200	3,745,565	(331,365)
Accumulated unused compensated absences	49,147	35,926	85,073	77,259	7,814
Net pension liability	228,432	650,151	878,583	892,838	(14,255)
Post employment benefits other than pensions	465,918	892,746	1,358,664	1,044,509	314,155
Total Liabilities	1,362,632	5,014,811	6,377,443	5,797,140	580,303
Deferred inflows of resources	123,139	316,083	439,222	127,327	311,895
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,485,771	5,330,894	6,816,665	5,924,467	892,198
Net Position					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,281,190	2,432,673	4,713,863	4,706,775	7,088
Unrestricted	269,423	(708,442)	(439,019)	332,935	(771,954)
Total Net Position	\$ 2,550,613	\$ 1,724,231	\$ 4,274,844	\$ 5,039,710	\$ (764,866)

ments. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 through 31 of the District's FY22 Audit Report. The notes to this report also contain certain information concerning the District's progress in funding its obligation to provide benefits to its employees.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,274,844 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the District's net position is \$4,713,863, which reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its customers; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it

should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The reader should also note that, unlike Massachusetts Municipal Accounting, GASB requires inclusion of certain long-term assets and liabilities in its government-wide statement of net position, which do not consume current spendable resources, and which have significant impact on the Districts ending net position:

- All infrastructure (such as buildings, land, vehicles, equipment, pumping and water storage infrastructure).
- Accumulated but unused compensated absences.
- The District is required to measure and report a long-term projected benefit obligation associated with postemployment benefits (or OPEB) earned by employees for services rendered to date, as opposed to when the benefit is actually paid.

A summary of Changes in Net Position is presented below:

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT SUMMARY CHANGES IN NET POSITION					
	Primary Government			Comparative	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total 2022	Total 2021	Increase (Decrease)
Program Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ 575,477	\$ 1,587,686	\$ 2,163,163	\$ 2,139,756	\$ 23,407
General Revenues:					
Earnings on investments	9,493	-	9,493	11,153	(1,660)
Other revenues	43,739	24,057	67,796	9,058	58,738
Total Revenues	628,709	1,611,743	2,240,452	2,159,967	80,485
Expenses and Other Items					
Water department	-	1,228,144	1,228,144	1,046,201	181,943
Fire Department	430,868	-	430,868	365,705	65,163
Street lighting	122,257	-	122,257	132,763	(10,506)
Employee benefits	46,534	216,252	262,786	254,344	8,442
Change in net pension liability	16,250	208,741	224,991	(217,739)	442,730
Change in Other Postemployment					
Benefit liability	79,516	(29,057)	50,459	695	49,764
Interest and fiscal charges	1,034	84,779	85,813	94,223	(8,410)
Total Expenses	696,459	1,708,859	2,405,318	1,676,192	729,126
Other Items					
Settlement expense (Note 4.F.)	(600,000)	-	(600,000)	-	(600,000)
Transfers	200,000	(200,000)	-	-	-
Total other items	(400,000)	(200,000)	(600,000)	-	(600,000)
Change in Net Position	(467,750)	(297,116)	(764,866)	483,775	(1,248,641)
Net Position, Beginning	3,018,363	2,021,347	5,039,710	4,555,935	483,775
Net position, Ending	\$ 2,550,613	\$ 1,724,231	\$ 4,274,844	\$ 5,039,710	\$ (764,866)

- The District is required to measure and report a long-term projected benefit obligation for its proportionate share of the Adams Contributory Retirement System's net pension liability.

Revenue and Expense Factors Included:

Program revenue (charges for services) increased by \$23,407 or 1% from fiscal year 2021.

Water department expenses increased by \$181,943 from fiscal year 2021 resulting primarily from an increase in legal expenses of \$18,983, and an increase in water system, pumping station and other expenses of \$162,960, of which \$99,237 is related to the radio read meter replacement program.

Fire department expenses increased by \$65,163 from fiscal year 2021 resulting primarily from an increase in payroll and related expenses of \$26,230, increase in fire department expenses of \$28,368, increase in legal expenses of \$8,135, and an increase in administrative and other operating expenses of \$2,430.

The change in the net pension and other postemployment benefit liabilities increased by \$492,494 from fiscal year 2021. The District is required to record long-term liabilities on its balance sheet for its proportionate share of the Adams Retirement System, and its Other Postemployment Benefit Plan. These estimated liabilities are calculated and determined by an actuarial valuation performed by a third party. It's important to note that these are estimated amounts and are not reimbursable costs at this time, but are required to comply with the financial reporting regulations set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Actual employee benefits paid into the Adams Retirement System and the health insurance company increased by \$8,442 over the prior year.

Budgetary Highlights

General Fund

The District's general fund budget sustained it throughout the fiscal year with budget expenses in line with actual expenses.

The District settled the ongoing lawsuit in the amount of \$600,000. Subsequent to fiscal year end, the District voted to fund the settlement with available funds from the General Fund (\$400,000) and the Enterprise Fund (\$200,000). See Note 4.F. on page 31 of the District's FY22 Audit Report.

Enterprise Fund

Operating revenues exceeded the budget by \$122,622. Operating expenses (excluding depreciation expense and the change in the pension and OPEB liabilities, which are not budgeted for) were over budget by a net amount of \$60,682, which was related to \$72,456 of additional costs for the radio meter read program, \$18,599 of additional costs for the water system, and \$11,866 of additional costs for legal. Various other expenses were under budget by a net amount of \$42,239.

The District does not budget for depreciation expense, but rather budgets for the purchase of capital assets as they occur. Capital assets are either funded with the use of available free cash or through temporary borrowing.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

The District's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2022 is \$8,128,063 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, pumping and water storage, machinery and equipment.

Long-term debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total debt outstanding of \$3,414,200.

	2022	Comparative 2021	Increase (Decrease)
Governmental activities debt	\$ -	\$ 37,600	\$ (37,600)
Business-type activities debt	3,414,200	3,707,965	(293,765)
Total	\$ 3,414,200	\$ 3,745,565	\$ (331,365)

During fiscal year 2022 the District's debt was reduced by \$331,365. There were no additional borrowings in fiscal year 2022.

Next Year's Budget

The District has authorized the fiscal 2023 budget as follows:

Operations	
Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,526,178
General Fund	359,139
Street Lighting	144,000
Reserve of extraordinary expenses	40,000
Total	\$ 2,069,317

In addition to the authorized budget above, the District settled the ongoing lawsuit in the amount of \$600,000. Subsequent to fiscal year end, the District voted to fund the settlement with available funds from the General Fund (\$400,000) and the Enterprise Fund (\$200,000). See Note 4.F. on page 31 of the District's FY22 Audit Report.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the District Treasurer, 3 Columbia Street, Adams, MA 01220.

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2022

	Primary Government		Totals
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Assets			
Current:			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,003,785	\$ -	\$ 2,003,785
Accounts receivable	82,546	418,705	501,251
Inventory	-	17,426	17,426
Interfund receivable (payable)	(473,039)	473,039	-
Noncurrent:			
Capital assets, net	2,281,190	5,846,873	8,128,063
Total assets	3,894,482	6,756,043	10,650,525
Deferred outflows of resources			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	29,226	83,183	112,409
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	112,676	215,899	328,575
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	4,036,384	7,055,125	11,091,509
Liabilities			
Current:			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	19,135	21,788	40,923
Settlement liability	600,000	-	600,000
Current portion of long-term debt	-	263,979	263,979
Noncurrent:			
Long-term debt	-	3,150,221	3,150,221
Accumulated unused compensated absences	49,147	35,926	85,073
Net pension liability	228,432	650,151	878,583
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	465,918	892,746	1,358,664
Total liabilities	1,362,632	5,014,811	6,377,443
Deferred inflows of resources			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	86,163	245,234	331,397
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	36,976	70,849	107,825
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	1,485,771	5,330,894	6,816,665
Net position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,281,190	2,432,673	4,713,863
Unrestricted	269,423	(708,442)	(439,019)
Total net position	\$ 2,550,613	\$ 1,724,231	\$ 4,274,844

**ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Program Revenue		Primary Government		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities					
Fire department	\$ 573,168	\$ 436,880	\$ (136,288)	\$ -	\$ (136,288)
Street lighting	122,257	138,597	16,340	-	16,340
Interest and fiscal charges	1,034	-	(1,034)	-	(1,034)
Total governmental activities	<u>696,459</u>	<u>575,477</u>	<u>(120,982)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(120,982)</u>
Business-type activities					
Water department	<u>1,708,859</u>	<u>1,587,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(121,173)</u>	<u>(121,173)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,405,318</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,163</u>	<u>(120,982)</u>	<u>(121,173)</u>	<u>(242,155)</u>
General revenues					
Earnings on investments			9,493	-	9,493
Other revenues			43,739	24,057	67,796
Settlement expense (Note 4.F.)			(600,000)	-	(600,000)
Transfers			200,000	(200,000)	-
Total			<u>(346,768)</u>	<u>(175,943)</u>	<u>(522,711)</u>
Change in net position			(467,750)	(297,116)	(764,866)
Net position, beginning as restated			<u>3,018,363</u>	<u>2,021,347</u>	<u>5,039,710</u>
Net position, ending			<u>2,550,613</u>	<u>1,724,231</u>	<u>4,274,844</u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,920,810	\$ 82,975	\$ 2,003,785
Accounts receivable	<u>82,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,546</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,003,356</u>	<u>\$ 82,975</u>	<u>\$ 2,086,331</u>
Liabilities			
Warrants and other payables	\$ 19,135	\$ -	\$ 19,135
Interfund payable	473,039	-	473,039
Settlement liability	<u>600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,092,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,092,174</u>
Fund balances			
Committed	109,127	82,975	192,102
Assigned	9,580	-	9,580
Unassigned	<u>792,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>792,475</u>
Total fund balances	<u>911,182</u>	<u>82,975</u>	994,157
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,003,356</u>	<u>\$ 82,975</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	2,281,190
Accumulated unused compensated absences	(49,147)
Net pension liability	(285,369)
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	<u>(390,218)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,550,613</u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 575,477	\$ -	\$ 575,477
Earnings on investments	9,142	351	9,493
Other revenues	33,239	10,500	43,739
Total revenues	<u>617,858</u>	<u>10,851</u>	<u>628,709</u>
Expenditures			
Fire department	354,698	-	354,698
Street lighting	122,257	-	122,257
Employee benefits	46,534	-	46,534
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	37,600	-	37,600
Interest and fiscal charges	1,034	-	1,034
Total expenditures	<u>562,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>562,123</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	55,735	10,851	66,586
Other financing sources (uses)			
Settlement expense (Note 4.F.)	(600,000)	-	(600,000)
Transfer in from Enterprise Fund	200,000	-	200,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(400,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(400,000)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(344,265)	10,851	(333,414)
Fund balances, beginning as restated	<u>1,255,447</u>	<u>72,124</u>	<u>1,327,571</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 911,182</u>	<u>\$ 82,975</u>	<u>\$ 994,157</u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Net change in fund balances of total governmental funds	\$	(333,414)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is capitalized and allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Depreciation expense		(69,530)
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction however, has any effect on net position:

Debt principal payments		37,600
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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:

Increase in accumulated unused compensated absences		(6,640)
Increase in net pension liability, including deferred outflows and inflows		(16,250)
Increase in postemployment benefits, including deferred outflows and inflows		(79,516)

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>(467,750)</u>
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ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS) GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund			
	Budget		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 581,503	\$ 581,503	\$ 581,754	\$ 251
Earnings on investments	-	-	7,451	7,451
Other revenues	-	-	33,239	33,239
Total revenues	<u>581,503</u>	<u>581,503</u>	<u>622,444</u>	<u>40,941</u>
Expenditures				
Fire department	368,379	368,379	364,278	4,101
Street lighting	124,000	124,000	122,257	1,743
Employee benefits	50,490	50,490	46,534	3,956
Debt Service:				
Principal retirement	37,600	37,600	37,600	-
Interest and fiscal charges	1,034	1,034	1,034	-
Total expenditures	<u>581,503</u>	<u>581,503</u>	<u>571,703</u>	<u>9,800</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	50,741	50,741
Other financing sources (uses)				
Resources from other available funds	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Transfer to Stabilization Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-
Transfer from Enterprise Fund	-	-	200,000	200,000
Settlement expense (Note 4.F.)	-	-	(600,000)	(600,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(400,000)</u>	<u>(400,000)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (349,259)</u>	<u>\$ (349,259)</u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND**

	June 30, 2022		Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
Assets			
Current:			
Accounts receivable		\$	418,705
Inventory			17,426
Interfund receivable			473,039
Noncurrent:			
Capital assets, net			5,846,873
Total assets			6,756,043
Deferred outflows of resources			
Deferred outflows related to pensions			83,183
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits			215,899
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources			7,055,125
Liabilities			
Current:			
Warrants and other payables			21,788
Current portion of long-term debt			263,979
Noncurrent:			
Long-term debt			3,150,221
Accumulated unused compensated absences			35,926
Net pension liability			650,151
Postemployment benefits other than pensions			892,746
Total liabilities			5,014,811
Deferred inflows of resources			
Deferred inflows related to pensions			245,234
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits			70,849
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources			5,330,894
Net position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt			2,432,673
Unrestricted			(708,442)
Total net position		\$	1,724,231

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Business-type Activities -- Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Operating revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 1,476,108	\$ 1,476,108	\$ 1,587,686	\$ 111,578
Other income	-	-	24,057	24,057
Total operating revenues	<u>1,476,108</u>	<u>1,476,108</u>	<u>1,611,743</u>	<u>135,635</u>
Operating expenses				
Cost of sales and services	449,498	449,498	437,394	12,104
Employee benefits	221,742	221,742	216,252	5,490
Professional fees	36,050	36,050	47,916	(11,866)
Office expense	28,144	28,491	24,612	3,879
Building expense	19,834	19,834	16,142	3,692
Communications	5,278	5,278	4,328	950
Insurance	42,271	42,971	30,737	12,234
Water system and pumping station	305,250	428,776	395,237	33,539
Road machinery expense	20,900	20,900	17,031	3,869
Change in net pension liability	-	-	208,741	(208,741)
Change in postemployment benefits liability	-	-	(29,057)	29,057
Depreciation	-	-	254,747	(254,747)
Total operating expenses	<u>1,128,967</u>	<u>1,253,540</u>	<u>1,624,080</u>	<u>(370,540)</u>
Operating income (loss)	347,141	222,568	(12,337)	(234,905)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
Interest expense	(86,134)	(86,134)	(84,779)	1,355
Transfer to General Fund	-	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
Change in net position	<u>\$ 261,007</u>	<u>\$ 136,434</u>	(297,116)	<u>\$ (433,550)</u>
Net position, beginning			<u>2,021,347</u>	
Net position, ending			<u>\$ 1,724,231</u>	

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,598,730
Payments to suppliers	(536,640)
Payments to employees, including benefits	(653,646)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>408,444</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Decrease in interfund receivable	170,100
Transfer to General Fund	(200,000)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(29,900)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Principal paid on long-term debt	(293,765)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(84,779)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(378,544)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	-
Cash and equivalents, beginning	<u>-</u>
Cash and equivalents, ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (12,337)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	254,747
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivables, net	(13,013)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Warrants and other payables	(1,811)
Accumulated unused compensated absences	1,174
Net pension liability	208,741
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	(29,057)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 408,444</u></u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

On June 30, 2022

As of June 30, 2022 cash and equivalents consisted of the following balances:

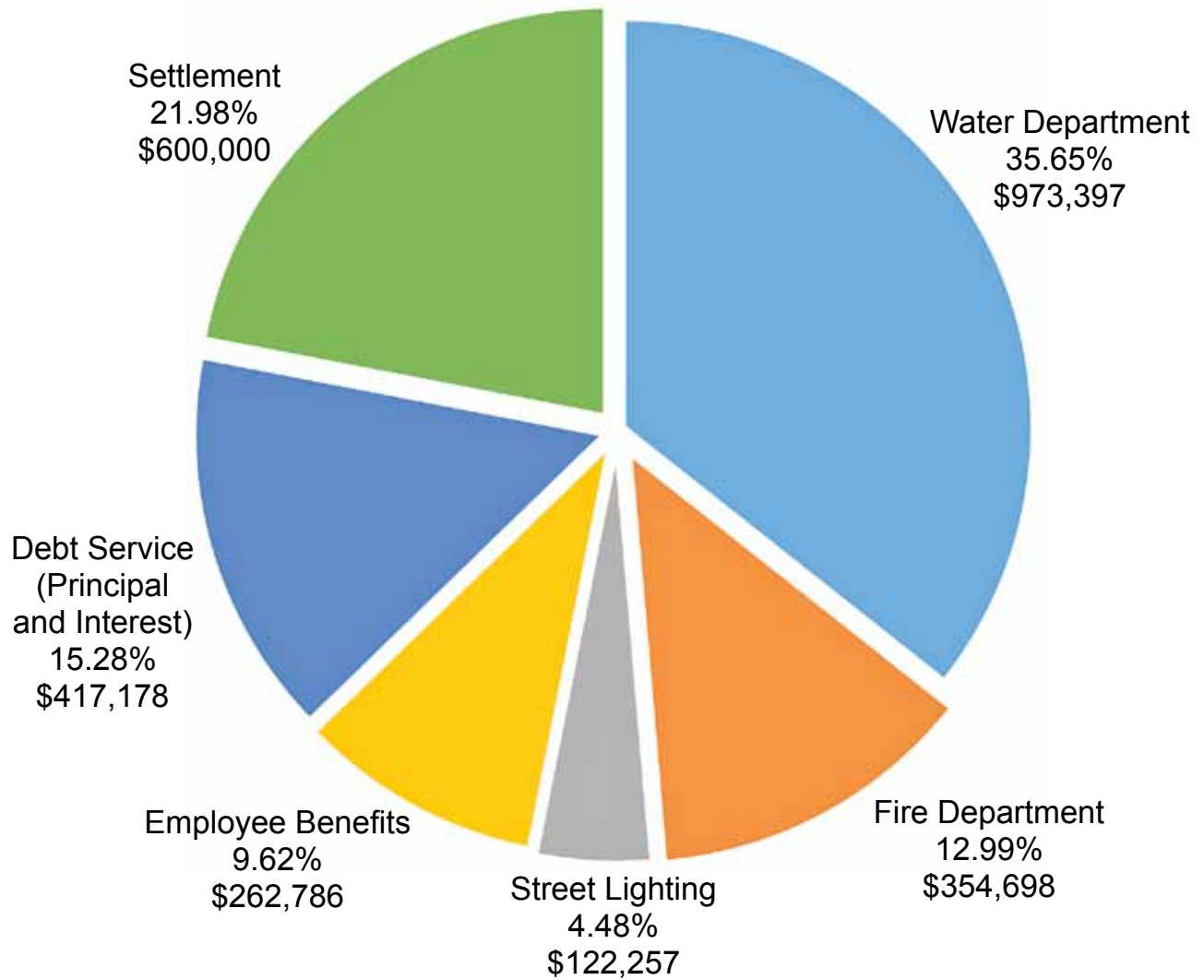
Cash in checking and savings accounts:

Adams Community Bank	\$ <u>2,003,785</u>
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Cash and equivalents are presented in the financial statements as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,544,132
Stabilization Fund (included in General Fund)	376,678
Capital Outlay Fund	<u>82,975</u>
 Total	 \$ <u>2,003,785</u>

Fiscal 2022 Expenditures Including Capital Asset Purchases and Debt Service



**ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
FISCAL 2022 EXPENDITURES,
INCLUDING CAPITAL PURCHASES AND DEBT SERVICE \$2,730,316**

	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		
Water Department	35.65%	\$ 973,397	\$ 2,730,316
Fire Department	12.99%	354,698	2,730,316
Street Lighting	4.48%	122,257	2,730,316
Employee Benefits	9.62%	262,786	2,730,316
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	15.28%	417,178	2,730,316
Settlement	21.98%	600,000	2,730,316
	100.00%	\$ 2,730,316	

Long Term Debt

	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Date Issued	Date of Maturity	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2022	Interest Outstanding June 30, 2022
Hale's Hill Project MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust	2%	\$ 2,566,301.84	12/18/07	FY2028	\$ 881,072.00	\$ 53,891.88
Water Main Project - Rte #8	2.75%	\$ 1,779,231.00	10/30/14	FY2052	\$ 1,442,615.00	\$ 614,904.36
Well #4 Rehab	2%	\$ 527,230.00	09/12/18	FY2034	\$ 433,716.00	\$ 55,878.73
Chemical Feed & SCADA	2%	\$ 766,794.00	10/24/19	FY2034	\$ 656,797.00	\$ 92,351.69
Total Indebtedness		\$ 5,639,556.84			\$ 3,414,200.00	\$ 817,026.66

3 Year Budget Comparison

Category	FY2020 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	FY2021 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	FY2022 7/1/21 - 6/30/22
Total Recurring Items	\$ 1,849,861.28	\$ 1,934,791.80	\$ 2,007,611.88
Total Warrant Articles	\$ 327,500.00	\$ 231,305.00	\$ 190,000.00
BUDGET TOTALS	\$ 2,177,361.28	\$ 2,166,096.80	\$ 2,197,611.88

2022 Chief Engineer's Report

I am honored to present my sixth annual report as Fire Chief. Once again 2022 proved to be a challenging year for everyone including the fire department. The Adams Fire Department/Alert Hose Co. responded to 438 calls (a 17% increase to previous years), completed 341 inspections and issued 207 permits. This, along with numerous other code enforcement issues, keeps the department busy. Each year there seems to be more and more meetings that require attendance.

The department meets every Tuesday evening for training. We also contract with the Fire Rescue 1 Academy to offer online training which provides a different perspective to our department and will prove valuable for years to come. I owe credit to our officers and members for their continued dedication to their training to protect their community.

Every year the Adams Fire Department looks for grants that can help provide the department with updated equipment. At the beginning of the year, I applied for a State Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant and was awarded \$15,399.24 to purchase 5 portable radios, 28 helmet flashlights and 4 New York Hooks. At the end of the year, we were awarded this grant again in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the purchase of a gear dryer, 4 ballistic vests, and 4 ballistic helmets.

John Duval, on behalf of the Adams Fire Department/Alert Hose Company Recruitment and Retention committee, applied for and received a grant from The Berkshire Taconic Foundation for \$5,600.00. This money will be used to send new recruits and current members to EMT Training. Not only have volunteer fire departments seen a decline in membership, ambulance services around the country have struggled with staffing. Our hope is this grant will assist us in attracting new members who are also interested in EMS.

As it becomes increasingly harder to obtain new volunteers and our current members start to retire, the town will have to look at other options. If you look around, you will find that most communities our size already have moved to a combination department. I understand this comes with a cost, but ignoring the problem will result in bigger issues down the line.

During 2022, the Adams Fire Department responded to 34 fires. Many of these fires were small and were out or easily extinguished upon arrival. Despite being small and with minor damage, these calls required ventilation to remove the smoke. Over the last year, we have seen an increase in notable fires.

Date/Time	Address	Description
January 23, 2022 18:57	Hoosac Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject started shirt on fire while cooking. • Neighbor took the shirt off and tossed it in the sink which started bowls on fire. • Fire extinguished prior to arrival. • Subject transported to hospital.
February 16, 2022 14:18		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire alarm activated. • Child threw toy in oven which started on fire when the oven was preheated.
February 16, 2022 16:30	15 Hastings Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully involved structure fire • Heavy smoke coming from structure upon arrival. • Fire extinguished. • Cause undetermined due to extent of damage.
March 5, 2022 12:41	12 Marshall Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure fire • Due to lithium batter catching fire while charging. • Damage limited to scorch marks on and around cabinets.
March 8, 2022 2:10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire alarm activated. • Upon arrival, found burnt food in one apartment and a burnt towel in second apartment. • Both apartments ventilated.
April 1, 2022 13:11	Specialty Minerals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire in silos for dust collector • Fire extinguished. • Caused due to be internal failure of equipment.

Date/Time	Address	Description
April 11, 2022 11:31	4 Columbia Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire on stove • Fire was out upon arrival and apartment was ventilated. • Cause due to decorative cover on stove.
April 19, 2022 20:39	Cheshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual aid to Cheshire with Tower 4 to assist with a chimney fire.
May 1, 2022 15:05	130 Commercial Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Pansecchi dispatched to investigate a previous fire. • Found towel and box that had been left on the stove and burned. • The owners found house full of smoke and alarms going off when returning home. • Also found dog on counter which they believed hit the knob for the burner and turned it on.
May 25, 2022 18:49	Cheshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual aid to Cheshire with Engine 1 to assist with structure fire
May 25, 2022 20:04	12-14 East Hoosac St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of fire alarm activated. • Heavy smoke in apartment upon arrival. • Burnt toast caused small fire to start. • Boxes stacked near toaster started to burn causing woodwork behind box to char. • Boxes were removed, toaster unplugged and apartment was ventilated
May 27, 2022 6:37	92-94 Summer Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure fire • Fire found on second floor porch. • Fire extinguished. • Cause due to inappropriate disposal of smoking materials.
May 28, 2022 00:58	27 Commercial Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure fire • Heavy fire found on second-floor of a 4-apartment building upon arrival. • Fire extinguished. • Cause due to electrical issue or candle.
June 9, 2022 8:35	42 Commercial Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Pansecchi noticed black smoke coming from rear of boat parked next to the house while driving. • Smoke started to lighten and eventually stop when Chief Pansecchi approached. • Owner contacted. • Determined to be an electrical short which caused wires to start to burn.
July 16, 2022 00:34	105 Friend Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Fire • Heavy fire coming from under porch upon arrival. • Fire extinguished. • Investigation determined a few possible causes but remains undetermined at this time.
August 11, 2022 1:59	Cheshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with a structure fire.
August 23, 2022 00:36	17 Pleasant Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire alarm activated. • Upon arrival, located past cooking fire. • Building was ventilated. • Stove removed from service.
August 28, 2022 9:57	Cheshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Cheshire Station while they attended a fire in Lanesboro.

Date/Time	Address	Description
September 14, 2022 20:47	13 Friend Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of kitchen fire • Heavy fire in kitchen upon arrival • Fire extinguished, overhaul completed, house ventilated. • Cause due to unintentional grease fire.
November 1, 2022 23:59	2 Dubis Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odor Electrical wires burning. • Smoke coming from roof around chimney upon arrival. • Attic ceiling opened and fire extinguished. • Cause due to electrical.
November 24, 2022	14-18 Randall Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of structure fire • Extensive fire showing upon arrival. • Fire extinguished. • Cause remains undetermined.

**Breakdown in our responses for 2022
Incident Type Count per Municipality
per Station for Date Range**

Start Date: 01/01/2022
End Date: 12/31/2022



**MUNICIPALITY: ADAMS
Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:**

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
111 - Building fire	19
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	7
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1
134 - Water vehicle fire	1
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	17
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	121
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	15
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	17
341 - Search for person on land	1
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
357 - Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	10
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	3
420 - Toxic condition, other	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	4
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2
442 - Overheated motor	1
444 - Power line down	7

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3
520 - Water problem, other	1
522 - Water or steam leak	11
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	5
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1
561 - Unauthorized burning	15
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	6
700 - False alarm or false call, other	2
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	1
730 - System malfunction, other	2
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	27
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	46
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	12
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	32
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2
911 - Citizen complaint	2
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	431
# INCIDENTS FOR ADAMS:	431

MUNICIPALITY: CHESHIRE
Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

111 - Building fire	1
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	5
# INCIDENTS FOR CHESHIRE:	5

MUNICIPALITY: LANESBOROUGH
Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

111 - Building fire	1
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR LANESBOROUGH:	1

MUNICIPALITY: SAVOY
Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

462 - Aircraft standby	1
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR SAVOY:	1

Besides an increase in fires, we have seen an increase of CO calls where we have found CO in the house. Smoke Detectors and CO Detectors save lives and have a 10-year life span. Massachusetts requires all detectors to be photoelectric and use 10-year lithium batteries. Furthermore, the state requires any combination smoke and CO detector to have a voice and to have a hush/silence button. If you are selling your home or replacing detectors and have any questions, please call our office before purchasing and installing the wrong ones.

I would like to thank our mutual aid companies, Adams Police Department, Adams Ambulance Service, Northern Berkshire EMS, Adams Water Department, Adams Forest Wardens, the community and most importantly the members of the Adams Fire Department for their response on these calls.

The Alert Hose Company and Adams Fire Department started a new tradition a few years ago and began awarding an “Alert of the Year” and “Engineer of the Year” award. The recipients of this year awards were John Duval for “Alert of the Year” and David Lennon for “Engineer of the Year.” Both individuals were more than deserving of the awards. Congratulations to both.

During 2022, I had the pleasure of presenting two Massachusetts Firefighter Service Awards; one to Lieutenant William Gero for 50 years of service and one to Firefighter Dana Labbee for 25 years of service.

During the year, Firefighter Dennis Krzeminski retired after 22 year of service, Firefighter Jason Godfrey retired after 10 years of service, Fire Fighter Scott Frye retired after 17 years, Firefighter Tanelle Ciampa retired after 3 years of service, Firefighter Dalton Haskins retired after 1 year of service and Firefighter David Rowe retired after 1 year of service. I would like to thank each of these members for their service.

In July, Michael Corkins was elected to membership and in October, Firefighter Christopher Perin was elected to membership. We welcome our new members and would like to thank them for their commitment to the Adams Fire District.

Our Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to work hard in trying to bring new members to the department which has shown to be an increasingly difficult task.

Once again, I would like to thank the members of the Adams Fire Department / Alert Hose Company, as well as all the other agencies I work with for their support and hard work.

Our members are the most important part of the organization. Each year it becomes harder and harder to attract new members and retain our current ones. I cannot say enough of the dedication and commitment of our current membership, but we still need more. We have started a push for new members through the Recruitment and Retention Committee. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact my Office at 413-743-1929.

Respectfully submitted,
 John M. Pansecchi
 Chief Engineer

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Alert Hose Company No. 1

ENGINEERS OF THE ADAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Name		Years of Service
John M. Pansecchi	Chief Engineer	35
Timothy C. Ziembra	First Assistant Engineer	28
David J. Lennon	Second Assistant Engineer	23
Edward Capeless	Third Assistant Engineer	24
Mark J. Therrien	Fourth Assistant Engineer	36

OFFICERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

Eric Mallet	Foreman	11
Dylan Grimes	First Asst. Foreman	9
John Duval	Second Asst. Foreman	5
Michael Therrien	Secretary (past Foreman)	15
Andrew Gigliotti	Treasurer	24
Deacon Greg LaFreniere	Chaplain	8

MEMBERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

Andrew Bourdon	7	Dennis Krzeminski (Resigned 4/5/22)	22
Tanelle Ciempa (Resigned 11/1/22)	3	Dana Labbee	25
Michael Corkins Elected 7/5/22		Julie Lech	10
John DeMartino	3	Jason Leja (past Foreman)	24
Andre Fitzgerald	8	Michael Mullany	16
Scott Frye (past Foreman)		Anthony J. Piscioneri	49
(Resigned 4/5/22)	17	Anthony Piscioneri, Jr. (past Foreman)	34
William A. Gero (past Foreman)	50	Christopher Perin Elected 10/4/22	
Jason Godfrey (Resigned 3/1/22)	10	David Rowe (Resigned 12/6/22)	1
Dalton Haskins (Resigned 11/1/22)	1	Michael Shepard	3
Joseph P. Koscinski (past Foreman)	49	Joshua Sworzen	9
Robert Krzanik	19	Richard Valois	3



IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Scarbo

Alert of the Year

2022 - John Duval
 2021 - Joshua Sworzen
 2020 - William Gero

2022 Superintendent's Report

It is a pleasure to present to my valued customers and community my 5th Annual Superintendent's Report.

PUMPING:

Combined monthly output of our 3 wells:
A.D.D. (Average Daily Demand)
M.D.D. (Maximum Daily Demand)

	Gallons	Highest Daily Total Date	Highest Daily Total Gallons	Daily Average
January	22,477,000	01/24/22	901,000	725,000
February	20,837,000	02/28/22	874,000	744,179
March	22,937,000	03/04/22	873,000	739,903
April	21,185,000	04/14/22	788,000	706,167
May	23,534,000	05/06/22	925,000	759,161
June	22,621,000	06/28/22	909,000	754,033
July	25,554,000	07/08/22	1,053,000	824,323
August	23,796,000	08/09/22	984,000	767,613
September	23,642,000	09/08/22	1,028,000	788,067
October	20,649,000	10/04/22	952,000	666,097
November	18,577,000	11/21/22	942,000	619,233
December	20,329,000	12/28/22	809,000	655,774
Totals:	266,138,000		A.D.D. 729,145	

WATER MAIN / SERVICE WORK

Date	Location	Line Size
01/08/22	Arnold Ave. main break	6"
01/14/22	Meadow St. main break	6"
01/16/22	Meadow St. main break	6"
01/22/22	East St. bridge main break	8"
01/23/22	4 Victory St. main break	4"
03/10/22	121 E. Hoosac St. main break	4"
03/18/22	Hoosac Valley High School main break	8"
04/29/22	Old Columbia St. main break	4"
05/20/22	East Road main break	6"
06/16/22	**Remove Service @ 221 East Road	6"
07/21/22	*5 Hughes St. corporation	
08/09/22	**5 Elm St. corporation	
08/09/22	**95 Commercial St. corporation	
08/10/22	**89 Commercial St. corporation	
08/19/22	*13 Pearl St. service replace	¾"
08/25/22	44 Meadow St. service replace	¾"
08/25/22	*28-30 First St. service replace	¾"
09/02/22	3 Orcutt St. service replace	¾"
09/30/22	Brown St. main break	4"
10/06/22	West Rd. main break	8"
11/09/22	*27-29 Melrose St. service replace	¾"
11/10/22	6 Haggerty St. service repair	¾"
11/24/22	Lincoln St. main break	4"

* Mains drained to replace/upgrade service corporation
 ** Mains drained to remove service from system

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE Hydrant Replacement Program

We fell short of our 10 hydrant goal this year. We replaced only 4 Matthews hydrants, bringing our system total down to approximately 47 left in service, of our 361 hydrant stock.

1.	07/13/22	12 Richmond Lane
2.	08/03/22	* Forest Park Avenue, south of clubhouse
3.	08/24/22	* 7 Lower Linden St.
4.	09/28/22	4 Hoosac St.

*Main drained, re-plumbed and gate installed on hydrant lateral

HYDRANT REPAIRS

1.	07/15/22	75 Alger Street
2.	07/15/22	3 Water Street
3.	07/15/22	166 Orchard Street
4.	08/09/22	53 Leonard Street
5.	10/28/22	3 Grove Street
6.	11/01/22	West Road / Glendale

Meter Replacement Program

Replacing our over-aged meter stock has been an ongoing venture for several years now. This year we replaced 421 of our old Sensus meters and 20 Master meters. We now have approximately 850 Sensus meters to replace. Once completed, all meters will be read via radio, in a vehicle, as opposed to walking house to house to read.

Leak Detection Program

We execute this program at every hydrant, listening for system leaks via echo attenuation equipment throughout town. Once in the summer, after we have completed our flushing program, and again in the winter, in addition to after every use of a hydrant. During winter inspections we also check for frozen hydrants, and thaw if necessary. We document this data, and place on a master list of hydrants that have reoccurring ground water infiltration in an effort to safeguard our firefighting abilities and response during winter months.

Our efforts with this program have assisted with lowering our systems M.D.D., and A.D.D. These lower demands increase our distribution systems readily available ability to supply fire protection for emergencies, while sustaining system pressures needed for the distribution of potable water simultaneously.

Water Quality Testing

We continued testing for PFAS-6 (sum of 6 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) during our first two quarters with No-Detect. Our next scheduled testing for this, following a testing waiver approval shall be in 2024.

In accordance with EPA UCMR5 (Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Requirements, 5th round) we are tentatively scheduled in May and November of 2025 to test further for 23 additional PFAS and Lithium contaminants.

Completed samples this year are below.

Total Coliform: 192 (All negative results)

Orthophosphate, Phosphorus, Iron, Manganese, Nitrate, Perchlorate, Trihalomethanes, Halo acetic Acids, PFAS-6, and Lead and Copper samples.

For more detailed information on all our test results, please see our “Adams Fire District Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.”

Running Annual Average (RAA) of Chlorine residual in distribution system

Mass. DEP requires a minimum injection at our source of .20 PPM (Parts Per Million), with a maximum of 4.0 PPM.

Our RAA taken from the sum of 156 samples from State determined representative points within our distribution system this year is **.19 PPM**.

Recommendation

Over the past five years we have been acquiring information to comply with the new Federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, known as LCRR. This upcoming year we are required to submit a “water service line inventory” by October of 2024. I am looking forward to completing this project for timely submission.

I wish to continue to work with MASS DOT for the replacement of the Quality Street bridge, to South Willow. This bridge holds our 16” and 12” mains that currently supply water from our wellfields in Cheshire. I have submitted to upgrade this piping to a single 20 inch, to match prior pipe

replacement phases. When completed, this project will represent a significant cost savings to the District, as this bridge crossing was the most expensive piece of this particular Phase to upgrade our supply line from Cheshire to Adams.

Another ongoing project this year will be the Consecutive System supply to the Towns Greylock Glen project. We still have a substantial amount of work ahead of us to complete this joint endeavor of which was approved by vote on August 9, 2021.

Conclusion

This year has been very busy for our small staff. We had a record number of breaks within our distribution system coupled with an influx of private development and infrastructure upgrades, in addition to the Town’s Greylock Glen Project. We completed approximately 485 dig-safe mark outs, responded to 59 after-hour calls, and completed Mass. DEP required Cross Connection survey inspections of 240 facilities in Adams.

We participated in a Cybersecurity Assessment and Technical Assistance Project, revised our Emergency Response plan in accordance with the American Water Infrastructure Act, revised our Water Conservation Plan, and worked with Mass. Rural Water Assoc. in developing a new Source Water Protection Plan to replace our last one from 2007. We also hosted a multiple Town Water Emergency Tabletop Exercise, of which we are currently working on again for this year.

Our State Revolving Funds (SRF) application to upgrade Well 3 did not get approved for funding. In large part due to several projects requiring funding to deal with emerging contaminants. The largest hurdle with these funds is that they are loans, to be paid back with interest, with the possibility of loan forgiveness. This year, our focus will be on meeting the requirements of the new EPA LCRR mandate and moving forward with a possible 100% reimbursable SRF loan to complete this Federal requirement.

I give a very deserving thank you to all my fellow constituents charged with operations of the Adams Fire District.

To my crew within the Water Department, I thank you greatly for the time and dedication you demonstrate 24-7 to keep the water flowing. This year our co-worker and friend, Damien Wimpenny, who has worked 6-plus years with us, has moved on to a different field of work. We wish him and his family the very best in all future endeavors.

To our friends and co-workers of the Fire Department, your dedication to supply public protection to Adams and the surrounding communities is nothing short of amazing. Thank you for everything you do.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Barrett
Fire District Superintendent

Record of Annual Fire District Meeting - May 24, 2022

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Adams qualified to vote in elections and Fire District affairs, met at the time and place therein mentioned.

Kathleen A. Fletcher, Fire District Clerk called the District meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting and all District Meetings until the next Annual Meeting.

The name of Ryan Biros was placed in nomination for the office of Moderator and duly seconded.

A motion to cease nominations was offered and seconded.

Vote thereon being unanimous.

On a voice vote, the thirty six (36) voters present unanimously elected Ryan Biros Moderator.

Ryan Biros was declared elected Moderator to preside at this meeting and all District meetings until the next Annual Meeting and was duly sworn to this office by the Clerk of the Adams Fire District.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Prudential Committee and act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote the Annual Report for the year 2021 as printed and distributed be accepted as the report of the Prudential Committee and Officers and placed on file.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted that the Annual Fire District Report for the year 2021, as printed and distributed, be accepted as the report of the Prudential Committee and Officers, and placed on file.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of any special committees and act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to table this article as there are no special committee reports.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to table this article, as there were no special committee reports to be made.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Fire District will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Fire District, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, and if any of said salary and compensation shall be increased:

Prudential Committee
Clerk and Treasurer
Chief Engineer

or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to fix the annual salary and/or compensation of its elected officials as hereinafter listed, effective July 1, 2022.

Prudential Committee:

Chairman	\$ 1,050.60
Member	787.97
Member	787.97
Clerk and Treasurer	1,973.91
Chief Engineer	\$ 16,989.49

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Fire District, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from District taxes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from District taxes, the sum of \$503,139.20 for the General Fund, for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, under the direction of the respective officers and committees of the District, as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Administration

Prudential Committee Salaries	\$ 787.96
Clerk and Treasurer's Salary	592.17
Bookkeeper's Salary	23,868.96
Fire District Office Wages	34,655.04
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime	600.00
Legal Services & Claims	6,000.00
Audit of District Accounts	8,940.00
Office Expense	12,073.94
Building Expense	8,779.00
Communications	2,305.16
Actuarial Valuation Services	600.00
Town Collection Fee	30,000.00
Superintendent's Salary	0.00
Assistant Superintendent's Wages	0.00
	\$ 129,202.23

Fire Department

Chief Engineer's Salary	\$ 16,989.49
Chief Engineer's Expense	2,225.00
Fire Department Expense	47,700.00
Certifications and Inspections	20,000.00
Fire Alarm System Expense	400.00
Stipends - Volunteer Firemen	33,000.00
Grants	27,500.00
Capital Expense	0.00
Hydrants	10,500.00
Maturing Debt	0.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	0.00
	\$ 158,314.49

Street Lighting

Street Lighting	\$ 144,000.00
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Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	\$ 17,950.42
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	2,490.00
Contributory Retirement System	16,507.59
	\$ 36,948.01

Insurance

Insurance	\$ 34,674.47
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VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, with the following discussion.

Charles Foster (8 Murray Street): Questioned how the District would be collecting taxes.

Attorney Narey: Stated that the Town of Adams will be collecting taxes for the District.

Charles Foster: Asked if the budgeted amount for the collecting of taxes was \$30,000.00.

Catherine Foster (8 Murray): Asked by what authority can Adams charge for the collection.

Chairman Satko: Stated that Mass General Laws allows Towns to collect taxes for Districts and charge for this service. The amount budgeted for in FY23 for this service is \$30,000.00, as it is unknown at this time what the Town will charge.

The Fire District voters present then unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from District taxes, the sum of \$503,139.20 for the General Fund for the several specific purposes designated in Article 5 and that the same be expended only for such purposes, under the direction of the respective officers and committees of the District.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, the sum of \$1,526,177.86 for the Enterprise Fund, for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, under the direction of the respective officers and committees of the District, as follows:

ENTERPRISE FUND

Administration

Prudential Committee Salaries	\$ 1,838.56
Clerk and Treasurer's Salary	1,381.74
Bookkeeper's Salary	55,694.24
Fire District Office Wages	80,861.76
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime	1,400.00
Legal Services & Claims	14,000.00
Audit of District Accounts	20,860.00
Office Expense	28,172.52

Building Expense	20,611.00
Communications	5,378.71
Actuarial Valuation Services	1,400.00
Superintendent's Salary	91,149.36
Assistant Superintendent's Wages	70,625.76
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	\$ 393,373.65

Water Department

Superintendent's Expense	1,600.00
Water Department Wages	171,506.84
Water Department Wages - Overtime	41,293.94
Water System Expense	147,350.00
Pumping Stations Expense	106,900.00
Road Machinery Expense	21,300.00
Water Department Clothing Allowance	2,500.00
Engineering Services	10,000.00
Maturing Debt	263,978.57
Interest on Maturing Debt	79,740.16
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	\$ 846,169.51

Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	\$ 108,326.92
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	5,810.00
Contributory Retirement System	130,226.41
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	\$ 244,363.33

Insurance

Insurance	\$ 42,271.37
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VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from water rates, the sum of \$1,526,177.86 for the Enterprise Fund, for the several specific purposes designated in Article 6 and that the same be expended only for such purposes, under the direction of the respective officers and committees of the District.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, to be known as the Reserve Fund, from which transfers may be made from time to time by vote of the Prudential Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from the Stabilization

Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, a sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously (36-0) voted to appropriate from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$40,000.00, for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer to borrow a sum of money for a new Fire Engine not to exceed \$625,000.00, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to authorize the District Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$625,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, with the following discussion.

Catherine Foster: Questioned if the purchase of a new Fire Engine was denied at a previous budget meeting.

Chairman Satko: Stated that this Article provides authorization to borrow money for a Fire Engine and does not affect the FY23 budget. The authorization allows the District to move forward with the process of purchasing the equipment in FY24.

Catherine Foster: Questioned if this was a good idea, at any point, due to the lawsuit? And inquired why the District was borrowing money, when there was a net position increase last year of over \$400,000.00 and over \$1.5 million in the bank.

Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher: Stated that money in the bank is different than money that can be used for operating expenses and some of that money is already accounted for.

Charles Foster: Questioned, why now?

Chief Pansecchi: Stated that if the District waits on this matter, prices may increase substantially.

Charles Foster: Questioned if this amount would increase the Town's taxes?

Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher: Stated that the District's tax is separate from the Town's tax, therefore the District's tax will not increase Town taxes, and would appear separately on the tax bill.

The Fire District voters present voted by majority to authorize the District Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$625,000.00 for a new Fire Engine.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, a sum of money for the Radio Read Meter Replacement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from water rates the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Radio Read Meter Replacement.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's General Fund and Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to authorize the District Treasurer to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to authorize the District Treasurer to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District's General Fund and Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to pay interest and loans maturing during this period

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Fire District will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Adams Fire District, effective for July 1, 2022, which shall read as follows.

(Required by Massachusetts law, Section 29 of Article XIII requires approval of the Massachusetts Attorney General and publication to be effective).

ARTICLE I Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting(s) of the Adams Fire District shall be held after April fifteenth (15th) but before June first (1st) in each year, at a time and place within the District, to be designated in the warrant issued for said meeting. The Annual Meeting(s) shall be called by the Clerk in pursuance of a warrant under the hands of the Prudential Committee, or a majority thereof, and they shall give due notice of the same by having attested copies of the same warrant posted in two (2) or more public places within the District not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of said meeting.

ARTICLE II Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Adams Fire District shall consist of a Prudential Committee of three (3) persons; a Clerk and Treasurer; a Chief Engineer; and four (4) Assistant Engineers to be known as First, Second, Third and Fourth Assistant Engineers. All persons seeking office in the Adams Fire District shall be legal voters of the Town of Adams residing within the District.

Section 2. The term of office of elected officials shall be one (1) Prudential Committeeman elected each year for a term of three (3) years; Clerk and Treasurer for a term of three (3) years; Chief Engineer and Four (4) Assistant Engineers elected each for a term of three (3) years.

Section 3. All elected officials shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Section 4. Vacancies occurring in any elective office, except Treasurer and any office of Engineer, may be filled by written ballot at any legal meeting called for that purpose. Any vacancy occurring in the office of Treasurer, the Prudential Committee may, in writing, appoint a temporary Treasurer who shall hold office until another is chosen at the next annual meeting of the District. Whenever the Treasurer may be temporarily prevented from performing their duties, the Prudential Committee

may, in writing, appoint an acting Treasurer. In either case, the acting or temporary Treasurer shall give bond in a like manner as the elected Treasurer.

Section 5. The officers of the District shall respectively receive for their services such compensation as the District may determine at any Annual Meeting.

Section 6. In the event a vacancy occurs in any office of Engineer by failure to elect or otherwise, the Prudential Committee shall by roll call vote appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE III Eligibility to Vote

Any person to be eligible to vote in Fire District meetings shall be a legal voter of the Town of Adams, residing within the territory of the District.

ARTICLE IV Finances

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Adams Fire District shall be the year beginning with July first (1st) and ending with the following June thirtieth (30th).

Section 2. All notes, bonds or other indebtedness shall be authorized by a vote of the District in accordance with the General laws of the Commonwealth, and all such notes, bonds or indebtedness shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Prudential Committee, or majority thereof.

Section 3. No money shall be paid from the treasury, except notes or bonds as above provided, and the interest on the same, without approval of the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE V Special Meetings

Section 1. Special Meetings of the District shall be called by the Clerk, when requested in writing by a majority of the Prudential Committee or by following Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 39; Section 10, which states that a Special Meeting can be called upon written request of two hundred (200) legal voters of the District, or

of twenty percent (20%) of the total number of legal voters in the District, whichever number is the lesser, and the Clerk shall give legal notice of the same in the manner provided for the calling of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings must be called within thirty (30) days of receipt of such request by the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE VI Warrants

Section 1. The Prudential Committee shall be charged with the duty of preparing the warrant for all meetings. They shall cause to be inserted in the warrant for the Annual Meeting, all subjects, the insertion of which shall be requested of them in writing, by ten (10) or more legal voters of the District.

Section 2. The warrant for Special Meetings shall include all subjects, the insertion of which shall be requested, in writing, by fifty (50) legal voters of the District.

Section 3. The warrant for posting shall be directed to a Constable of the Town of Adams. The Constable shall be responsible for attested copies thereof being posted in two (2) or more public places within the District, not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of said meeting.

Section 4. All requests for insertion of subjects in the warrant for the Annual Meeting shall be in the hands of the Prudential Committee fourteen (14) days, at least, prior to the date of said meeting.

ARTICLE VII Nominations

Every nomination paper of a candidate for office in the District shall, before being filed, be submitted, on or before four o'clock (4:00 pm) in the afternoon on the forty-ninth (49th) day prior to the election, to the Registrar of voters, who shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters qualified to vote in the District. Such nomination papers then shall be filed with the Clerk of the District on or before four o'clock (4:00 pm) in the afternoon thirty-five (35) days prior to the date for which the election is called. Application shall be in the same form

as that required for nomination papers for Town Elections and shall bear the required number of signatures. Such papers shall be secured from the Clerk of the District.

ARTICLE VIII **Ballot**

The ballot shall be known as the official ballot of the Adams Fire District. It shall be a secret ballot and shall contain the signature of the Clerk of the District. The ballot shall be so arranged as to contain the names of all candidates and the office sought, length of term and number to be elected to each office. Such other information as may be required to comply with any laws pertaining to the preparation of a ballot shall be included.

ARTICLE IX **Meetings**

Section 1. All meetings of the District shall be called to order by the Clerk of the District, or by a Member of the Prudential Committee, in event of the inability, for any cause, of the Clerk to perform such duty. The first order of business to be transacted shall be the election of a Moderator. The Officer presiding over the meeting shall call for nominations for the position of Moderator and after nominations have been made and closed, the Moderator shall be elected by majority vote of those present and voting at such meeting. The Moderator shall have all the powers of the Moderator at Town Meetings.

Section 2. Meetings may be adjourned, from time to time, for the consideration of any articles in the warrant, except an article calling for the election of District Officers.

Section 3. Two (2) or more distinct District Meetings for distinct purposes may be called by the same warrant.

ARTICLE X **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be required to give bond in such sum as may be legally required, the sureties to be satisfactory to the Prudential Committee, for the faithful performance of their official duties. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all sums of money belonging to the District, and pay over and account for the same according

to its order, or in accordance to the order of the Prudential Committee. The Treasurer shall also keep a regular account of all monies received and expended by them, and submit a detailed report immediately after the close of the fiscal year, and at such other times as the District may require.

ARTICLE XI **Prudential Committee**

Section 1. The Prudential Committee shall expend for the purposes required by the District, the money so raised, borrowed or appropriated. It shall have supervision of the finances of the Fire Department and Water Department, and have such other responsibilities as defined by statute.

Section 2. It shall make such appointments as it deems necessary to properly administer the affairs of the District. It shall have authority to determine and establish water rates, from time to time, and make such rules and regulations for the introduction and use of water as needed. All authority granted to the District at any time shall be vested in the Prudential Committee, which shall be subject, however, to such instructions, and rules and regulations as said District may impose by vote.

ARTICLE XII **Fire Department**

Section 1. The Chief Engineer, with the aid of the Assistant Engineers, shall be in sole charge of the Fire Department, and shall be in command over all Members of the Fire Department, and perform all other duties as prescribed by statute. Engineers and Members may receive for their services such compensation as the District may determine at any Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The Chief Engineer shall be responsible for proper care and protection to the District. The Chief Engineer shall request, in writing, to the Prudential Committee for the expenditures for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE XIII **Business Operating Rules and Regulations**

The following regulations, until further notice shall be considered a part of the contract with every person or party who uses the services of the Adams Fire District.

Section 1. All applications for the use of water must be made at the office of the Adams Fire District, stating fully the purposes for which it is intended to be used. Such applications should be made at least thirty (30) days prior to any need of same. Installation of water services may be restricted during the months of December, January, February and March.

Section 2.

(a) A deposit of fifty (50) dollars shall be made with every application for a new water service, which deposit shall be applied to a charge for the expense of bringing water service from the main to the curb line.

In case of a water service repair or renewal, the owner of said real estate is responsible for all costs incurred in repairing or replacing the water service from the main to the curb line.

All requests for new water services, water service repairs or water service renewals must be approved by the Adams Fire District Superintendent or its authorized agent.

(b) The cost of all labor and materials, excluding, however, water meters up to and including one inch in size, provided on private real estate shall be paid for by the owner of such real estate. The amount payable shall be as from time to time established by the Prudential Committee. The Prudential Committee may require a deposit for such work in such amount as the Prudential Committee deems appropriate.

(c) There shall be a charge for water meters in excess of one inch in size and for the installation thereof in such amount as from time to time established by the Prudential Committee.

(d) No person or entity, other than Adams Fire District Water Department personnel, is permitted to turn on, shut off or remove any water service or water main or connect any service pipe for conveying water from any of the main or distribution pipes to any house, building or manufacturing plant, or for any purpose whatever without the written permission of the Adams Fire District Superintendent, or its authorized agent and will be subject to a fine of \$300.00 for each offense.

Section 3.

(a) The Fire District shall raise by taxation money for fire protection and street lighting, as provided by Section 69 and 73 of Chapter 48 of the General Laws. A record of such taxes shall be maintained and shall be open for inspection by the public.

All bills for fire protection and street lighting shall be paid semi-annually at Town Hall. See the Town of Adams for their collection policies.

(b) The Prudential Committee shall each fiscal year establish water rates for metered water. A record of such rates shall be maintained and shall be open for inspection by the public.

All bills for water shall be paid quarterly at the Fire District Office. Interest shall be added at the rate of 14% per annum for all unpaid balances not paid within 30 days from date of mailing the bill. In the case of partial payment, payment shall be first applied toward interest.

(c) The Prudential Committee shall from time to time establish fees for other services and materials relating to the Fire Department and Water Department. A record of such fees and charges shall be maintained and shall be open for inspection by the public.

All other charges shall be paid as billed at the Fire District Office. Interest shall be added at the rate of 14% per annum for all unpaid balances not paid within 30 days from date of mailing the bill. In the case of partial payment, payment shall be first applied toward interest.

Section 4. No use shall be made of water by any person, other than such as are entered in the application for water service, without the consent of the Superintendent of the Fire District.

Section 5. All real estate located within the Fire District assessed as a separate entity for local taxation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall require a separate metered service from the Fire District. In addition, all internal plumbing for potable water shall be independent from all other potable water services within the same building.

Section 6. No water mains will be installed on unaccepted streets at District expense wherein the same is being developed as a new residential, commercial or industrial project. Whenever an area of land is developed, the developer shall install, at his expense, all necessary water mains, using eight (8) inch pipe as a minimum, without the expectation of financial assistance or reimbursement from the Fire District. In cases where the specifications of the Fire District Officials shall call for the use of pipe greater than eight (8) inches in diameter for reasons and provisions not attributable to the development of the particular developer, the developer shall be reimbursed by the District for the excess in cost of installing the specified pipe, over the cost of installing eight (8) inch pipe. All water mains and related facilities installations will be under the supervision of the Adams Fire District Superintendent, or the District's authorized agent and will be subject to the "Rules and Regulations of the Adams Fire District Governing the Design and Construction of Water Systems" as adopted and revised from time to time by the Prudential Committee.

Section 7. All new water services including fire sprinkler services shall pay with every application for such service a one time Capital Outlay fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Pipe up to and including one inch	\$ 500.00
Pipe in excess of 1" up to and including 2"	2000.00
Pipe in excess of 2" up to and including 4"	4000.00
Pipe in excess of 4" up to and including 6"	6000.00
Pipe in excess of 6" up to and including 8"	8000.00
Pipe in excess of 8" --- the fee to be established for each project, by the Prudential Committee, after review of plans and anticipated usage.	

The Capital Outlay fee shall be in addition to all other fees and charges associated with the installation of the new service. The Prudential Committee may waive the Capital Outlay Fee, under special circumstances, when deemed it would be in the best interest of the District.

All revenues generated by the above fees shall be placed in a Capital Outlay Fund. This fund shall be used exclusively for the upgrading of and repairs to the water distribution system of the Adams Fire District.

Section 8. The Adams Fire District, in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection 310 CMR 22.22 Rules, will maintain a continuing Cross Connection Control Program, the purpose of which is to:

- (a) Protect the public potable water supply of the Town of Adams from the possibility of contamination or pollution.
- (b) Promote the elimination or control of existing cross-connections, actual or potential.
- (c) Provide the continuance of this program which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water systems.

Section 9. The Adams Fire District shall cause a water meter to be attached to every water service. A water meter and touchpad, to be installed at a location to be determined by the Adams Fire District Superintendent or its authorized agent, shall be attached before water service is activated. If the Adams Fire District is prevented from attaching a water meter and touchpad as provided herein by the water taker thereof, the Adams Fire District may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to such water taker, shut off water service.

Section 10. No water meter, corner horn, backflow preventer, touch pad, or related wiring shall be removed, tampered with, disturbed or repaired except under the direction of the Water Department Superintendent. Any person, who removes, tampers with, disturbs or repairs a water meter, corner horn, backflow preventer, touch pad or related wiring, except under direction of the Water Department Superintendent will be subject to a fine of \$300.00 for each offence. The Prudential Committee and its agents may, at reasonable times, enter upon the premises of any water taker to examine the water meter and its appurtenances, and to install, repair and read water meters. The cost to maintain and repair water meters up to and including one inch in size shall be at the expense of the Fire District, except that water meters damaged due to negligence or an intentional act of the water taker or those for whom he/she is legally responsible shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the water taker. The cost to maintain and repair water meters in excess

of one inch in size and the cost to install, repair or replace a touchpad or related wiring disturbed or tampered with except under the direction of the Water Department Superintendent, shall be at the expense of the water taker.

Section 11. In multi-family dwellings, with one owner, only one water meter and one water service will be installed. Each multi-family, multi-level and/or multi-use building which is substantially renovated (as determined by the Adams Fire District's Superintendent or authorized agent) or under construction shall require a potable water manifold system. All internal plumbing for potable water for each unit shall be independent from all other potable water services within the same building. The manifold system must be installed in a location easily accessible by the Adams Fire District, Water Department. The location shall be determined by the Adams Fire District's Superintendent or authorized agent.

Section 12. No abatement or claim shall be allowed for loss or diminution of water supply whether because of a water shut off, frozen pipe or other cause, provided always the Prudential Committee may abate all or any portion of the water bill if the Prudential Committee deems it reasonable and proper to do so. A record of all abatements shall be maintained and be open for inspection by the public.

Section 13. The Treasurer, shall notify in writing, water takers whose water rates or other charges are not paid on or before the last day of the month in which they are due, that unless said bills are paid on or before the 60th day after the issue date, their supply of water will be shut off.

Section 14. When a water service is shut off for non-payment, the water service shall not be reactivated until all amounts owed plus the fee for shut off and for reactivation have been paid in full.

Section 15. No water taker shall supply water to any person or entity or suffer them to take water without permission from the Superintendent of the Fire District.

Section 16. In the case of fraudulent application for water service, the water service may be shut off, at the discretion of the Prudential

Committee. Water service shall not be reactivated until all amounts owed to the Fire District, plus a shut off and reactivation fee has been paid and the reason for the shut off corrected to the Prudential Committee's satisfaction.

Section 17. No person or persons shall attach anything to any fire hydrant, or obstruct access thereto. Any person or persons opening or interfering with any fire hydrants supplied with water by the District without permission of the Fire District Superintendent shall be subjected to a fine of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. In the event of fire or other emergency situations, which require the use of a hydrant, any Engineer of the Fire Department shall have the same jurisdiction as the Fire District Superintendent.

Section 18. Sprinklers, unattended hoses, irrigation hoses, soaker hoses, and toys attached to a hose which allow water to run continually and any water dispensing apparatus is allowed except when the Fire District Superintendent deems a water emergency.

Section 20. In case of fire, or alarm of fire, or in the making of repairs or extensions or other necessary purpose of the water works, the Prudential Committee reserves the right to shut off the water at once, and keep it off for as long as may be necessary.

Section 21. The Prudential Committee reserves the right to shut off the water from private hydrants, fountains or hose, or to otherwise restrict the use of water at any time when the public necessity requires or a shortage of the water supply is evident.

Section 22. No person or persons shall use the reservoirs of the District for fishing, bathing, boating, skating or any other purpose whatever.

Section 23. All employees of the District shall be under the supervision of the Prudential Committee which shall have the right to hire and discharge in accordance with applicable provisions of law and which shall determine all working rules and regulations to be followed by employees, including salary or wage rates, benefits, hours, schedules and other matters pertinent to employment.

Section 24. It shall be the duty of the Prudential Committee to make such decisions which it deems fit and proper, wherein the same are not covered in these regulations.

Section 25. Each multi-family, multi-level and/or multi-use building which is substantially renovated (as determined by the Adams Fire District's Superintendent or authorized agent) or under construction shall require a potable water manifold system. All internal plumbing for potable water for each unit shall be independent from all other potable water services within the same building. The manifold system must be installed in a location easily accessible by the Adams Fire District, Water Department. The location shall be determined by the Adams Fire District's Superintendent or authorized agent.

Section 26. The Prudential Committee shall have the authority to declare a State of Water Shortage (based upon the criteria set forth in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan) and restrict nonessential outdoor water use by all persons using water furnished by the District according to the following four-stage classification system:

- (a) **Level 1** - Mild Drought;
- (b) **Level 2** - Significant Drought;
- (c) **Level 3** - Critical Drought;
- (d) **Level 4** - Emergency Drought;

In general terms, nonessential outdoor water use constitutes all uses of water that are not required either for health or safety reasons, by regulation, for the production of food or fiber, for the maintenance of livestock, or to meet the core function of a business. Subject to the limitations imposed by this general definition, in the context of the restrictions referred to in section 27 below, such use more specifically consists of:

- (i) Watering lawns, plants, trees, and other vegetation - whether via sprinkler, irrigation system, hand-held hose or watering can.
- (ii) Washing vehicles at any place other than a car wash (business) - except insofar as necessary for operator safety or to prevent damage and/or maintain performance of agricultural or construction vehicles or equipment.

(iii) Refilling swimming pools.

(iv) Washing of driveways, walks, patios, sidewalks or gutters - except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Section 27. Subject to the exceptions referred to in section 28 below, the following restrictions shall apply to nonessential outdoor water use:

(a) **Level 1** - Mild Drought: Nonessential outdoor water use shall only be allowed one day per week during the hours after 5:00 P.M. and before 9:00 A.M., with such day of the week to be determined by the Prudential Committee.

(b) **Level 2** - Significant Drought: Nonessential outdoor water use limited to hand-held hoses or watering cans during the hours after 5:00 P.M. and before 9:00 A.M.

(c) **Level 3** - Critical Drought: Ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.

(d) **Level 4** - Emergency Drought: Ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.

Section 28. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in section 27 above, the following nonessential outdoor water uses are permitted during Level 1 (Mild Drought) through Level 2 (Significant Drought) - - albeit not Level 3 and 4 (Critical and Emergency Drought) - - if and only if they have been reviewed and approved by the Prudential Committee:

- (i) Irrigation of public parks and recreation fields outside the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M.
- (ii) Irrigation to establish replanted or re-sodded lawn or plantings.
- (iii) Irrigation of newly planted lawns seeded and sodded in the current calendar year for homes or businesses newly constructed in the previous twelve months.
- (iv) Filling of privately-owned outdoor pools that were previously unfilled or in construction at the time of the drought conditions.

Section 29. Persons violating the use restrictions set forth in sections 26 through 28 above shall be subject to the following graduated penalties:

(a) Level 1 Mild Drought:

- 1st offense - - verbal warning
- 2nd and subsequent offense
- - written warning

(b) Level 2 Significant Drought:

- 1st offense - - written warning
- 2nd offense - - \$100.00
- 3rd and subsequent offense - - \$200.00

(c) Level 3 Critical Drought:

- 1st offense - - written warning
- 2nd offense - - \$250.00
- 3rd and subsequent offense - - \$300.00

(d) Level 4 Emergency Drought:

- 1st offense - - \$300.00
- 2nd offense - - \$300.00
- 3rd and subsequent offense - - \$300.00

Penalties for the foregoing offenses shall compound throughout the four (4) stages.

**ARTICLE XIV
General Provisions**

Section 1. The adoption of these by-laws by the District shall have the force and effect of repealing all presently existing by-laws, not in conformity with and intended to be superseded by the by-laws herein contained. These by-laws and all by-laws not hereby repealed, but remaining in full force, shall be known and referred to as “The By-Laws of the Adams Fire District.”

Section 2. These by-laws may be revised, amended, altered, added to or repealed at any annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at such meeting.

Section 3. These by-laws and the repeal of any by-laws or regulations heretofore in force shall not affect any act done, any right accrued, any liability or penalty incurred, or any suit prosecution, or proceeding pending at the time when these by-laws take effect, nor shall the repeal of any by-laws or regulations thereby have the effect of reviving any by-law or regulation previously repealed or suspended.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to amend the Bylaws of the Adams Fire District as stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, with the following discussion:

Catherine Foster: Stated that the meeting was not properly posted. The warrant should have been posted in Adams and Cheshire, and the time was not stated on the website. Districts have to follow different rules regarding posting meetings.

Second Engineer Lennon: Stated that the time was indeed listed on the website.

Alert Hose Foreman Eric Mallet: Questioned why the information recognizing the Alert Hose Co as the firefighting force for the District was removed. The Alerts were not approached regarding this matter and there remains a lack of communication.

Chief Pansecchi: Indicated that as the Fire Chief he is for the removal of this information from the By-Laws, due to dropping number in membership it would give the Fire Department more room for recruitment, but as an honorary Alert member he is against it.

(During this vote, the Fire Department was called out on an emergency response, 10 voters left the meeting at that time)

Attorney Narey: Indicated that the clause was removed to protect the Alert Hose Co, to a potential issues as a non-profit organization that actively solicits donations, now receiving compensation from the Fire District.

The District voters present voted against (12-14) amending the By-Laws, as stated above.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell timber, from time to time, upon such terms and conditions as the Prudential Committee deems advisable, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to approve this article, which will enable the Prudential Committee to continue with timber sales as designated in the “Forest Management Plan for the Adams Watershed.”

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, with the following discussion.

Charles Foster: Questioned where the money from the timber sales go?

Vice-Chairman Kleiner: Stated the money goes to the General Fund.

The Fire District voters present unanimously voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell timber, from time to time, upon such terms and conditions as the Prudential Committee deems advisable.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to execute the Class Action settlement agreement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to execute the Class Action settlement agreement.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to execute the Class Action settlement agreement

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the FY22 treasury, a sum of \$600,000.00 for the Class Action settlement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, a sum of \$600,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, a sum of \$600,000.00, for the Class Action settlement

ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

VOTE There being no further business to come before said meeting, and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the meeting be closed, the time being 7:54 p.m.

SUMMARY OF VOTED APPROPRIATIONS

	To be raised by District Revenue	To be raised by Taxation	Surplus Revenue	To be raised by Borrowing	Stabilization Fund
Article 5		\$ 503,139.20			
Article 6	\$ 1,526,177.86				
Article 7					\$ 40,000.00
Article 8				\$ 625,000.00	
Article 9	\$ 100,000.00				
TOTALS	\$ 1,626,177.86	\$ 503,139.20		\$ 625,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Total Voted Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:

\$ 2,794,317.06

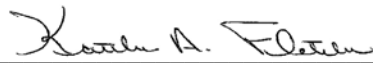
	To be raised by District Revenue	Surplus Revenue	To be raised by Borrowing	Stabilization Fund
Article 14		\$ 600,000.00		

Total Voted Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:

\$ 600,000.00

A true record:

Attest



Kathleen A. Fletcher
Fire District Clerk

Specimen Ballot for the Adams Fire District - Tuesday, May 10, 2022

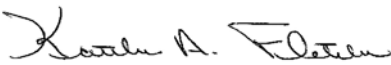
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR THE

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022



CLERK OF ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

To Vote, Mark a Cross in Space at right

Prudential Committee for Three Years	Vote for One
THOMAS A. SATKO	Candidate for Election 57 Melrose Street
WRITE IN	

Record of Annual Fire District Election - May 10, 2022

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Adams qualified to vote in elections and Fire District affairs, met at the time and place therein mentioned.

The election officers having been duly appointed and sworn in by the Clerk of the Adams Fire District were as follows:

CHECKERS:

<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
Patricia Catelotti	Jean Kondej
Frances Oakes	Mary Ellen Sutliff
Janice Hayer	Frances Bassi

COUNTERS/TABULATORS:

Barbara Lagowski
Denise Sadlowski

The ballot box was examined by the Fire District Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Jean Kondej, Election Officer and found to be in readiness. The keys to the ballot box were delivered to the Fire District Clerk.

The Fire District Clerk officially opened the polls at 12:00 Noon and balloting commenced.

To choose by ballot the following officer:

One Prudential Committee Member for a 3 year term

At 6:00 p.m., the Fire District Clerk declared the polls closed and the ballots were removed from the ballot box for counting. The ballots cast for the office were sorted, counted and recorded.

The results of the voting are as follows;

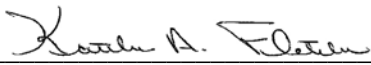
	VOTES CAST	VOTERS	ELIGIBLE VOTERS
Precinct 1	13	1,050	1,050
Precinct 2	10	1,179	1,146
Precinct 3	9	1,149	1,045
Precinct 4	16	1,087	1,055
Precinct 5	12	1,235	1,104
TOTALS	60	5,700	5,400

Prudential Committee for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	0
Thomas A. Satko	59
Write-Ins:	1
	60

The Fire District Clerk declared Thomas A. Satko elected Prudential Committeeman for a three-year term expiring in 2025. He was sworn to this office by the Adams Fire District Clerk.

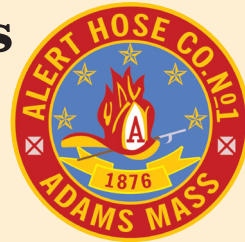
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Attest 
Kathleen A. Fletcher
Fire District Clerk

VOLUNTEER



- Help Your Neighbors
- Donate Your Time
- Join Today!



**The Adams Fire Department
AND
Alert Hose Company N°1
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CALL 743-1929 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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