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ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS



for the year ending December 31, 2023

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ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT**

Adams, Massachusetts



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2023 Annual Report - In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of **Tony Piscioneri, Sr.**

In honor of a remarkable soul, Tony Sr., who devoted half a century of his life to selfless service for Adams. With heavy hearts and profound gratitude, we dedicate this tribute to a volunteer firefighter whose unwavering commitment and courage touched the lives of countless community members.

Tony joined August 7, 1973, and in those 50 years, he had “enjoyed every minute of it.” He was once asked about his memories on the Alerts, and he spoke of being on the front lines of the fires that have been ingrained in the history of Adams, including the fire at Arnold’s Print Works. Many of these fires were the “all nighters” where he was constantly busy with one task or another. Other than the fires, above all, Tony enjoyed the people that were beside him marching in parades, beside him every Tuesday evening at drills, and beside him fighting the fires.

Beginning in 1973, Tony Sr. stood as a steadfast pillar of strength, rushing into the face of danger when others sought safety. His bravery, resilience, and unyielding dedication to protecting the residents of Adams defined him as a true hero. Through the years, his selflessness became a beacon of hope, inspiring others to join the noble cause of safeguarding our community. Tony Sr.,



with five decades of experience and the wealth of wisdom that accompanies such commitment, was highly sought after for advice on what it means to be a firefighter.

In October of 2023, we bid farewell to Tony as he departed this world, leaving behind a legacy that will forever echo within the walls of our fire station and the hearts of those with whom he served. His

memory lives on, not only in the countless lives that were uplifted by his presence, but also in the spirit of volunteerism.

As a torchbearer for the values of service and sacrifice, Tony Sr. passed on his legacy to his son, Tony Jr., who proudly follows in his father’s footsteps in the Alert Hose Company. This torch, lit by the flame of Tony Sr.’s passion for service to others, now carries forward into the next generation.

To Tony Sr.’s family, friends, and fellow firefighters, we extend our deepest condolences. May the memories of his service provide comfort in these

difficult times. Let us celebrate the life of a man who dedicated his heart and soul to Adams, leaving an indelible mark on our town’s history. In the hearts of his brothers and sisters of the Adams Alert Hose Company, Tony’s flame will forever burn bright, a symbol of the enduring power of fraternity, service, and community.

↔ *The Adams Alerts* ↔

Joe Koscinski

Joe Koscinski is a true hero among us, and his unshakable dedication has illuminated the town of Adams for an incredible 50 years. As we gather to celebrate this milestone, we honor a firefighter whose selfless service has become the spirit of what it means to volunteer for one's community.

Joe officially became an Alert Hose Company Member on August 7, 1973, and it has certainly been his life's calling. Joe decided to join the Alert Hose Company because he "wanted to give back to the community," and that is also why he has remained an active member for 50 years.

His fondest memory was the Adams Alert's 100th anniversary celebration, where he was granted the opportunity to test his leadership skills when he was put in charge of logistics for the event. One fire he will never forget is the Arnold Print Works fire, which took a lot of work and a lot of time to put out. Above all, he enjoys the camaraderie of the Adams Alerts at our monthly dinners and the annual ball.



To Joe, who has faced the flames with unyielding bravery in countless blazes, your tireless commitment has left a lasting impression on Adams. In the face of danger, you stood tall, a protector of our town, shielding us from the ferocity of the infernos that threatened our homes and loved ones. You continue to inspire your fellow firefighters with your continued service. You hold within yourself bountiful wisdom that can rekindle the

spirits of those needing a reminder of why they decided at one point in their lives to serve their community by fighting fires. Your sacrifice, courage, and dedication have defined the very essence of what it means to be an Alert Hose Company member.

As we express our deepest gratitude for your 50 years of service, we acknowledge that your mission is not over. Joe, may your flame continue to burn brightly, lighting the way for future generations to follow in your footsteps. Thank you for five decades of selfless service, and here's to the continued light of your presence in our beloved town.

↔ *The Adams Alerts* ↔

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Adams Fire District Officers

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman	Term Expires 2025
Richard G. Kleiner, Member	Term Expires 2026
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 2026
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FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER

David J. Lennon	Term Expires 2026
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SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Edward B. Capeless	Term Expires 2026
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THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Mark J. Therrien	Term Expires 2026
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FOURTH ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Dylan M. Grimes	Term Expires 2026
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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
Date of Termination: July 21, 2023
Administrative Assistant

Kristen G. Rosenau
Date of Hire: October 29, 2023
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

+*#^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

2023 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 Annual Meeting and Election were held on May 9, 2023. The FY 24 Budget and Warrant Articles were approved and Richard G. Kleiner was re-elected to a 3-year term on the Prudential Committee. John Pansecchi was re-elected Chief Engineer, David J. Lennon as First Assistant Engineer (Timothy C. Ziemba did not run for re-election), Edward B. Capeless as Second Assistant Engineer, Mark J. Therrien as Third Assistant Engineer and Dylan M. Grimes as Fourth Assistant Engineer.

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. After a significant amount of rain, it was downgraded to Level 0 – Normal in July.

Projects undertaken in 2023 were:

- 1) Replacement of water meters (which are past their life expectancy) - \$100,000.00. Approximately 84% of all meters have been replaced as of December 2023, which is in its ninth year.
- 2) Continued working with the Town of Adams to supply water to the Greylock Glen Project. In May, the Town's Application to Connect to the Adams Fire District Water System was approved.
- 3) Last year, the District's three storage tanks (2 million, 500,000 and 100,000 gallon) were inspected. The 500,000 gallon tank on East Orchard Terrace needed repairs. This year, the tank was cleaned, anodes replaced and a small leak was repaired.
- 4) The \$50,000.00 SRF Loan for Lead and Copper Rule Revisions – Water Service Inventory and Assessment that was applied for was changed to a

grant by Cleanwater Trust. The project is ongoing and is very time consuming for District personnel, as it involves checking every service to determine if it is a lead or galvanized line which will require replacement. A lead and galvanized service line replacement plan must be submitted by October 16, 2024.

This year, the Adams Fire District participated in the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). The LIHWAP helps eligible households pay water bills. It is administered in the Commonwealth by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Local service delivery is provided by 20 local administrating agencies (LAAs) that also administer the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

District employees, both office staff and water department, have been attending classes, webinars and zoom meetings to stay abreast of ever changing laws and regulations and to maintain their licenses. For a second year, the District hosted a Tabletop Exercise with Massachusetts Rural Water Association including the Williamstown Water Dept. about how to respond to a Water Emergency.

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: Massachusetts Fire Fighter Safety Equipment Grant for \$15,500.00 - the grant was used to purchase ballistic vests, ballistic helmets and a dryer for Fire Gear; The National Volunteer Fire Council Grant - for 99 cases of canned water.

The Adams Fire District thanks SMI (Specialty Minerals, Inc.) for their generous donation of hand tools to be used in emergency situations where they may have to extract someone from a dangerous situation.

The Adams Fire Department placed an order for a new fire truck, an E-One High Typhoon Rescue Pumper from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles LLC for \$625,000.00 in 2022. The truck is currently in production with a delivery date of March 2024.

The Alert Hose Company has forwarded a survey of the Alerts to the Prudential Committee requesting the hiring of full-time firefighters and a full-time Chief. Calls are up and daytime availability of firefighters is down with less and less people responding to the calls even though the Retention and Recruitment Committee has been working hard to recruit volunteers for the Alert Hose Company. The Prudential Committee is considering the SAFER grant to hire full-time firefighters. The grant would reimburse the District for the cost of the firefighters. The position of Chief will be considered as part of the FY 2025 budget.

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

In July, Administrative Assistant Whitney Flynn resigned after 6 years of service with the Adams Fire District. The Prudential Committee and employees of the District wish her well in her future endeavors. Kristen Rosenau was hired in September for the part-time position to replace her.

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2023

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 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here, as well as the 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, 2023 was \$4,341,720. Total net position increased during fiscal year 2023 by \$66,876; comprised of a decrease of \$35,264 in governmental activities and an increase of \$102,140 in business-type activities (Water department).

The increase in the District's net position of \$66,876 in fiscal year 2023 was largely affected by the following items:

- The District is required to measure and report a long-term projected benefit obligation associated with post-employment 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 \$61,319 (expense) for the year ended June 30, 2023.
- 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 \$100,497 (expense) for the year ended June 30, 2023.
- The District paid \$343,719 on existing long-term debt (\$263,979 in principal and \$79,740 in interest).
- The District voted to use \$40,000 from its Stabilization Fund to fund current year expenditures in the General Fund.
- The District recorded depreciation expense of \$315,580. There were no capital additions.

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 \$1,096,562, which increased \$102,405 from the prior year.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Enterprise Fund (Water Department) reported an ending fund balance of \$1,826,371, which increased \$102,140 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 10 and 11 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 15 and 16 of this report. The budget and actual comparison statement can be found on page 18 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 19 through 21 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 statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 through 31 of the District's FY 23 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 \$4,341,720 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A summary of the Statement of Net Position is below:

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT - SUMMARY NET POSITION					
June 30, 2023					
	Primary Government			Comparative	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total 2023	Total 2022	Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	\$ 2,351,784	\$ 447,616	\$ 2,799,400	\$ 2,522,462	\$ 276,938
Interfund receivable (payable)	(617,310)	617,310	-	-	-
Capital assets, net	2,211,660	5,600,823	7,812,483	8,128,063	(315,580)
Total Assets	3,946,134	6,665,749	10,611,883	10,650,525	(38,642)
Deferred outflows of resources	161,638	347,170	508,808	440,984	67,824
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,107,772	7,012,919	11,120,691	11,091,509	29,182
Current liabilities	618,327	14,554	632,881	640,923	(8,042)
Long-term debt	-	3,150,221	3,150,221	3,414,200	(263,979)
Accumulated unused compensated absences	52,035	37,726	89,761	85,073	4,688
Net pension liability	403,589	1,037,799	1,441,388	878,583	562,805
Post employment benefits other than pensions	488,383	889,817	1,378,200	1,358,664	19,536
Total Liabilities	1,562,334	5,130,117	6,692,451	6,377,443	315,008
Deferred inflows of resources	30,089	56,431	86,520	439,222	(352,702)
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,592,423	5,186,548	6,778,971	6,816,665	(37,694)
Net Position					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,211,660	2,450,602	4,662,262	4,713,863	(51,601)
Unrestricted	303,689	(624,231)	(320,542)	(439,019)	118,477
Total Net Position	\$ 2,515,349	\$ 1,826,371	\$ 4,341,720	\$ 4,274,844	\$ 66,876

By far the largest portion of the District's net position is \$4,662,262, 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.
- 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.

A summary of Changes in Net Position is presented below:

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT SUMMARY CHANGES IN NET POSITION					
	<u>Primary Government</u>			<u>Comparative</u>	
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Program Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ 7,515	\$ 1,689,641	\$ 1,697,156	\$ 2,163,163	\$ (466,007)
General Revenues:					
Property taxes	502,831	-	502,831	-	502,831
Earnings on investments	14,968	-	14,968	9,493	5,475
Other revenues	21,700	-	21,700	67,796	(46,096)
Total Revenues	547,014	1,689,641	2,236,655	2,240,452	(3,797)
Expenses and Other Items					
Water Department	-	1,201,036	1,201,036	1,228,144	(27,108)
Fire Department	345,817	-	345,817	430,868	(85,051)
Street lighting	119,495	-	119,495	122,257	(2,762)
Employee benefits	32,130	229,745	261,875	262,786	(911)
Change in net pension liability	50,090	50,407	100,497	224,991	(124,494)
Change in Other Postemployment					
Benefit liability	34,746	26,573	61,319	50,459	10,860
Interest and fiscal charges	-	79,740	79,740	85,813	(6,073)
Total Expenses	582,278	1,587,501	2,169,779	2,405,318	(235,539)
Other Items					
Settlement expense (Note 4.F)	-	-	-	(600,000)	600,000
Total Other Items	-	-	-	(600,000)	600,000
Change in Net Position	(35,264)	102,140	66,876	(764,866)	831,742
Net Position, Beginning	2,550,613	1,724,231	4,274,844	5,039,710	(764,866)
Net Position, Ending	\$ 2,515,349	\$ 1,826,371	\$ 4,341,720	\$ 4,274,844	\$ 66,876

Budgetary Highlights

General Fund

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

Enterprise Fund

Operating revenues exceeded the budget by \$63,463. Operating expenses (excluding depreciation expense and the change in the pension and OPEB liabilities, which are not budgeted for) were under budget by a net amount of \$97,728, which was related to payroll and related costs under budget by \$55,023, legal and professional fees under budget by \$11,894, and water system under budget by \$17,998. Various other expenses were under budget by a net amount of \$12,813.

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, 2023 is \$7,812,483 (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 \$3,150,221.

	2023	Comparative 2022	Increase (Decrease)
Governmental activities debt \$	-	-	-
Business-type activities debt	3,150,221	3,414,200	(263,979)
Total	\$ 3,150,221	\$ 3,414,200	\$ (263,979)

During fiscal year 2023 the District's debt was reduced by \$263,979. There were no additional borrowings in fiscal year 2023.

Other Information

The District was 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. On October 6, 2022, the lawsuit was settled. The settlement payment amount was \$600,000 and is recorded as a current liability in the government-wide and fund financial statements as of June 30, 2023. The expense was previously accrued in fiscal year 2022. Subsequent to the fiscal year end June 30, 2023, the District made the settlement payment on November 21, 2023.

The Town of Adams began collecting the non-water service revenue as a tax on behalf of the District effective fiscal year 2023. For fiscal year 2023, the property valuation for the District is \$552,559,800, with a levy of \$502,831 (tax rate of \$0.91 per thousand) to be collected for the non-water services.

Next Year's Budget

The District has authorized the fiscal 2024 budget as follows:

Operations	
Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,570,660
General Fund	457,906
Street Lighting	144,000
Reserve of extraordinary expenses	40,000
Total	\$ 2,212,566

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, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
Assets			
Current:			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,300,924	\$ -	\$ 2,300,924
Receivables	50,860	430,190	481,050
Inventory	-	17,426	17,426
Interfund receivable (payable)	(617,310)	617,310	-
Noncurrent:			
Capital assets, net	<u>2,211,660</u>	<u>5,600,823</u>	<u>7,812,483</u>
Total assets	3,946,134	6,665,749	10,611,883
Deferred outflows of resources			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	70,279	180,716	250,995
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	<u>91,359</u>	<u>166,454</u>	<u>257,813</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>4,107,772</u>	<u>7,012,919</u>	<u>11,120,691</u>
Liabilities			
Current:			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	18,327	14,554	32,881
Settlement liability	600,000	-	600,000
Current portion of long-term debt	-	268,457	268,457
Noncurrent:			
Long-term debt	-	2,881,764	2,881,764
Accumulated unused compensated absences	52,035	37,726	89,761
Net pension liability	403,589	1,037,799	1,441,388
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	<u>488,383</u>	<u>889,817</u>	<u>1,378,200</u>
Total liabilities	1,562,334	5,130,117	6,692,451
Deferred inflows of resources			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	2,149	5,526	7,675
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	<u>27,940</u>	<u>50,905</u>	<u>78,845</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,592,423</u>	<u>5,186,548</u>	<u>6,778,971</u>
Net position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,211,660	2,450,602	4,662,262
Unrestricted	<u>303,689</u>	<u>(624,231)</u>	<u>(320,542)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,515,349</u>	<u>\$ 1,826,371</u>	<u>\$ 4,341,720</u>

**ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Revenue		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities					
Fire department	\$ 377,947	\$ 7,515	\$ (370,432)	\$ -	\$ (370,432)
Street lighting	119,495	-	(119,495)	-	(119,495)
Change in net pension liability	50,090	-	(50,090)	-	(50,090)
Change in other postemployment benefit liability	34,746	-	(34,746)	-	(34,746)
Total governmental activities	582,278	7,515	(574,763)	-	(574,763)
Business-type activities					
Water department	1,587,501	1,689,641	-	102,140	102,140
Total governmental activities	\$ 2,169,779	\$ 1,697,156	(574,763)	102,140	(472,623)
General revenues					
Property taxes			502,831		502,831
Earnings on investments			14,968	-	14,968
Other revenues			21,700	-	21,700
Total			539,499	-	539,499
Change in net position			(35,264)	102,140	66,876
Net position, beginning			2,550,613	1,724,231	4,274,844
Net position, ending			2,515,349	1,826,371	4,341,720

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,877,501	\$ 339,306	\$ 84,117	\$ 2,300,924
Receivables	50,860	-	-	50,860
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,928,361</u>	<u>\$ 339,306</u>	<u>\$ 84,117</u>	<u>\$ 2,351,784</u>
Liabilities				
Warrants and other payables	\$ 18,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,327
Interfund payable	617,310	-	-	617,310
Settlement liability	600,000	-	-	600,000
Total liabilities	<u>1,235,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,235,637</u>
Deferred inflows of resources				
Revenue not considered available - taxes	<u>19,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,585</u>
Fund balances				
Committed	109,127	-	84,117	193,244
Assigned	23,239	50,000	-	73,239
Unassigned	540,773	289,306	-	830,079
Total fund balances	<u>673,139</u>	<u>339,306</u>	<u>84,117</u>	<u>1,096,562</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,928,361</u>	<u>\$ 339,306</u>	<u>\$ 84,117</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				2,211,660
Revenue not considered available				19,585
Accumulated unused compensated absences				(52,035)
Net pension liability				(335,459)
Postemployment benefits other than pensions				<u>(424,964)</u>
Net position of governmental activities				<u>\$ 2,515,349</u>

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 483,246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 483,246
Charges for services	7,515	-	-	7,515
Earnings on investments	11,698	2,628	642	14,968
Other revenues	21,200	-	500	21,700
Total revenues	<u>523,659</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>1,142</u>	<u>527,429</u>
Expenditures				
Fire department	273,399	-	-	273,399
Street lighting	119,495	-	-	119,495
Employee benefits	32,130	-	-	32,130
Total expenditures	<u>425,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,024</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	98,635	2,628	1,142	102,405
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Net change in fund balances	138,635	(37,372)	1,142	102,405
Fund balances, beginning	<u>534,504</u>	<u>376,678</u>	<u>82,975</u>	<u>994,157</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 673,139</u>	<u>\$ 339,306</u>	<u>\$ 84,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,562</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, 2023

Net change in fund balances of total governmental funds	\$	102,405
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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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Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., property taxes) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred inflows of resources - revenue not considered available

		19,585
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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		(2,888)
Increase in net pension liability, including deferred outflows and inflows		(50,090)
Increase in postemployment benefits, including deferred outflows and inflows		<u>(34,746)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>(35,264)</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, 2023

	General Fund			
	Budget		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 502,831	\$ 502,831	\$ 483,246	\$ (19,585)
Charges for services	-	-	58,786	58,786
Earnings on investments	-	-	9,070	9,070
Other revenues	-	-	21,200	21,200
Total revenues	<u>502,831</u>	<u>502,831</u>	<u>572,302</u>	<u>69,471</u>
Expenditures				
Fire department	361,883	361,883	287,058	74,825
Street lighting	144,000	144,000	119,495	24,505
Employee benefits	36,948	36,948	32,130	4,818
Total expenditures	<u>542,831</u>	<u>542,831</u>	<u>438,683</u>	<u>104,148</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(40,000)	(40,000)	133,619	173,619
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfer in from stabilization fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 173,619</u>	<u>\$ 173,619</u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND**

June 30, 2023

	Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
Assets	
Current:	
Accounts receivable	\$ 430,190
Inventory	17,426
Interfund receivable	617,310
Noncurrent:	
Capital assets, net	5,600,823
Total assets	6,665,749
Deferred outflows of resources	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	180,716
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	166,454
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	7,012,919
Liabilities	
Current:	
Warrants and other payables	14,554
Current portion of long-term debt	268,457
Noncurrent:	
Long-term debt	2,881,764
Accumulated unused compensated absences	37,726
Net pension liability	1,037,799
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	889,817
Total liabilities	5,130,117
Deferred inflows of resources	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	5,526
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	50,905
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	5,186,548
Net position	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,450,602
Unrestricted	(624,231)
Total net position	\$ 1,826,371

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities -- Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Operating revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 1,626,178	\$ 1,626,178	\$ 1,689,641	\$ 63,463
Operating expenses				
Cost of sales and services	517,353	517,353	476,948	40,405
Employee benefits	244,363	244,363	229,745	14,618
Professional fees	36,260	36,260	24,366	11,894
Office expense	28,173	28,173	26,670	1,503
Building expense	20,611	20,611	18,869	1,742
Communications	5,378	5,378	4,370	1,008
Insurance	42,271	42,271	33,138	9,133
Water system and pumping station	366,750	366,750	348,752	17,998
Road machinery expense	21,300	21,300	21,873	(573)
Change in net pension liability	-	-	50,407	(50,407)
Change in postemployment benefits liability	-	-	26,573	(26,573)
Depreciation	-	-	246,050	(246,050)
Total operating expenses	1,282,459	1,282,459	1,507,761	(225,302)
Operating income (loss)	343,719	343,719	181,880	(161,839)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
Interest expense	(79,740)	(79,740)	(79,740)	-
Change in net position	\$ 263,979	\$ 263,979	102,140	\$ (161,839)
Net position, beginning			1,724,231	
Net position, ending			\$ 1,826,371	

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,678,156
Payments to suppliers	(483,473)
Payments to employees, including benefits	(706,693)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>487,990</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Increase in interfund receivable	(144,271)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(144,271)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Principal paid on long-term debt	(263,979)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(79,740)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(343,719)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	-
Cash and equivalents, beginning	-
Cash and equivalents, ending	<u>\$ -</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 181,880
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	246,050
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivables, net	(11,485)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Warrants and other payables	(7,234)
Accumulated unused compensated absences	1,800
Net pension liability	50,407
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	26,572
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 487,990</u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

On June 30, 2023

As of June 30, 2023 cash and equivalents consisted of the following balances:

Cash in checking and savings accounts:

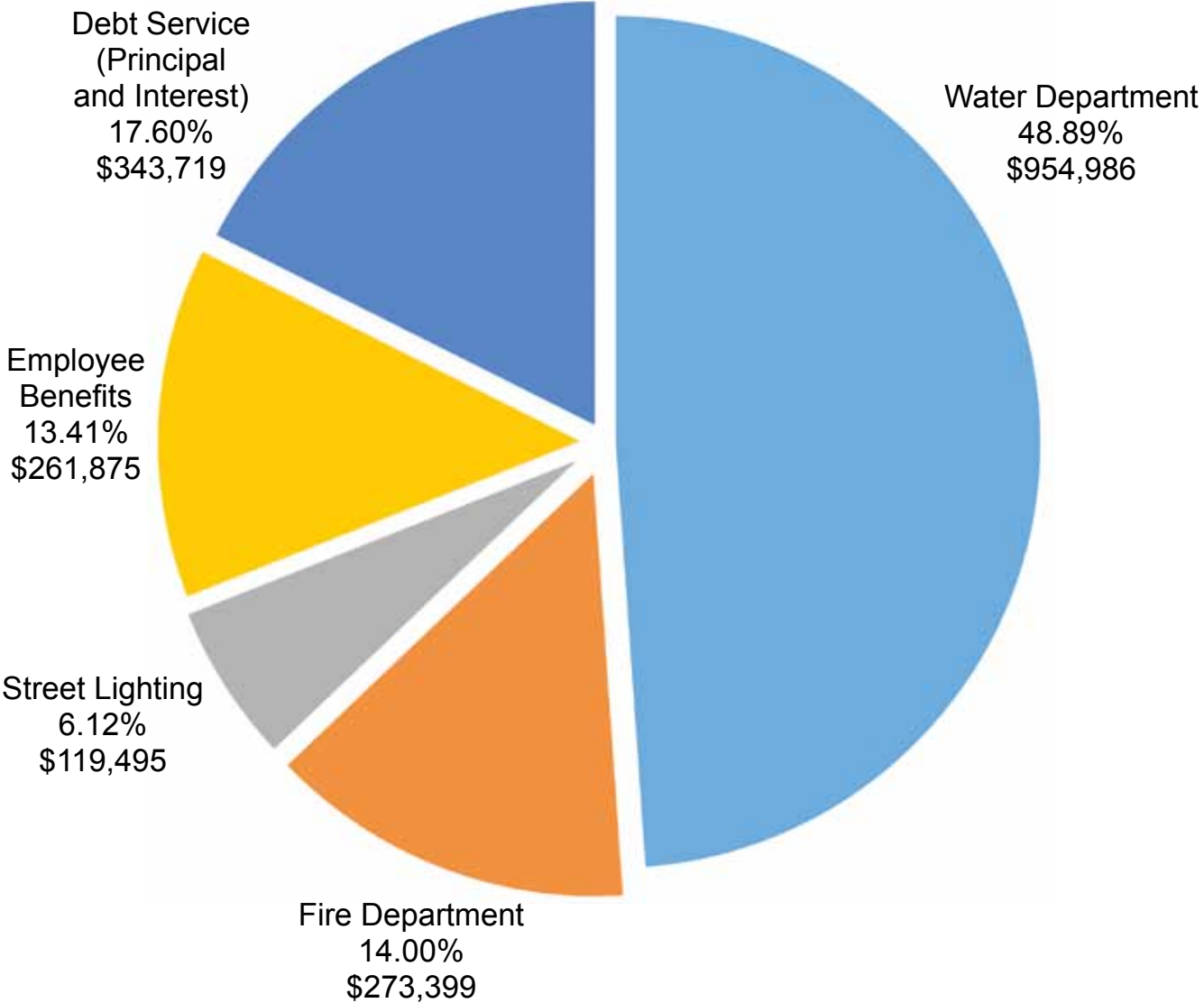
Adams Community Bank	<u>\$ 2,300,924</u>
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Cash and equivalents are presented in the financial statements as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,877,501
Stabilization Fund (included in General Fund)	339,306
Capital Outlay Fund	<u>84,117</u>

Total	<u>\$ 2,300,924</u>
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Fiscal 2023 Expenditures Including Capital Asset Purchases and Debt Service



**ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
FISCAL 2023 EXPENDITURES,
INCLUDING CAPITAL PURCHASES AND DEBT SERVICE \$1,953,474**

	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		
Water Department	48.89%	\$ 954,986	\$ 1,953,474
Fire Department	14.00%	273,399	1,953,474
Street Lighting	6.12%	119,495	1,953,474
Employee Benefits	13.41%	261,875	1,953,474
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	17.60%	343,719	1,953,474
	100.00%	\$ 1,953,474	

Long Term Debt

	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Date Issued	Date of Maturity	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2023	Interest Outstanding June 30, 2023
Hale's Hill Project MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust	2%	\$ 2,566,301.84	12/18/07	FY2028	\$ 741,470.37	\$ 37,666.45
Water Main Project - Rte #8	2.75%	\$ 1,779,231.00	10/30/14	FY2052	\$ 1,394,527.00	\$ 575,232.45
Well #4 Rehab	2%	\$ 527,230.00	09/12/18	FY2034	\$ 401,692.05	\$ 47,524.65
Chemical Feed & SCADA	2%	\$ 766,794.00	10/24/19	FY2034	\$ 612,531.98	\$ 79,658.40
Total Indebtedness		\$ 5,639,556.84			\$ 3,150,221.40	\$ 740,081.95

3 Year Budget Comparison

Category	FY2021 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	FY2022 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	FY2023 7/1/22 - 6/30/23
Total Recurring Items	\$ 1,934,791.80	\$ 2,007,611.88	\$ 2,029,317.06
Total Warrant Articles	\$ 231,305.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 765,000.00
BUDGET TOTALS	\$ 2,166,096.80	\$ 2,197,611.88	\$ 2,794,317.06

Adams Fire Department Annual Report

I am honored to present my seventh annual report as Fire Chief. 2023 proved to be a challenging year for everyone including the fire department. The Adams Fire Department/Alert Hose Co. responded to 383 calls, down from 438 calls in 2022, completed 432 inspections and plan reviews (26.5% more than last year) and issued 215 permits (an increase of 4%). In December of 2022 the state adopted the 2021 version of NFPA 1 /Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code 527 CMR 1. The increase in inspections and plan reviews were mostly due to these changes. This, along with numerous other code enforcement issues, keeps me busy. There also seems to be more meetings requiring my attendance.

The department meets every Tuesday evening for training. We also contracted 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 to apply for that can help provide the department with updated equipment. In 2023 we received a new gear dryer, 4 ballistic vests, and 4 ballistic helmets

that were paid for from the State Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant which was awarded in December 2022. We received a grant from the National Volunteer Fire Council for a pallet of drinking water. We took delivery in November of 99 cases of canned water.

At the end of 2022, 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. During the year we sent three individuals to EMT training in North Adams; they completed the class in December and are in the process of taking the state exam.

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 32 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 or other services.

DATE	ADDRESS	NARRATIVE
01/11/2023	199 East Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke in residence • Fan for furnace burned • Shut furnace down
01/16/2023	70 East Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor vehicle accident • Two broken poles, wires down and vehicle fully involved • National Grid shut power down • Fire Extinguished
01/23/2023	2-10 Phillips Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garage and vehicle fire • Extinguished • Investigated
01/24/2023	6 Phillips Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rekindle • Small area smoldering • Extinguished
02/04/2023	11 Temple Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Alarm Activated • Smoke in an apartment • Determined Furnace issue or something in dropped in the duct work • Furnace shut down

DATE	ADDRESS	NARRATIVE
02/04/2023	13 East Hoosac Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Fire • Fire in the wall from thawing pipes with a torch • Opened outside wall and extinguished
02/14/2023	82 Commercial Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible fire on the roof • Checked inside and the roof • No problems found
02/23/2023	37 Park Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appliance Fire • Past stove fire • Ventilated
02/23/2023	3 Myrtle Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke in the building • Paper plate burned in microwave • Ventilated
02/28/2023	4 Columbia Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Alarm Activated • Burnt food • Ventilated
03/14/2023	Gould Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle fire • Vehicle over the embankment burning • Extinguished • Investigated
03/15/2023	3 Town View Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke in the basement • Furnace blowback • Ventilated and shut furnace down
04/04/2023	33 Orchard Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chimney fire • Extinguished • Investigated.
04/05/2023	56 Orchard Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside fire • Extinguished
04/09/2023	120 West Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chimney fire • pellet stove issue • Shut pellet stove down
04/21/2023	12 East Hoosac Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Alarm Activated • Burnt food • Reset alarm system
04/23/2023	160 Howland Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Alarm Activated • Burnt Food • Reset Alarm System
04/26/2023	10 North Summer St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke in a house • Outlet and power strip burned • Outlet and power strip removed • Advised to have electrician check the wiring
04/28/2023	1 Myrtle Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle fire • Out on arrival • Investigated

DATE	ADDRESS	NARRATIVE
05/17/2023	28 Morgan Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist North Adams at the scene of a structure fire
08/08/2023	395 Old Columbia St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire alarm activated • Cooking fire out on arrival • Ventilated
08/17/2023	11 Richmond Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odor of Gas • Cooking fire – out on arrival • Checked with Gas Meter and Thermal Imager • Berkshire Gas also responded
08/27/2023	20 North Summer St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside fire • Gas can burning in flood control chute • Checked for gas in the water and removed can
08/29/2023	17 Pleasant Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Alarm Activated • Burnt plastic on the stove • Ventilated
09/05/2023	40 East Hoosac Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Fire • Basement Fire • Extinguished • Investigated
10/06/2023	27 Spring Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire alarm Activated • Grease fire from cooking – out on arrival • Ventilated • Reset Alarm System
10/17/2023	89 Friend Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Fire • Extinguished • Investigated
10/19/2023	177 Columbia Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside Fire • Mulch around a tree burning • Extinguished
10/20/2023	16 Tannery Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded to assist Savoy Fire at a scene of a structure fire
10/26/2023	11 Gilead Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Fire • Fire out on arrival • Overhaul
11/08/2023	41 Willow Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basement Fire • Fire out on arrival • Cardboard box up against the furnace had burned • Investigated • Furnace shut off and owner advised to have serviced



Breakdown in our responses for 2023

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MUNICIPALITY: ADAMS Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
100 - Fire, other	1
111 - Building fire	8
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	9
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	3
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	4
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1
143 - Grass fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	24
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	35
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	24
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	15
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1
341 - Search for person on land	1
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	11
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	7
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3
444 - Power line down	3
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	7
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	6
500 - Service Call, other	1
520 - Water problem, other	10
522 - Water or steam leak	9
542 - Animal rescue	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
561 - Unauthorized burning	12
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
600 - Good intent call, other	2

611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	7
641 - Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	9
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	6
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
711 - Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	1
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	44
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	30
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	11
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	3
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	14
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	34
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3
814 - Lightning strike (no fire)	1
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	380

INCIDENTS FOR ADAMS: 380

MUNICIPALITY: CHESHIRE (Town of) Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR CHESHIRE (Town of):	1

MUNICIPALITY: NORTH ADAMS Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

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

MUNICIPALITY: SAVOY Station ST1 - Adams Fire Station:

111 - Building fire	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 voice and 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 to these calls.

In May of 2023, the annual election was held for the engineers. I am proud to have been elected to my third three-year term. David Lennon moved to First Assistant Engineer; Edward Capeless moved to Second Assistant Engineer; Mark Therrien moved to Third Assistant Engineer; and Dylan Grimes was elected for the first time to fill the Fourth Assistant Engineer position. We welcome Assistant Engineer Grimes to our leadership team. He has jumped right in and is proving to be valuable in his position.

Assistant Chief Timothy Ziemba decided to step down as First Assistant Chief. He will be missed in our office. We are grateful he has decided to stay on as a firefighter. His knowledge will continue to be passed on to our membership.

Each Year the Adams Fire Department and the Alert Hose Company give an award to the Engineer of the year and the Alert of the Year. The awards are given to an Engineer and an Alert for going above and beyond their duties. The Engineer of the Year for 2023 was David Lennon and the Alert of the Year for 2023 was Michael Shepard. Both individuals were more than deserving of the awards. Congratulations to both.

During 2023, I had the pleasure of presenting five Massachusetts Firefighter Service Awards; one to Firefighter Anthony J. Piscioneri for 50 years of service, one to Firefighter Joseph P. Koscinski for 50 years, one to Firefighter Anthony T. Piscioneri for 35 years, one to Assistant Chief Edward Capeless for 25 years, and one to Firefighter Andrew Gigliotti for 25 years.

In October, Firefighter Anthony J. Piscioneri passed away. Firefighter Piscioneri served this community with pride. He will be missed by us all.

In January, Firefighter Raymond Ferrin was elected to membership. We welcome him to the department and look forward to working with him.

Our Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to work hard in trying to bring new members to the department, which has shown itself 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.

Remember the only way we can continue to serve our community as a volunteer department is with the community's support. Please consider joining our department. If you are unable to, please pass this information to family and friends who may be interested.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Pansecchi
Chief Engineer

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THIS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE QUICKEST RESPONSE

Alert Hose Company No. 1

Year Ending December 31, 2023

ENGINEERS OF THE ADAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Name		Years of Service
John M. Pansecchi	Chief Engineer	36
David J. Lennon	First Assistant Engineer	24
Edward Capeless	Second Assistant Engineer	25
Mark J. Therrien	Third Assistant Engineer	37
Dylan Grimes	Fourth Assistant Engineer	10

OFFICERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

John Duval	Foreman	6
Michael Shepard	First Asst. Foreman	4
Richard Valois	Second Asst. Foreman	4
Michael Therrien	Secretary (past Foreman)	16
Andrew Gigliotti	Treasurer	25
Deacon Greg LaFreniere	Chaplain	9

MEMBERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

Andrew Bourdon	8	Jason Leja (past Foreman)	25
Michael Corkins	1	Eric Mallet (past Foreman)	12
John DeMartino	4	Michael Mullany	17
Raymond Ferrin (elected 1/3/23)		Christopher Perin	1
Andre Fitzgerald	9	Anthony J. Piscioneri	
William A. Gero (past Foreman)	51	eternal rest 10/27/23	50
Joseph P. Koscinski (past Foreman)	50	Anthony Piscioneri, Jr. (past Foreman)	35
Robert Krzanik	20	Joshua Sworzen	10
Dana Labbee	26	Timothy C. Ziemba	
Julie Lech	11	(past First Assistant Engineer)	29



IN MEMORIAM

Eugene Rose
Anthony J. Piscioneri

Alert of the Year

2023 - Michael Shepard

2023 Superintendent's Report

PUMPING

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

GRAND TOTAL				
	Gallons	Highest Daily Total Date	Highest Daily Total Gallons	Daily Average Gallons
January	20,191,000	01/24/23	786,000	651,322
February	20,252,000	02/06/23	1,114,000	723,286
March	18,462,000	03/07/23	794,000	595,548
April	16,612,000	04/27/23	660,000	553,733
May	18,473,000	05/24/23	855,000	595,903
June	18,952,000	06/02/23	902,000	631,733
July	21,939,000	07/19/23	1,071,000	707,710
August	21,997,000	08/01/23	812,000	709,581
September	20,916,000	09/07/23	833,000	697,200
October	21,898,000	10/14/23	980,000	706,387
November	20,527,000	11/27/23	801,000	684,233
December	21,612,000	12/28/23	787,000	697,161
Totals:	241,831,000		A.D.D. 662,551	

WATER MAIN / SERVICE WORK

Date	Location / Reason	Line Size
01/18/23	*Town Hall gate replacement	4"
02/01/23	87 Howland Avenue service leak	¾"
02/15/23	Staples Street water main break	6"
05/18/23	Relocate 10 Grove Avenue service to new main	1"
05/26/23	Summer Street hydrant lateral leak	8"x4" 4" tee
06/06/23	Hoosac / Mill Streets gate rupture	4"
06/07/23	1 Park Square replumb and new fire suppression line install	6"
06/30/23	Greylock Glen connection	4"
07/12/23	New fire suppression line to 27 Park Street	6"
09/26/23	New service to 3 Burnett Street	1"
10/31/23	Remove service to 4 Burnett Street	¾"

* Replace/upgrade service corporation

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE Hydrant Replacement Program

We replaced 10 hydrants this year, 9 of these were old discontinued production Matthews hydrants. Bringing our system total down to approximately 48 remaining in service, of our 366 hydrant stock.

* Re-plumbed and gate installed on hydrant lateral

1.	04/05/23	32 Crandall Street
2.	07/20/23	*232 East Road
3.	08/01/23	*7 Potter Street
4.	08/03/23	*Anthony/Potter intersection
5.	08/09/23	*11 East Street
6.	08/22/23	*52 East Street
7.	08/28/23	10 Mountainview Drive
8.	08/31/23	*65 Melrose Avenue
9.	09/12/23	*16 Edward Avenue
10.	09/19/23	*34 Highland Avenue

HYDRANT REPAIRS

1.	05/01/23	18 North Summer
2.	06/26/23	Howland Avenue across Brown Street
3.	08/29/23	75 Alger Street
4.	08/29/23	142 North Summer Street
5.	08/29/23	174 North Summer Street
6.	08/29/23	Dead end of Lime Street
7.	08/29/23	115 Orchard Street
8.	11/21/23	Top of Richmond Street

Meter Replacement Program

We replaced 399 meters this year, with a remaining 439 meters to replace. Cost allocation has been completed for the purchase of the remaining meters within our current FY 2024 budget. This project has totaled a cost of approximately \$553,000 over 8 years for the purchasing of 2,916 meters. At project completion likely nearing nine, possibly ten years, we will have approximately 1,500 man-hours completed between scheduling and installations.

For the last six years we have utilized this program to assist with documentation of customer service line pipe material. Eliminating the need to have our customers try to determine this for the reporting of lead service pipes you now see on the news as an EPA reporting requirement.

Water Quality Testing

This year I paid close attention to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data drops for ongoing 5th Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) testing throughout United States. UCMR 5 will provide new data that will improve EPA understanding of the frequency that 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium are found in the nation's drinking water systems, at what levels, and where. The monitoring data on PFAS and lithium will help the EPA make determinations about future regulated contaminants. Currently, we have tested for 18 contaminants within the PFAS family. MassDEP currently regulates the sum of 6. Looking at January 2023 UCMR5 data release, Lithium has been detected in just over 20% of systems reporting thus far nationwide. In our State, 93 systems have reported with 1.08% detection, however results from systems nearest us have had no detection within our lab facilities current abilities. I will continue, as always, to actively monitor and assess our risks for emerging contamination threats to our water supply.

We are tentatively scheduled in May and November of 2025 to participate in UCMR 5.

Completed samples this year are below.

Total Coliform: 191 (1 positive Total Coliform, all repeat site sampling returned negative results)

Orthophosphate, Phosphorus, Iron, Manganese, Nitrate, Nitrite, Sodium, Perchlorate, 21 Regulated Volatile Organic Contaminates, 33 unregulated Volatile Organic Contaminates, Trihalomethanes, Haloacetic Acids, 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 (CLr) in distribution system

MassDEP requires a minimum injection at our source of .20 PPM (Parts Per Million), with a maximum of 4.0 PPM. Our target injection rate is .3 PPM. To better understand this, .3 PPM is equal to .3 gallons added per million gallons of water. CLr is a measurement of Chlorine left after a determined amount of contact time to protect our water from microbial contamination. We record this measurement every time we work on our system from water breaks to system improvements to ensure the sustenance of our water

quality. Every month we also take 13 water quality samples including CLr at individual locations that best represent our distribution system as determined by MassDEP. We document these individual results to arrive at a monthly average to report to MassDEP. While completing reporting, I carefully note any changes in residuals as these may indicate a problem within our distribution system.

Our RAA is taken from the sum of these 156 monthly samples to arrive this year at **.19 PPM**.

Year in Review

We have been working for six years now compiling data to prepare for the EPA Lead Service Line (LSL) inventory. We have not found any LSLs in our customers' homes to date.

We applied for a loan this year, which was turned into a grant to assist with the data entry and review of approximately 39,000 items required to be submitted to EPA for compliance. Acquiring data from historical records to verify service installation dates and material type has become a significant hurdle as this information had not been documented prior. We are unable to successfully demonstrate that a galvanized service line was never downstream of an LSL, so all galvanized lines must be categorized as a Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) service line and be subject to the proposed rule's service line replacement requirement to ensure that all potential GRR service lines are eliminated from the system within ten years under EPA current proposal. We have listed approximately 366 customers with galvanized lines currently.

In addition, the EPA is proposing a requirement for all systems to validate the accuracy of non-lead service lines (copper). This validation will need to be completed no later than 7 years after the EPA Lead and Copper Rule improvement (LCRI) plan compliance date, or at an earlier date required by MassDEP. At this time, I expect we may have to excavate approximately 300 services at our water mains for visual verification. Several classes and monthly federal updates have been completed this year to stay abreast of this evolving Federal regulation that may significantly affect our budget, with costs expected in excess of 2 million to meet compliance. The oversight required to comply with the inventory alone has constrained daily workload management. By October of 2024, our inventory database is due in addition to a replacement plan for GRR services.

We completed a new Source Water Protection Plan this year with the help of Mass. Rural Water, of whom also assisted us with hosting a multi community emergency training event and an operator training class for several municipal employees wishing to acquire licensing in our field of work.

Our staff attended several classes this year for training on OSHA Regulation, Department of Public Utility Regulations, Dig safe, Safe Drinking Water Compliance, Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, Cross Connection Control Compliance, Hoisting Engineer classes, Blueprint review, Hazard Communication and PPE equipment training, Mass. OSHA State Plan updates, and Cyber Security.

Several meetings were completed with a host of companies to purchase software that will better coordinate our efforts to oversee cross-connection device testing and Sanitary Survey inspections to meet State Compliance needs.

In July, we completed a very strategized effort to drain our East Orchard 500,000 gallon tank to install needed upgrades and repair ice damage that has incurred since installation. The removal of this tank necessitated renting a backup pumping source, while having our existing pump station serve as an auxiliary source in the event of a fire within this tank's service area. A first in my career, and I'm hoping it is the last as it proved to be a very stressful, but successful event.

We connected the Greylock Glen to our distribution system this year. We are awaiting the required Scada and other instrumentation installations so we may implement oversight within our current systems as a parent supplier before final review and approval. The District has chosen not to operate this system as

our current staff is already strained with operational requirements and daily work demands necessary to maintain compliance with our existing Public Water System. The District will review this decision every five years to see if its operation is economically viable. Currently, we cannot sustain the cost at this time to maintain with only one water rate payer.

I would like to take the time to thank Nick Johnson, Joshua Sworzen, and Zachary Hillard for their dedication and perseverance with keeping our system running and staffed for emergencies 24/7. Josh and Zach have been working in rotation checking pumps on weekends, which equates to 12 days on for two days off for over a year now, and don't seem to sway on their commitment to continue doing so for the next two-and-a-half years as we search for an individual to train and acquire hours to sit for licensure. I greatly appreciate everything you guys do.

Keeping our front office functioning is Kathleen Fletcher, Victoria Lassonde, and our new addition to the District, Kristen Rosenau. A very deserving thank you for everything they do to maintain the functionality of the District. This year, Whitney Flynn left our office to choose a position that will better serve her family's needs. I wish her the best in her future efforts and thank her for the six years of her time with us.

To Chief Engineer John Pansecchi and the men and woman dedicating so much of their time and money supplying public protection to us, everyone that passes through in need, and our surrounding communities, thank you! You are a rare breed nowadays, providing the services you do, most often gone unseen, and unnoticed until it matters.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank our Prudential Committee Members charged with the oversight of the District for their time and continued dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Barrett
Fire District Superintendent

Record of Annual Fire District Meeting - May 09, 2023

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, Clerk of the Adams Fire District, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.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 eight (8) 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 choose by ballot the following officers:

- One Prudential Committee Member for a 3 year term
- One Chief Engineer for a 3 year term
- One First Assistant Engineer for a 3 year term
- One Second Assistant Engineer for a 3 year term
- One Third Assistant Engineer for a 3 year term
- One Fourth Assistant Engineer for a 3 year term

The elections officers having been duly appointed and sworn by the Fire District Clerk were as follows:

CHECKERS:

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

COUNTERS/TABULATORS:

- Patricia Clairmont
- Barbara Lagowski

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

The Clerk of the Adams Fire District closed the District meeting at 11:49 a.m.

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

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 offices were sorted, counted, and recorded. The Moderator announced the results of the voting at 7:22 p.m.

	VOTES CAST	VOTERS	ELIGIBLE VOTERS
Precinct 1	12	1,088	1,088
Precinct 2	16	1,197	1,165
Precinct 3	9	1,171	1,061
Precinct 4	15	1,110	1,076
Precinct 5	20	1,269	1,137
TOTALS	72	5,835	5,527

Prudential Committee for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	13
Richard G. Kleiner	55
<u>Write-Ins</u>	
John Duval (son)	1
John Duval	1
David Lennon	1
Ed Capeless	1
	72

The Moderator declared Richard G. Kleiner elected Prudential Committee Member for a three-year term expiring in 2026. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

Chief Engineer for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	12
John M. Pansecchi	56
<u>Write-Ins:</u>	
Timothy Ziemba	1
Dave Lennon	3
	72

The Moderator declared John M. Pansecchi elected Chief Engineer for a three-year term expiring in 2026. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

First Assistant Engineer for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	3
David J. Lennon	69
<u>Write-Ins:</u>	0
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	72

The Moderator declared David J. Lennon elected First Assistant Engineer for a three-year term expiring in 2026. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

Second Assistant Engineer for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	3
Edward B. Capeless	69
<u>Write-Ins:</u>	0
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	72

The Moderator declared Edward B. Capeless elected Second Assistant Engineer for a three-year term expiring in 2026. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

Third Assistant Engineer for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	7
Mark J. Therrien	65
<u>Write-Ins:</u>	0
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	72

The Moderator declared Mark J. Therrien elected Third Assistant Engineer for a three year term expiring in 2026. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

Fourth Assistant Engineer for Three Years

	<u>Total Votes Cast</u>
Blanks	5
Dylan M. Grimes	67
<u>Write-Ins:</u>	0
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	72

The Moderator declared Dylan M. Grimes elected Fourth Assistant Engineer for a three-year term expiring in 2026. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Adams, qualified to vote in Fire District affairs, met at the time and place therein mentioned on Tuesday, the ninth day of May 2023, to act upon the following articles.

The Moderator reopened the business meeting at 7:00 p.m., with twenty-nine (29) Fire District voters present.

ARTICLE 3. 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 2022 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 2022, as printed and distributed, be accepted as the report of the Prudential Committee and Officers, and placed on file.

ARTICLE 4. 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 5. 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 salaries and/or compensation of its elected officials as hereinafter listed, effective July 1, 2023.

Prudential Committee:

Chairman	\$ 1,087.37
Member	815.53
Member	815.73
Clerk and Treasurer	2,043.00
Chief Engineer	19,989.49

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

David Lennon: *questioned if the amount for the Prudential Committee Members should be different by .20, or if this is a mistake?*

Clerk & Treasurer: *stated that both Members should be compensated \$815.53.*

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kleiner to correct the second member's compensation to \$815.53.

*Seconded by Member Mendel,
Unanimous - Passed.*

The Fire District voters present, then 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 6. 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024, 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 \$596,905.90 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	\$	815.53
Clerk and Treasurer's Salary		612.90
Bookkeeper's Salary		25,322.40
Fire District Office Wages		36,362.23
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime		600.00
Legal Services & Claims		6,000.00
Audit of District Accounts		9,030.00
Office Expense		13,390.50
Building Expense		9,190.00
Communications		2,305.16
Actuarial Valuation Services		637.50
		\$ 104,266.22

Fire Department

Chief Engineer's Salary	\$	19,989.49
Chief Engineer's Expense		2,275.00
Fire Department Expense		54,700.00
Certifications and Inspections		20,000.00
Fire Alarm System Expense		400.00
Stipends - Volunteer Firemen		34,000.00
Grants		12,000.00
Capital Expense		45,000.00
Hydrants		10,500.00
Maturing Debt/Down payment		75,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt		0.00
		\$ 273,864.49

Street Lighting

Street Lighting	\$	144,000.00
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Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	\$	21,770.47
Unemployment Compensation Insurance		490.00
Contributory Retirement System		17,840.25
		\$ 40,100.72

Insurance

Insurance	\$	34,674.47
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VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from District taxes, the sum of \$596,905.90 for the General 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 raise and appropriate from District taxes, a sum of money for the Town of Adams support fee for fiscal year 2024, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from District taxes, a sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from District Taxes, the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Town of Adams support fee.

ARTICLE 8. 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 Proprietary Fund, sometimes known as the Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, 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 \$1,570,659.63 for the Proprietary Fund, sometimes known 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	\$	1,902.90
Clerk and Treasurer's Salary		1,430.10
Bookkeeper's Salary		59,085.60
Fire District Office Wages		84,845.21
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime		1,400.00
Legal Services & Claims		14,000.00
Audit of District Accounts		21,070.00
Office Expense		31,244.50
Building Expense		21,570.00
Communications		5,378.71
Actuarial Valuation Services		1,487.50
Superintendent's Salary		96,694.88
Assistant Superintendent's Wages		75,223.84
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	\$	415,333.24

Water Department

Superintendent's Expense	\$	1,700.00
Water Department Wages		169,367.32
Water Department Wages - Overtime		41,697.38
Water System Expense		153,550.00
Pumping Stations Expense		116,900.00
Road Machinery Expense		23,200.00
Water Department Clothing Allowance		2,500.00
Engineering Services		10,000.00
Maturing Debt		268,457.05
Interest on Maturing Debt		73,727.95
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	\$	861,099.70

Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	\$	110,491.38
Unemployment Compensation Insurance		1,143.00
Contributory Retirement System		140,320.94
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	\$	251,955.32

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 \$1,570,659.63 for the Proprietary Fund, sometime known as the Enterprise Fund, for the several specific purposes designated in Article 8 and that the same be expended only for such purposes, under the direction of the respective officers and committees of the District.

ARTICLE 9. 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 Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and to be fully reimbursed by a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, a sum of money for firefighter safety equipment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, and to be fully reimbursed by a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, the sum of \$15,500.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, and to be fully reimbursed by a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, the sum of \$15,500.00 for firefighter safety equipment.

ARTICLE 11. 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, a 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 12. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, a sum of money for the Cheshire's Pilot Invoice, as provided by Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, a sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

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

David Lennon: questioned what the invoice was for?

Chairman Satko: stated the invoice is for payment in lieu of taxes for land the District owns in Cheshire.

David Lennon: questioned was this a new expense?

Chairman Satko: stated yes it was new.

The Fire District voters present, then unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from water rates, the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Cheshire's Pilot Invoice.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Engineering review of the Town of Adams Greylock Glen Project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$16,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present voted (28-1) to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$16,000.00 for the Engineering review of the Town of Adams Greylock Glen Project.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and to be fully reimbursed by a State Revolving Fund Grant, a sum of money for the Lead Service Line Inventory, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, and to be fully reimbursed by the State Revolving Fund Grant, the sum of \$50,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, and to be fully reimbursed by the State Revolving Fund Grant, the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Lead Service Line Inventory.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for a down payment for the New Fire Engine, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to authorize the District Treasurer to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, a sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted (29-0) to authorize the District Treasurer to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, a sum of \$50,000.00 for the down payment for the New Fire Engine.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Fire District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer to transfer any unused funds in the Reserve Fund from the fiscal year 2023 to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to authorize the District Treasurer to transfer any unused funds in the Reserve Fund from the fiscal year 2023 to 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 any unused funds in the Reserve Fund from the fiscal year 2023 to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Fire District will vote to expand the Adams Fire District boundaries for the Fire Protection and Street Lighting services to be coterminous with the boundaries of the Town of Adams, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to expand the Adams Fire District boundaries for the Fire Protection and Street Lighting services to be coterminous with the boundaries of the Town of Adams.

District Counsel Narey: stated that this was a vote to see if the District voters wanted to expand the boundaries of the District for Fire Protection and Street Lighting not actually for the boundaries to expand at this time. Special Legislation is required.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to expand the Adams Fire District boundaries for the Fire Protection and Street Lighting services to be coterminous with the boundaries of the Town of Adams.

ARTICLE 18. 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, 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 19. 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 dissolved, the time being 7:24 p.m.

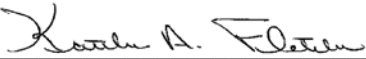
SUMMARY OF VOTED APPROPRIATIONS

	To be raised by District Revenue	To be raised by Taxation	Surplus Revenue	To be raised by Borrowing	Stabilization Fund
Article 6		\$ 596,905.90			
Article 7		\$ 5,000.00			
Article 8	\$ 1,570,659.63				
Article 9			\$ 40,000.00		
Article 10			\$ 15,500.00		
Article 11	\$ 100,000.00				
Article 12	\$ 10,000.00				
Article 13			\$ 16,000.00		
Article 14			\$ 50,000.00		
Article 15					\$ 50,000.00
Article 16			\$ 40,000.00		
TOTALS	\$ 1,680,659.63	\$ 601,905.90	\$ 161,500.00		\$ 50,000.00

Total Voted Fiscal Year 2024 Budget:

\$ 2,494,065.53

A true record:

Attest 

Kathleen A. Fletcher
Fire District Clerk

Specimen Ballot for the Adams Fire District - Tuesday, May 9, 2023

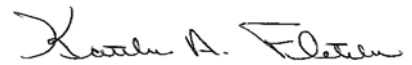
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR THE

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023



CLERK OF ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

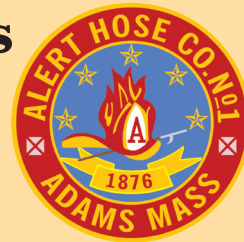
To Vote, Mark a Cross in Space at right

Prudential Committee for Three Years		Vote for One
RICHARD G. KLEINER	Candidate for Election 6 Grandview Terrace	
WRITE IN		
Chief Engineer for Three Years		Vote for One
JOHN M. PANSECCHI	Candidate for Election 4 Forest Park Avenue	
WRITE IN		
First Assistant Engineer for Three Years		Vote for One
DAVID J. LENNON	Candidate for Election 53 Highland Avenue	
WRITE IN		
Second Assistant Engineer for Three Years		Vote for One
EDWARD B. CAPELESS	Candidate for Election 3 Donald Avenue	
WRITE IN		
Third Assistant Engineer for Three Years		Vote for One
MARK J. THERRIEN	Candidate for Election 3 Bieniek Avenue	
WRITE IN		
Fourth Assistant Engineer for Three Years		Vote for One
DYLAN M. GRIMES	Candidate for Election 14 Ouimet Drive	
WRITE IN		

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