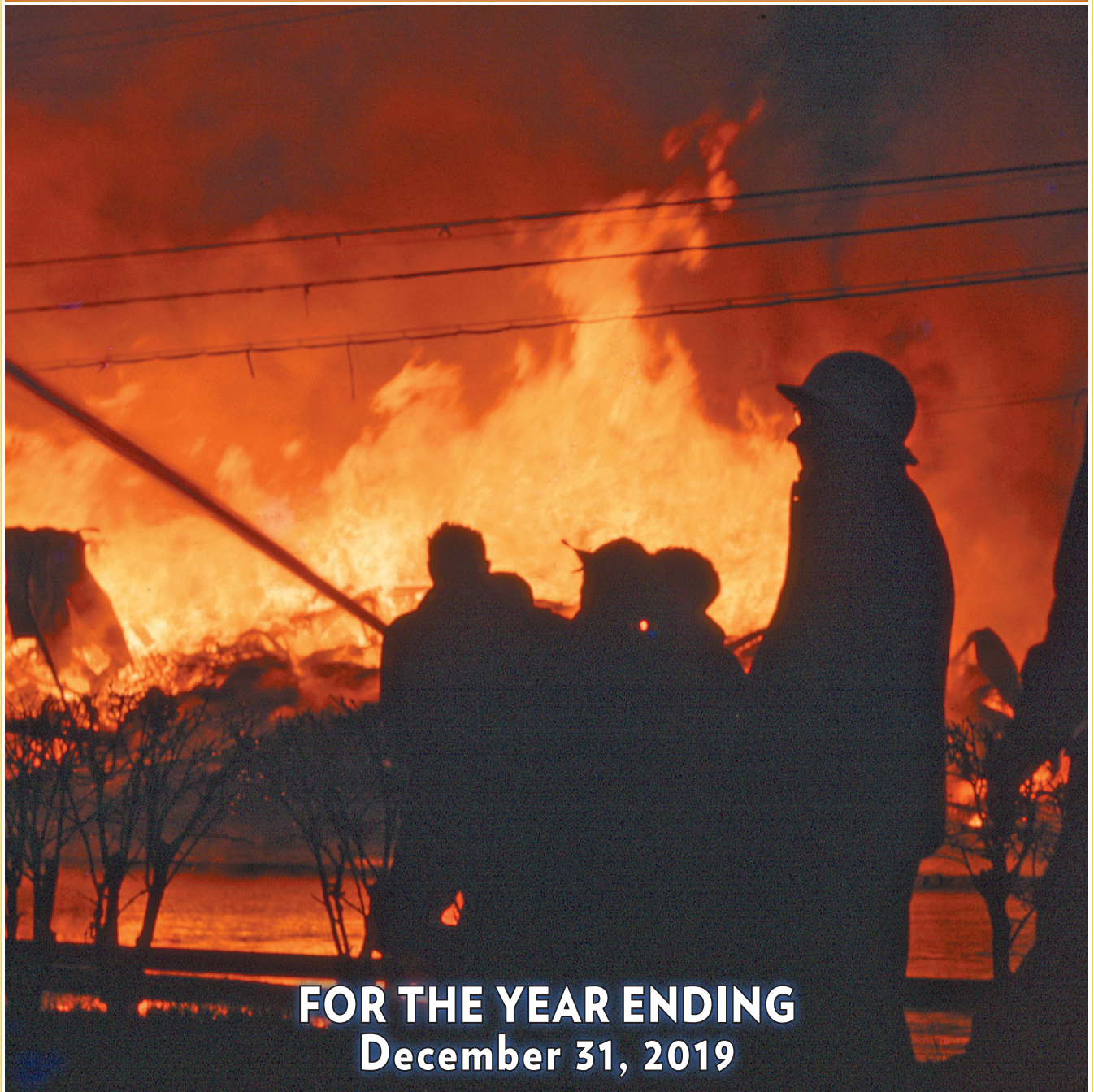


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ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2019

\$300,000 Fire in Adams Leaves 18 Families Homeless

Starts in Stanley Lumber Co.; Firebug Rumors 'Idle Gossip'

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 31, 1956

By WILLIAM F. BELL

A raging fire of unknown origin caused an estimated \$300,000 damage and left 18 families comprising 63 persons, homeless in Adams yesterday.

The damage was believed the greatest ever caused by a fire in the town's history. Starting at Stanley's Lumber, Coal & Grain company at 20 North Summer street, the wind-whipped flames consumed not only the lumber company but a 12-tenement block, a three-tenement building, a grocery store and a house.

Both Adams Fire Chief Arthur H. Hathaway and Det. Lieut. Howard M. Whittemore of Pittsfield said the cause of the fire was unknown. Lieut. Whittemore, a state detective attached to the fire marshal's office, investigated at the scene yesterday morning and afternoon.

He said: "The cause of the fire is unknown and may possibly never be known."

Began Near Office

Lieut. Whittemore said all he could say was that the fire began in the vicinity of the lumber yard's office. He said that he saw "absolutely no connection" between the Adams fire and the series of five fires that recently struck mysteriously in Clarksburg. He termed rumors that the Adams fire was incendiary "idle gossip."

First discovered at 5:35 o'clock yesterday morning, the fire burned for 4½ hours before, in the opinion of Chief Hathaway, it was under control. It was still smouldering today.

The chief said the fire possibly had smouldered all night and then broke out into the open with an explosion.

At least six or seven fire-fighters suffered burns and other minor injuries, but, because not all the injured were reported, an exact count was not available.

Fire Spreads Quickly

Chief Hathaway said the entire lumber yard was a mass of flames when the department arrived. Intensely hot flames and clouds of black smoke shot high into the air as the fire spread quickly over an area a quarter of a mile in diameter.

Spectators heard paint and varnish cans explode in the lumber yard with loud bangs. The explosions helped the fire to spread quickly.

Besides those of the Adams volunteer group, fire-fighters and trucks were on hand from North Adams, Cheshire, Williamstown and Clarksburg.

Red Cross Canteen

The Adams Red Cross disaster chairman, Atty. Edward S. Zelazo, set up a Red Cross canteen in the St. Stanislaus Kostka hall at 5 East Hoosac street. Women of the St. Stanislaus Kostka parish prepared food for the victims. Mrs. Cyril Meyette, Red Cross home service chairman, had charge of the canteen's operation.

The American Legion offered its Park street home to the Red Cross as a refuge for the homeless families, and Red Cross officials said they believed six families stayed there last night. Later, however, it was announced that all were staying with relatives or friends.

Families that lost their homes

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Slosek
18 North Summer Street
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Greilich
24 North Summer Street
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony S. Mikaniewicz
24 North Summer Street
Mr. and Mrs. Casimer Penczar
16 North Summer Street
Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Puppola
16 North Summer Street
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krypel
16 North Summer Street.

12 Tenement Block

Mrs. Agnes Scott
9 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morin
11 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gaines
13 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred St. Pierre
15 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fitzgerald
17 Waldron Street
Mrs. Selma Bechard
19 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Lefebvre
21 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. David Mahar
23 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lefebvre
25 Waldron Street
Nicholas, Margaret, & Anna Dalton
27 Waldron Street
Mrs. Florida Fortin
29 Waldron Street
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marsden
31 Waldron Street.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

Adams, Massachusetts



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 2019

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Adams Fire District Officers

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman	Term Expires 2022
Norman K. Schutz, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 2020
Frederick D. Meczywor, Jr., Member	Term Expires 2021

CLERK AND TREASURER

Kathleen A. Fletcher	Term Expires 2021
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CHIEF ENGINEER

John M. Pansecchi	Term Expires 2020
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FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Timothy C. Ziemba	Term Expires 2020
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SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER

David J. Lennon	Term Expires 2020
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THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Edward B. Capeless	Term Expires 2020
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FOURTH ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Mark J. Therrien	Term Expires 2020
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Adams Fire District Personnel - 2019

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. Wimpenney
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 Operator

Backflow Tester/Surveyor

^ Certified Drinking Water Treatment Operator

2019 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 Election held in May had a high voter turnout (975 voters). There were two questions on the ballot for voters of the Fire District to decide on. The first question asked whether or not the Chief Engineer position should be a full-time position rather than a part-time position. The second question asked about creating a full-time firefighter position. The voters were very decisive as the full-time Chief Engineer position was rejected with 804 votes against and 159 votes in favor. The full-time firefighter position was also rejected with 830 votes against and 133 votes in favor. Thomas Satko was re-elected to a second 3-year term on the Prudential Committee.

Projects undertaken in 2019 were:

- 1) Chemical Feed and SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) Upgrades to Wells #4, #3 and #2A costing \$950,000.00, with loan forgiveness of \$183,206.00. Costing the District \$766,794.00.
- 2) Installation of a mixer (aerator) in the two million gallon West Maple Street water storage tank at a cost of \$62,652.50.
- 3) Replacement of water meters which are past their life expectancy, continues with \$100,000.00 budgeted for FY20. Approximately 30% of all meters have been replaced as of December 2019.
- 4) Reports required by the Department of Environmental Protection:
 - A) Asset Management Plan - \$32,500.00 (a grant of \$19,500.00 was obtained from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to help cover part of the cost)
 - B) Master Plan (includes Rate Study) - \$66,500.00
 - C) Emergency Response Plan - \$15,500.00
 - D) Operations and Maintenance Plan - \$21,500.00
- 5) Report required by the Department of Conservation and Recreation/Office of Dam Safety:
 - A) Emergency Action Plan - \$24,000.00
- 6) National Grid continues to replace all streetlights with LED fixtures. Not only will this be a cost savings to the District, but the whiter light of the LEDs should make pedestrians and objects more visible at night.

The Adams Fire District became a member of the Massachusetts Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (MA WARN). Membership allows public water and wastewater systems in Massachusetts to receive rapid mutual aid and assistance from other public systems in Massachusetts to restore services damaged by natural or man-made incidents. There is no fee to participate in the program.

Congratulations to Operator Joshua Sworzen in successfully obtaining both his Backflow Testers License and Cross Connection/Surveyor License this year.

The vacant Laborer/Operator position in the Water Department was filled with the hiring of Zachary Hillard in June.

The Adams Fire Department applied for two Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grants. One, in conjunction with the other Northern Berkshire Fire Departments, for turnout gear. The Fire Departments were successful in receiving the grant for the turnout gear which will save the rate payers a considerable amount of money. The Adams Fire Department did not receive a grant to update their Jaws of Life but will reapply.

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 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 Nick Johnson, Water Department Laborer/Operators Damien Wimpenny, Joshua Sworzen and Zachary Hillard. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman
Norman Schutz, Vice-Chairman
Frederick D. Meczywor, Jr.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2019

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, 2019. 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, 2019 was \$4,080,654. Total net position increased during fiscal year 2019 by \$129,589; comprised of a decrease of \$170,503 in governmental activities and an increase of \$300,092 in business-type activities (Water Department).

The District's total debt outstanding was \$4,039,539 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 \$1,279,503, which decreased \$81,876 from the prior year. The primary reason for this decrease is the District's vote to transfer \$169,000 of available funds (free cash) from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund (Water Department) for capital projects; \$74,000 for the West Maple Street Mixer and \$95,000 for engineering and a SCADA system for Well #2A and 3.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Enterprise Fund (Water Department) reported an ending fund balance of \$1,081,120, which increased \$300,092 from the prior year. This increase included the transfer of available funds of \$169,000 from the General Fund for the projects noted in the previous paragraph.

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 8 and 9 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 13 and 14 of this report. The budget and actual comparison statement can be found on page 16 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 17 through 19 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 15 through 29 of the District's FY19 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 \$4,080,654 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, 2019					
Primary Government					
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total 2019	Comparative Total 2018	Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	\$ 1,496,280	\$ 353,812	\$ 1,850,092	\$ 1,588,983	\$ 261,109
Interfund receivable (payable)	(204,914)	204,914	---	---	---
Capital assets, net	2,505,444	6,002,208	8,507,652	8,119,913	387,739
Total Assets	3,796,810	6,560,934	10,357,744	9,708,896	648,848
Deferred outflows of resources	84,420	269,588	354,008	159,008	195,000
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	3,881,230	6,830,522	10,711,752	9,867,904	843,848
Current liabilities	11,863	25,762	37,625	24,960	12,665
Long-term debt	112,800	3,926,739	4,039,539	3,724,976	314,563
Accumulated unused compensated absences	31,899	18,482	50,381	56,630	(6,249)
Net pension liability	378,430	908,370	1,286,800	1,004,456	282,344
Post employment benefits other than pensions	333,049	832,623	1,165,672	1,048,627	117,045
Total liabilities	868,041	5,711,976	6,580,017	5,859,649	720,368
Deferred inflows of resources	13,655	37,426	51,081	57,190	(6,109)
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	881,696	5,749,402	6,631,098	5,916,839	714,259
Net Position					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,392,644	2,075,469	4,468,113	4,394,937	73,176
Unrestricted	606,890	(994,349)	(387,459)	(443,872)	56,413
Total Net Position	\$ 2,999,534	\$ 1,081,120	\$ 4,080,654	\$ 3,951,065	\$ 129,589

By far the largest portion of the District's net position of \$4,468,113 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.

The District's unrestricted net position (deficit) in the Business-type activities (Water Fund) is \$994,349 as of June 30, 2019. This deficit is mainly caused by the recording of the net pension liability of \$690,211 and the other postemployment benefit liability (OPEB) of \$818,620 which are not reimbursable costs at this time.

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 2019	Total 2018	Increase (Decrease)
Program Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ 511,657	\$ 1,482,413	\$ 1,994,070	\$ 1,901,175	\$ 92,895
General Revenues:					
Earnings on investments	9,382	---	9,382	5,705	3,677
Miscellaneous revenues	13,308	---	13,308	8,477	4,831
Total Revenues	534,347	1,482,413	2,016,760	1,915,357	101,403
Expenses					
Water department	---	934,896	934,896	983,903	(49,007)
Fire Department	326,121	---	326,121	304,019	22,102
Street lighting	124,325	---	124,325	127,206	(2,881)
Employee benefits	81,268	331,534	412,802	480,926	(68,124)
Interest and fiscal charges	4,136	84,891	89,027	86,362	2,665
Total Expenses	535,850	1,351,321	1,887,171	1,982,416	(95,245)
Transfers	(169,000)	169,000	---	---	---
Change in Net Position	(170,503)	300,092	129,589	(67,059)	196,648
Net position, beginning	3,170,037	781,028	3,951,065	4,018,124	(67,059)
Net position, ending	\$ 2,999,534	\$ 1,081,120	\$ 4,080,654	\$ 3,951,065	\$ 129,589

Revenue and Expense Factors Included:

Program revenue (charges for services) increased by \$92,895 or 4.89% from fiscal year 2018, resulting from a combination of water consumption, connection fees, and an increase in water rates.

Water department expenses decreased by \$(49,007) from fiscal year 2018 resulting from; a decrease in payroll and related expenses of \$(20,926), increase in office expenses of \$2,056, decrease in professional fees of \$(3,594), increase in building expense of \$8,982, increase in communications expense of \$2,167, decrease in insurance of \$(1,553), decrease in water system and pumping station expenses of \$(42,329), decrease in road machinery expense of \$(4,010), and an increase in depreciation expense of \$10,200.

Fire department expenses increased by \$22,102 from fiscal year 2018 resulting from; an increase in payroll and related expenses of \$2,511, increase in fire department expenses of 1,417, increase in administrative and other operating expenses of \$18,319, and a decrease in depreciation expense of \$(145).

Employee benefits decreased by \$(68,124) from fiscal year 2018 resulting from; a decrease in health insurance of \$(4,270), and a net decrease related to the change in accruals of the net pension liability and other postemployment benefits liability based on actuary calculations, which are not reimbursable costs at this time.

During fiscal year 2019, the District transferred \$169,000 from its General Fund to the Enterprise Fund (Water Department) for a West Maple Street Mixer and for engineering and SCADA system for Well #2A and 3.

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

The Enterprise Fund budget sustained it throughout the fiscal year. The negative variance of \$(125,247) in employee benefits is a result of the District recording an increase of \$158,193 for its net pension and other postemployment benefits liabilities which are not reimbursable costs at this time. Taking this into account, the budget variance is a positive \$32,946, which represents underspending in this category.

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, 2019 is \$8,507,652 (net of accumulated depreciation).

This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, pumping and water storage, machinery and equipment.

Capital additions for fiscal year 2019 totaled \$705,311; SCADA System and Chemical Feed Design at a cost of \$628,620, West Maple Street Mixer and electrical upgrades at a cost of \$62,653, improvements to the pumping and water storage system at a cost of \$14,038. The capital asset detail by fund is disclosed in Note 3.C. on Page 21 and 22 of the District’s FY19 Audit Report.

Long-term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total debt outstanding of \$4,039,539.

	2019	Comparative 2018	Increase (Decrease)
Governmental activities debt	\$ 112,800	\$ 150,400	\$ (37,600)
Business-type activities debt	3,926,739	3,574,576	352,163
Total	\$4,039,539	\$3,724,976	\$314,563

During fiscal year 2019, the District borrowed \$11,288 for its well-rehab project and \$517,832 for its SCADA and Chemical Feed project. The District repaid \$214,557 of existing debt.

Next Year’s Budget

The District has authorized the fiscal 2020 budget as follows:

Operations

Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,353,750
General Fund	382,111
Street Lighting	114,000
Reserve of extraordinary expenses	40,000
Total	1,889,861

Stabilization Fund

Increase to the Stabilization Fund	25,000
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Capital Projects

Radio Read Meter Replacement	100,000
Asset Management Plan	35,000
Master Plan	66,500
Emergency Action Plan	24,000
Emergency Response Plan	15,500
Operation and Maintenance Manual	21,500
Total	262,500

Total	\$ 2,177,361
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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, 2019

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
ASSETS			
Current:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,357,287		\$ 1,357,287
Accounts receivable	138,993	\$ 336,386	475,379
Inventory		17,426	17,426
Interfund receivable (payable)	(204,914)	204,914	---
Noncurrent:			
Capital assets, net	2,505,444	6,002,208	8,507,652
TOTAL ASSETS	3,796,810	6,560,934	10,357,744
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	69,045	231,151	300,196
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	15,375	38,437	53,812
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	3,881,230	6,830,522	10,711,752
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	11,863	25,762	37,625
Current portion of long-term debt	37,600	210,312	247,912
Noncurrent:			
Long-term debt	75,200	3,716,427	3,791,627
Accumulated unused compensated absences	31,899	18,482	50,381
Net pension liability	378,430	908,370	1,286,800
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	333,049	832,623	1,165,672
TOTAL LIABILITIES	868,041	5,711,976	6,580,017
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	3,881	12,992	16,873
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	9,774	24,434	34,208
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	881,696	5,749,402	6,631,098
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,392,644	2,075,469	4,468,113
Unrestricted	606,890	(994,349)	(387,459)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 2,999,534	\$ 1,081,120	\$ 4,080,654

**ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Program Revenue			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Governmental Activities	Primary Government	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities						
Fire department	\$ 326,121	\$ 370,069	\$ 43,948	\$		\$ 43,948
Street lighting	124,325	141,588	17,263			17,263
Employee benefits	81,268	---	(81,268)			(81,268)
Interest and fiscal charges	4,136	---	(4,136)			(4,136)
Total governmental activities	535,850	511,657	(24,193)			(24,193)
Business-type activities						
Water department	1,351,321	1,482,413		\$ 131,092		131,092
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,887,171	\$ 1,994,070	(24,193)	131,092		106,899
General revenues						
Earnings on investments			9,382	---		9,382
Miscellaneous revenues			13,308	---		13,308
Transfers			(169,000)	169,000		---
Total general revenues and transfers			(146,310)	169,000		22,690
CHANGE IN NET POSITION			(170,503)	300,092		129,589
Net position, beginning			3,170,037	781,028		3,951,065
NET POSITION, ENDING			\$ 2,999,534	\$ 1,081,120		\$ 4,080,654

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,287,048	\$ 70,239	\$ 1,357,287
Accounts receivable	138,993	---	138,993
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,426,041</u>	<u>\$ 70,239</u>	<u>\$ 1,496,280</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 11,863		\$ 11,863
Interfund payable	204,914	---	204,914
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>216,777</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>216,777</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Committed	210,627	70,239	280,866
Assigned	2,246		2,246
Unassigned	996,391		996,391
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,209,264</u>	<u>70,239</u>	<u>1,279,503</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,426,041</u>	<u>\$ 70,239</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.	2,505,444
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(112,800)
Accumulated unused compensated absences	(31,899)
Net pension liability	(313,266)
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	<u>(327,448)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,999,534</u>

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 511,657		\$ 511,657
Earnings on investments	8,870	\$ 512	9,382
Miscellaneous revenues	9,308	4,000	13,308
TOTAL REVENUES	529,835	4,512	534,347
EXPENDITURES			
Fire department	242,195	---	242,195
Street lighting	124,325	---	124,325
Employee benefits	38,967	---	38,967
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	37,600	---	37,600
Interest and fiscal charges	4,136	---	4,136
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	447,223	---	447,223
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	82,612	4,512	87,124
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers to Enterprise Fund	(169,000)	---	(169,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(169,000)	---	(169,000)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(86,388)	4,512	(81,876)
Fund balances, beginning	1,295,652	65,727	1,361,379
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$ 1,209,264	\$ 70,239	\$ 1,279,503

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund			
	Budget		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 467,032	\$ 467,032	\$ 511,657	\$ 44,625
Earnings on investments	---	---	6,801	6,801
Miscellaneous revenues	---	---	5,308	5,308
TOTAL REVENUES	467,032	467,032	523,766	56,734
EXPENDITURES				
Fire department	257,828	257,503	243,791	13,712
Street lighting	124,000	124,325	124,325	---
Employee benefits	43,468	43,468	38,967	4,501
Debt Service:				
Principal retirement	37,600	37,600	37,600	---
Interest and fiscal charges	4,136	4,136	4,136	---
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	467,032	467,032	448,819	18,213
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	---	---	74,947	74,947
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Resources from other available funds	169,000	169,000	169,000	---
Transfers out to Enterprise Fund	(169,000)	(169,000)	(169,000)	---
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 74,947	\$ 74,947

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND

June 30, 2019

	<u>Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)</u>
ASSETS	
Current:	
Accounts receivable	\$ 336,386
Inventory	17,426
Interfund receivable	<u>204,914</u>
Noncurrent:	
Capital assets, net	<u>6,002,208</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	6,560,934
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	231,151
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	<u>38,437</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>6,830,522</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current:	
Warrants and other payables	25,762
Current portion of long-term debt	210,312
Noncurrent:	
Long-term debt	3,716,427
Accumulated unused compensated absences	18,482
Net pension liability	908,370
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	<u>832,623</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,711,976
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	12,992
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	<u>24,434</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>5,749,402</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,075,469
Unrestricted	<u>(994,349)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,081,120</u>

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Business-type Activities -- Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 1,276,768	\$ 1,276,768	\$ 1,482,413	\$ 205,645
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,276,768	1,276,768	1,482,413	205,645
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Cost of sales and services	399,964	399,964	353,548	46,416
Employee benefits	206,287	206,287	331,534	(125,247)
Professional fees	25,305	25,305	20,909	4,396
Office expense	30,582	30,582	24,400	6,182
Building expense	20,898	20,898	21,241	(343)
Communications	6,418	6,418	6,396	22
Insurance	35,765	35,765	33,140	2,625
Water system and pumping station expenses	271,150	271,150	226,748	44,402
Road machinery expense	20,000	20,000	14,868	5,132
Depreciation	---	---	233,646	(233,646)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,016,369	1,016,369	1,266,430	(250,061)
OPERATING INCOME	260,399	260,399	215,983	(44,416)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Interest expense	(83,442)	(83,442)	(84,891)	(1,449)
INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS	176,957	176,957	131,092	(45,865)
Transfers in from General Fund	169,000	169,000	169,000	---
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$ 345,957	\$ 345,957	300,092	\$ (45,865)
Net position, beginning			781,028	
NET POSITION, ENDING			\$ 1,081,120	

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND

	Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019	
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,463,290
Payments to suppliers	(512,906)
Payments to employees	(353,548)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>596,836</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Increase in interfund receivable	(204,914)
Decrease in interfund payable	(122,883)
Transfers in from General Fund	169,000
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(158,797)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Purchases of capital assets	(705,311)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(176,957)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	529,120
Interest paid on long-term debt	(84,891)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(438,039)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH 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)	\$ 215,983
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	233,646
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivables, net	(19,123)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Warrants and other payables	16,600
Accumulated unused compensated absences	(8,463)
Net pension liability	100,077
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	<u>58,116</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 596,836</u></u>

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

On June 30, 2019

As of June 30, 2019 cash consisted of the following balances:

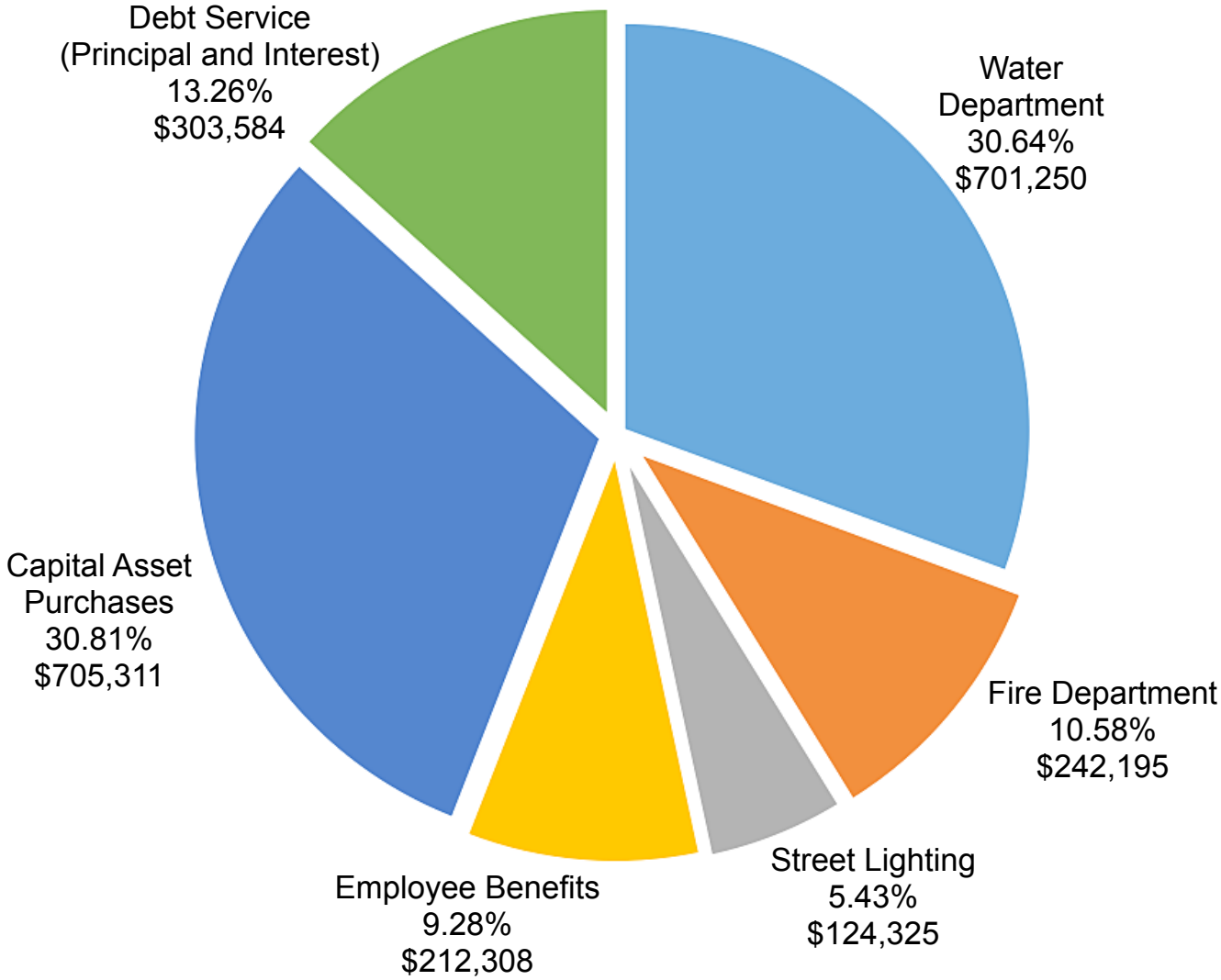
Cash in checking, savings and short-term investment accounts:

Adams Community Bank	\$ 1,079,607
Easthampton Savings Bank	207,441
Unibank	<u>70,239</u>
Total cash and short-term investments	<u>\$ 1,357,287</u>

Cash and short-term investments are presented in the financial statements as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,287,048
Capital Projects Fund	<u>70,239</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,357,287</u>

Fiscal 2019 Expenditures Including Capital Asset Purchases and Debt Service



**ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
FISCAL 2019 EXPENDITURES,
INCLUDING CAPITAL PURCHASES AND DEBT SERVICE \$2,288,973**

	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		
Water Department	30.64%	\$ 701,250	\$ 2,288,973
Fire Department	10.58%	242,195	2,288,973
Street Lighting	5.43%	124,325	2,288,973
Employee Benefits	9.28%	212,308	2,288,973
Capital Asset Purchases	30.81%	705,311	2,288,973
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	13.26%	303,584	2,288,973
	100.00%	\$ 2,288,973	

Long Term Debt

	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Date Issued	Date of Maturity	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2019	Interest Outstanding June 30, 2019
Fire Ladder Truck	2.75%	\$ 188,000.00	05/02/17	FY2022	\$ 112,800.00	\$ 6,204.00
Hale's Hill Project MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust	2.00%	\$ 2,566,301.84	12/18/07	FY2028	\$ 1,283,511.00	\$ 118,936.70
Water Main Project - Rte #8	2.75%	\$ 1,779,231.00	10/30/14	FY2052	\$ 1,586,879.00	\$ 741,854.44
Well #4 Rehab	2.00%	\$ 527,230.00	09/12/18	FY2034	\$ 538,518.00	\$ 85,092.83
Chemical Feed & SCADA	2.00%	\$ 517,832.00	10/24/19	FY2034	\$ 517,832.00	\$ ---
Total Indebtedness		\$ 5,578,594.84			\$ 4,039,540.00	\$ 952,087.97

3 YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

Category	FY2017 7/1/16-6/30/17	FY2018 7/1/17-6/30/18	FY2019 7/1/18-6/30/19
Total Recurring Items	\$ 1,642,715.26	\$ 1,742,440.52	\$ 1,723,800.59
Total Warrant Articles	\$ 774,347.00	\$ 211,000.00	\$ 1,054,000.00
BUDGET TOTALS	\$ 2,417,062.26	\$ 1,953,440.52	\$ 2,777,800.59

2019 Chief Engineer's Report

I am honored to present my 3rd Annual Report as Chief Engineer. 2019 was a busy year responding to 372 calls and completing 239 paid inspections. As Chief, I also complete a number of inspections based on various issues that may arise throughout the year. I find myself attending more and more meetings to discuss topics such as hazardous mitigation, school safety, communication, emergency planning and many more. There were over 200 additional inspections and meetings completed during the year.

The Adams Fire Department (Department) is always looking and applying for grants. This year, the Department applied for a grant to replace the aging Hurst Vehicle Extrication Tool. Unfortunately, we were denied. We were one of 12 departments that applied for a regional grant to replace our aging Fire Gear. I am pleased to announce that the regional grant has been awarded to us. We have placed an order for new gear at a cost of a little over \$84,000. The Adams Fire District will be required to pay 10% or just over \$8,400.00.

During 2019, there were five major fires. On the afternoon of January 30, 2019, the Department responded to 9 Water Street. On arrival, we found heavy fire burning in most of the first floor. The fire was knocked down from the outside. Firefighters then entered and completed extinguishment and overhaul. The State Fire Marshall's Office, along with members of the Department, found the cause to be careless disposal of heating material, "ASH."

On March 2, 2019, at 4:15 pm, the Department responded to a structure fire at 218 Gould Road. The first arriving officers found the house fully involved. Access to the vacant house was limited due to the long unplowed driveway. Firefighters laid 300 feet of hose up the driveway and extinguished the fire. The fire was investigated by the State Fire Marshall's Office, the Adams Police, and the Adams Fire Department; and was ruled suspicious. The Adams Police identified a suspect and quickly made an arrest.

On October 22, 2019, at 1:21 pm, the Department responded to 151 East Road and found heavy fire coming from the rear of the house. The fire was quickly knocked down and overhaul completed. The Adams

Police immediately identified a person of interest and notified other communities to be on the lookout for the subject. Local schools were placed in lockdown. The suspect was located and after a multi-town chase, was stopped and arrested in Lanesborough. The fire was investigated by the State Fire Marshall's Office, the Adams Police and the Adams Fire Department.

On November 7, 2019, at 12:56 pm, the Department responded to 13 Summit Avenue for a reported dryer fire. On arrival, heavy smoke was coming from the residence. A quick knockdown was made confining the fire damage to the area around the dryer. Investigation by the Department determined the cause to be clothing stuck in the dryer fan causing it to overheat.

On December 15, 2019, at 1:53 am, the Department responded to 23-27 Edmunds Street for a reported fire in the laundry room. Firefighters entered the second floor and found heavy heat and fire. Ventilation was completed and the fire was knocked down. Fire damage was limited to the second floor of the apartment and as a result of the attack. Other apartments contained water and smoke damage.

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 responses on these calls. The only way events like this have a safe outcome, is by working as a team.

The Alert Hose Company and the Adams Fire Department started a new tradition two years ago by awarding an "Alert of the Year" and "Engineer of the Year" Award. The recipients were Alert of the Year, Andrew Gigliotti and Engineer of the Year, Edward Capeless. Both individuals were more than deserving of the awards. Congratulations to both of them.

During the year 2019, I had the pleasure of presenting two Massachusetts Firefighter Service Awards. The recipients were First Assistant Engineer, Timothy Ziemba for 25 years and Second Assistant Engineer, David Lennon for 20 years.

During the year, Firefighter Scott Frye retired after 17 years of service. We will miss the knowledge Firefighter Frye gave to the Department. Firefighters Thomas Therrien and Matthew Zieba also left the Department. We thank these gentleman for their service.

Firefighters John DeMartino, Michael Shepard, Richard Valois, Tanelle Ciempa and James Shea were elected to membership and we look forward to working with all of them.

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.

A breakdown of our calls is below:

Situation Type	2019
Fire, Other	1
Building Fire	15
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container	4
Chimney or Flue Fire, Confined to Chimney	1
Trash or Rubbish Fire, Contained	1
Passenger Vehicle Fire	5
Off Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment	1
Brush, or Brush and Grass Mixture Fire	2
Outside Equipment Fire	1
Overpressure Rupture from Steam, Other	1
Rescue, EMS Incident, Other	1
Medical Assist, Assist EMS Crew	12
Emergency Medical Service, Other	1
EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injuries	66
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	20
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident	1
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injuries	35

Search for Person on Land	2
Extrication of Victims from Building Structure, Other	2
Removal of Victim(s), Stalled Elevator	2
Combustible/Flammable Gas/Liquid Condition, Other	1
Gasoline or Other Flammable Liquid Spill	3
Gas Leak (natural Gas or LPG)	6
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	2
Carbon Monoxide Incident	5
Electrical Wiring/Equipment Problem, Other	9
Breakdown of Light Ballast	1
Power Line Down	1
Vehicle Accident, General Cleanup	7
Service Call, Other	1
Water Problem, Other	5
Water or Steam Leak	11
Animal Rescue	1
Assist Police, or Other Governmental Agency	1
Assist Invalid	2
Defective Elevator, No Occupants	1
Unauthorized Burning	5
Cover Assignment, Standby, Move Up	2
Good Intent Call, Other	2
Dispatched & Canceled en Route	13
No Incident Found on Arrival at Dispatch Location	2
Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	7
Hazmat Release Investigation w/ No Hazmat	4

False Alarm or False Call, Other	1
Central Station, Malicious False Alarm	1
System Malfunction, Other	2
Smoke Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	14
Alarm System Sounded Due to Malfunction	32
CO Detector Activation Due to Malfunction	11
Unintentional Transmission of Alarm, Other	1
Sprinkler Activation, No Fire - Unintentional	1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire - Unintentional	7
Detector Activation, No Fire – Unintentional	1
Alarm System Sounded, No Fire - Unintentional	19
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, No CO Found	10
Windstorm, Tornado/Hurricane Assessment	4
Special Type of Incident, Other	1
Citizen Complaint	1

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.

Attracting new volunteers is not a local issue, it is a national problem. I ask everyone that if you know of any man or woman over 18 years of age, that lives in Town and is interested in becoming a firefighter, to please have them contact me. Those who are interested may also stop in to the station on any Tuesday night. We welcome anyone who may be interested to even come and observe a drill to see if the fire service is for them. The great part about a volunteer department is you can try it, and if you decide it is not for you, you can choose to walk away. We do not look down on anyone who decides volunteer firefighting is not for them.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Pansecchi
Chief Engineer

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
THIS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE QUICKEST RESPONSE

Alert Hose Company No. 1

ENGINEERS OF THE ADAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Name		Years of Service
John M. Pansecchi	Chief Engineer	32
Timothy C. Ziemba	First Assistant Engineer	25
David J. Lennon	Second Assistant Engineer	20
Edward Capeless	Third Assistant Engineer	21
Mark J. Therrien	Fourth Assistant Engineer	33

OFFICERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

Cory Adelt	Foreman	19
Eric Mallet	First Asst. Foreman	8
Dylan Grimes	Second Asst. Foreman	6
Michael Therrien	Secretary (past Foreman)	12
Andrew Gigliotti	Treasurer	21
Deacon Greg LaFreniere	Chaplain	5

MEMBERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

Bryan Albano	4	Dana Labbee	22
Christopher Bidy	3	Julie Lech	7
Andrew Bourdon	4	Jason Leja (past Foreman)	21
Tanelle Ciempa (elected 8/06/19)		Michael Mullany	13
Michael Daigneault	19	Richard P. Ouellette	62
John DeMartino (elected 2/05/19)		Anthony J. Piscioneri	46
John Duval	2	Anthony Piscioneri, Jr. (past Foreman)	31
Andrea Fitzgerald	5	James Shea (elected 10/01/19)	
Scott Frye		Michael Shepard (elected 4/02/19)	
(past Foreman) (resigned 7/02/19)	16	Joshua Sworzen	6
William A. Gero (past Foreman)	47	Thomas Therrien (released 9/03/19)	1
Joseph P. Koscinski (past Foreman)	46	Richard Valois (elected 5/07/19)	
Robert Krzanik	16	Mathew Zieba (released 9/03/19)	
Dennis Krzeminski	20		

2019 Fire District Superintendent's Report

It is my pleasure to present to our valued customers my 2nd Annual Superintendent's Report.

PUMPING:

Combined monthly output of our 3 wells:

January	28,558,000
February	31,794,000
March	36,858,000
April	33,173,000
May	33,074,000
June	28,041,000
July	30,443,000
August	29,108,000
September	26,248,000
October	22,952,000
November	20,890,000
December	23,097,000
Total gallons:	344,236,000

WATER MAIN / SERVICE LEAKS

Date	Location	Line Size
1/20/19	7 Hathaway Street	4"
1/22/19	Hoosac Valley High School	8"
2/25/19	57 West Burt Street	6"
3/30/19	1-5 Richmond Lane	service
4/09/19	101 East Road	8"
5/22/19	East Hoosac Street	6"
8/22/19	East Jordan & Richmond Lane	6"
9/18/19	18 Leonard Street	4"
9/23/19	East Road & Lime Street	6"
10/02/19	105 North Summer Street	6"
10/08/19	6 Ruel Street	1"
10/16/19	5 Hoosac Street Fire protection	10"

HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Date	Location	Gate Installed
2/27/19	Ruel Street & Willow Street	Yes
4/05/19	Forest Park & Melrose Street	Yes
7/16/19	3 Tracie Ave	Yes
7/29/19	Smith Street & First Street	Yes
8/26/19	27 Leonard Street	Existing
10/24/19	11 Morningside Ave	Yes

HYDRANT REPAIRS

Date	Location
2/14/19	135 Orchard Street
2/15 /19	72 Orchard Street
4/25/19	Renfrew Field
7/01/19	14 Woods Drive
6/14/19	20 Victory Street
7/01/19	44 Greylock Ave
7/01/19	9 Country Road
7/02/19	3 Water Street
7/02/19	11 Francis Ave
7/02/19	Bart School
10/16/19	Manners Ave

Water System Update

The **Chemical Feed and SCADA Upgrades Project** reached completion at the end of 2019, coming in under budget. We now have instantaneous information of all 3 treatment plants/wells available at our office location, which monitors 112 alarm points, replacing the old system of 15 that was monitored by a second party.

The **Hydrant Replacement Program** also continues as approximately 62 of the hydrants are "Matthews," with build dates ranging from 1897 to 1962; 1940 is

the average date of these hydrants, with inadequate 4" piping. Replacement parts are unavailable and the majority of the hydrants do not have isolation gates. Replacing these necessitate water service area shutdowns to upgrade to 6" piping and installation of isolation gates, to prevent service interruptions during future maintenance.

The **Pax Mixer Project** was completed at the 2 million gallon tank, under budget. This installation consisted of a new upsized underground electrical service and the addition of tank mount pads for electrical conduit on the tank. The new mixer aids in the prevention of thermal stratification, provides uniform water quality, temperature and chemical distribution, prevents ice formation, and most importantly protects against the formation of disinfection by-products.

Water Meter Replacement: We have been replacing the over-aged metering system, consisting of approximately 3,000 water meters, of which just over 1,100 have been replaced. Due to the expense and limited labor resources, this will continue to be an ongoing project for approximately four years. This project is amongst several other programs implemented to try to lower our distribution systems unaccounted water to meet State Regulations.

The creation of seven clerical plans and the revision of three plans has taken place this year:

The **Water Conservation Plan** is a new plan which assists with community drought mitigation, as we monitor and data log on a daily basis local USGS streamflow data to recognize and implement water use restrictions when a drought is endangering our ground water supply.

The **Standard Operating Procedure Manual** is a new plan and is an ongoing effort, which once completed will explain all operational procedures within the Adams Fire District (District) to sustain our community services in the absence of any given employee.

The **Operations and Maintenance Plan** is a new plan aiding system operators with the operation and maintenance of the distribution system's electrical and mechanical components utilized to convey water to District customers. Though small in size, the distribution system's complexity is indicative of a much larger community, consisting of 7 isolated pressure zones, 3 treatment plants/wells, 2 booster stations, 2 pump stations, 3 tanks and 2 pressure regulation stations.

The **Water Works Facilities Master Plan** is an updated plan providing a short and long term guide to follow for infrastructure improvements based off future distribution system needs and life expectancies.

The **Asset Management Plan** is a new plan that analyzes all assets of the District's water distribution system and assesses useful life expectancies and failure risks to provide the most cost effective way to maintain, repair, or replace these assets while sustaining service to District customers.

The **Rate Study** is a new plan which will provide a guideline to follow and assist with the generation and allocation of funding based on the **Master Plan** and **Asset Management Plan** findings. The **Rate Study** takes into account population and water usage assumptions based on collected data to provide a water rate forecast that will assist with economically sustaining our services.

The **Bassett Brook Reservoir Emergency Action Plan** is a new plan which defines the responsibilities and strategies to mitigate dangers imposed by the dam and its impoundment to emergency response authorities.

The updated **Emergency Response Plan** describes the standardized responsibilities of District personnel, emergency responders and Public Officials to assist in the mitigation of all foreseeable and emergency threats to the water system and the public health of District customers and community.

The **Risk and Resilience Assessment Report** is a new requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): America's Water Infrastructure Act. This new report evaluates system vulnerabilities, threats and consequences applicable to natural hazards and malevolent acts to the water system. It also assesses the likelihood of risk, financial and economic impacts, and our resilience and countermeasures to these hazards. The District has received EPA certification for this report as well as our new **Emergency Response Plan**, prior to the 2021 due date.

Lastly, is a new database of information resourced from monthly Chemical Addition reports, Chlorine Residual reports, USGS data and the SCADA system. The culmination of this information has been utilized to determine areas with deficiencies within the distribution system, assessment of ground water quality entering the system specific to static water

levels, temperature and rainfall. This information is used to forecast chlorine injection rates, in an effort to provide safe drinking water to District customers with a minimal chlorine content and is a proactive approach to excessive chlorine injection.

This year, we have identified an issue with the storage tank located at 51 East Orchard Terrace. The tank is a 549,000 gallon glass lined tank, which replaced an older 135,000 gallon concrete tank in 2009. The larger tank increased the service area, as well as available fire protection capacity. However, it has had a negative effect on water quality, due to the detention time in the tank being far too long even with a fully operational mixing system, resulting in excessive water temperatures in the summer. As a result, we have discharged the tank capacity twice this summer as we monitored internal water temperatures. The water capacity and pumping level has been changed to assist in efforts to sustain water quality within this tank, as we plan for a more permanent and economical solution.

The newly implemented internal **Leak Detection Program** was completed this year, with excellent results and has made a significant impact on daily pumping. We are expanding this program as this will be the second year with hopes to complete a yearly comprehensive inspection, and partial inspections after hydrant flushing.

Water Quality Testing

This year, we completed 255 samples throughout our distribution system, as follows:

199 samples for Total Coliform (TC) / E Coli (EC), of these samples, 1 sample taken from 51 East Orchard Terrace tank on July 15th, 2019 tested TC + EC-. Required follow up samples all came back TC - EC-. Samples were taken for Iron, Manganese and Nitrate. We also voluntarily tested for secondary contaminants, these are a group of contaminants with non-enforceable but recommended guidelines that affect water taste, odor, and color. Our results are well below the guidelines.

This year, 2 sampling locations determined by MassDEP have been tested for Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic acids (HAA5) which are the by-products of chlorine caused by its reaction with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter. Our results and MassDEP Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) are as follows:

THMs MCL = .080 mg/l
Test results = .00304 mg/l and No Detect

HAA5 MCL = .060 mg/l
Test results = .00052 mg/l and No Detect

For more detailed information on all of our test results, please see our “Adams Fire District’s 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.”

Recommendation

I would like to see the continued financing for the meter replacement program to assist with the distribution system’s water accountability. Year 2020 is the beginning of a new MassDEP nine year sampling plan, this in correlation with our water treatment technique change has us looking at approximately 450 samples. It shall be a busy year ahead, however, I am most hopeful to start the process of examining the viability to merge and expand the East Orchard Terrace tank service area to the present service area of the East Road high service. This will remove the need for the oldest in service tank and pump station, lower current Orchard Terrace tank detention times, increase the service area and fire protection, as well as lower operation and maintenance costs.

Conclusion

I would like to give thanks to the members of our Prudential Committee for their community service and dedication, to our Chief Engineer and Engineers, as well as the members of our Alert Hose Company, and all the employees of the Adams Fire District. It has been my honor to work with you.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Barrett
Fire District Superintendent

Record of Annual Fire District Meeting - May 14, 2019

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 District meeting to order at eleven forty-five 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 Richard G. Kleiner 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 six (6) voters present unanimously elected Richard G. Kleiner Moderator.

Richard G. Kleiner 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 officer:

One Prudential Committeeman
for a three year term

ARTICLE 3. To choose by ballot:

Shall the position of Chief Engineer (a/k/a Fire Chief) be made a full time position?

ARTICLE 4. To choose by ballot:

Shall a position of Fire Fighter be made a full time position?

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

CHECKERS:

IN	OUT
Marion Czarnik	Jean Kondej
Carol LaPlante	Carol Graves
Janice Hayer	Frances Bassi

COUNTERS/TABULATORS:

Barbara Bennett
Denise Sadlowski
Janice Hayer

The ballot box was examined by the Moderator 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 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 office & questions were sorted, counted and recorded. The Moderator announced the results of the voting at 7:35 p.m.

	VOTES CAST	VOTERS	ELIGIBLE VOTERS
Precinct 1	178	1,001	1,001
Precinct 2	215	1,063	1,031
Precinct 3	160	1,097	994
Precinct 4	184	1,005	972
Precinct 5	238	1,171	1,047
TOTALS	975	5,337	5,045

Prudential Committee for Three Years

	Total Votes Cast
Blanks	300
Thomas A. Satko	667
Write-Ins	8
	975

The Moderator declared Thomas A. Satko elected Prudential Committeeman for a three-year term expiring in 2022. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Clerk.

Shall the position of Chief Engineer (a/k/a Fire Chief) be made a full time position?

	Total Votes Cast
Blanks	12
Yes	159
No	804
	975

The Moderator declared that the position of Chief Engineer (a/k/a Fire Chief) shall not be made a full time position.

Shall a position of Fire Fighter be made a full time position?

	<i>Total Votes Cast</i>
Blanks	12
Yes	133
No	830
	975

The Moderator declared that the position of Fire Fighter shall not be made a full time position.

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 fourteenth day of May 2019, to act upon the following articles.

The Moderator reopened the business meeting at 7:00 p.m., with fifty-three (53) Fire District voters present.

ARTICLE 5. 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 2018 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 2018, as printed and distributed, be accepted as the report of the Prudential Committee and Officers, and placed on file.

ARTICLE 6. 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 7. 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, 2019.

Prudential Committee:

Chairman	\$ 1,000.00
Member	750.00
Member	750.00

Clerk and Treasurer **1,842.00**

Chief Engineer **15,854.15**

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 8. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, 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 the sum of \$496,111.25 for the General Fund and that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,353,750.03 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:

GENERAL FUND

Administration

Prudential Committee Salaries	\$ 750.00
Clerk and Treasurer's Salary	552.60
Bookkeeper's Salary	20,683.97
Fire District Office Wages	30,348.77
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime	600.00
Legal Services & Claims	2,400.00
Audit of District Accounts	8,490.00
Office Expense	12,078.36
Building Expense	7,954.00
Communications	2,025.00
Actuarial Valuation Services	825.00
Superintendent's Salary	23,686.42
Assistant Superintendent's Wages	18,441.17

\$ 128,835.29

Fire Department

Chief Engineer's Salary	\$ 23,854.15
Chief Engineer's Expense	2,025.00
Fire Department Expense	25,995.00
Certifications and Inspections	18,425.00
Fire Alarm System Expense	400.00
Stipends - Volunteer Firemen	23,000.00
Grants	10,500.00
Capital Expense	28,000.00
Hydrants	10,500.00
Maturing Debt	37,600.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	3,102.00
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	\$ 183,401.15

Street Lighting

Street Lighting	\$ 114,000.00
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Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	\$ 21,593.51
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	480.00
Contributory Retirement System	17,814.20
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	\$ 39,887.71

Insurance

Insurance	\$ 29,987.10
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ENTERPRISE FUND

Administration

Prudential Committee Salaries	\$ 1,750.00
Clerk and Treasurer's Salary	1,289.40
Bookkeeper's Salary	48,262.59
Fire District Office Wages	70,813.79
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime	1,400.00
Legal Services & Claims	5,600.00
Audit of District Accounts	19,810.00
Office Expense	28,182.84
Building Expense	18,686.00
Communications	4,725.00
Actuarial Valuation Services	1,925.00
Superintendent's Salary	55,268.30
Assistant Superintendent's Wages	43,029.39
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	\$ 300,742.31

Water Department

Superintendent's Expense	\$ 1,600.00
Water Department Wages	151,509.68
Water Department Wages - Overtime	37,526.04
Water System Expense	135,450.00
Pumping Stations Expense	94,600.00
Road Machinery Expense	17,900.00
Water Department Clothing Allowance	2,000.00

Engineering Services	15,000.00
Maturing Debt	264,561.96
Interest on Maturing Debt	96,168.86
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	\$ 816,316.54

Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	\$ 120,422.45
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	1,120.00
Contributory Retirement System	77,194.84
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	\$ 198,737.29

Insurance

Insurance	\$ 37,953.89
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VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$496,111.25 for the General Fund and the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,353,750.03 for 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 raise and appropriate, and/or 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 raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, 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 available funds in the treasury 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 the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Radio Read Meter Replacement.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Asset Management Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Asset Management Plan.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Master Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$66,500.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$66,500.00 for the Master Plan.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Emergency Action Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$24,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for the Emergency Action Plan.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Emergency Response Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the treasury 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500.00 for the Emergency Response Plan.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Operation and Maintenance Manual, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$21,500.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500.00 for the Operation and Maintenance Manual.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for 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 appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

VOTE Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fire District voters present unanimously (53-0) voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 17. 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.

The Moderator reopened the business meeting at 7:35 p.m. to announce the poll results.

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the meeting be dissolved, the time being 7:36 p.m.

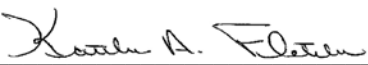
VOTE There being no further business to come before said meeting, and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the meeting be closed, the time being 7:14 p.m., to be reopened to announce poll results.

SUMMARY OF VOTED APPROPRIATIONS

	To be raised by District Revenue	Surplus Revenue	To be raised by Borrowing	Capital Outlay Fund
Article 8	\$ 1,849,861.28			
Article 9		\$ 40,000.00		
Article 10	100,000.00			
Article 11		35,000.00		
Article 12		66,500.00		
Article 13	24,000.00			
Article 14	15,500.00			
Article 15	21,500.00			
Article 16		25,000.00		
TOTALS	\$ 2,010,861.28	\$ 166,500.00		

Total Voted Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: \$ 2,177,361.28

A true record:

Attest 

Kathleen A. Fletcher
Fire District Clerk

Specimen Ballot for the Adams Fire District - Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR THE

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

Kathleen A. Flaherty
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 Re-election 57 Melrose Street
WRITE IN	
Warrant Article 3: Shall the position of Chief Engineer (a/k/a Fire Chief) be made a full time position? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Warrant Article 4: Shall a position of Fire Fighter be made a full time position? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Property destroyed by the fire

Stanley's Lumber, Coal & Grain Company at 20 North Summer street. This consisted of: two two-story buildings fronting on Summer street that were used as retail stores and office - one for hardware, another for lumber; three large sheds filled with lumber; and a large amount of material in open storage.

The Fritz B. Greilich & Company grocery store and meat market at 22 North Summer street. This 2 ½-story frame building stood just north of Waldron street and right across from the lumberyard. It contained two tenements.

The 2½-story frame house of the Stanley F. Slosek family at 18 North Summer street immediately south of the lumber yard. This home was leveled.

A 2½-story frame building at 16 North Summer street, just south of the Slosek home. This building, property of one of its residents, Casimer Penczar, contained three tenements and a vacant store. The roof was burned off and the building gutted.

The 12-tenement block at 9-31 Waldron street, to the west behind the Greilich store. This long block extended almost to Tophet brook and belonged to Mrs. Mary Lev of North Adams. Its destruction was nearly total.

Move Out Furniture

Numerous families to north and south of the fire's location began moving out their household effects because they feared their homes, too, would burn.

In the 12-tenement block residents at the center and west were able to save some belongings. Those at the east end had to flee for their lives and lost everything.

When the Greilichs and Mikaniewiczes awoke, their windows already had cracked from the heat, they could only grab the clothes nearest them and flee. However, Mr. Greilich did manage to save some valuable store records.

Witnesses said the fire seemed to begin in the center of the lumber yard and, fed by paint, varnish and other highly inflammable materials, spread in an explosive fashion.

The fire burned insulation from electrical power lines on Summer street. Power was then shut off at the Hoosac street intersection. Telephone cabling burned out, putting numerous lines out of service.

Fire-fighters made good use of Miller and Tophet brooks and the Hoosac river as sources for water for dousing the flames. When necessary, small dams of tarpaulins and cinder blocks were placed in the streams to make the depth greater and the water easier to get. The result was enough water for numerous lines.

Beginning about 6 o'clock in the morning, one half hour after the fire was discovered, intermittent downpours of rain fell on Adams and, to some extent, aided the fire-fighters. Apparently a low-pressure atmospheric area centered on the town during the morning, for at times the smoke rose only reluctantly and made a blue haze over a large part of the town.

Destruction of the 12 tenement block on Waldron street left that street without a dwelling as the block was the only building on the street.

Sightseers were unable to stand too close to the fire because of the intense heat. Many of them went to the rear of

yards at houses across the street to watch and even then found conditions far from comfortable.

Intense heat from the fire cracked the windshield on the Mack combination truck of the Adams fire department. It also scorched paint on the truck as well as leather seat cushions.

Firemen, after being soaked by the pouring rain, were soon dry when they came closer to the intense heat zone.

The alarm was apparently first sounded by Theodore Wesolowski of 18 Anthony street, who was on his way to work at the Arnold Print works. He turned in the alarm from Box 26 at Summer and Hoosac streets. At practically the same time, Theodore Dziok of 15 Richmond Lane telephone about the fire to the police department.

Besides the Alert Hose company of Adams, four Northern Berkshire fire departments participated in bringing the fire under control. Community cooperation resulted in a total of 12 trucks laying some 14,000 feet of hose - nearly three miles in all.

Only heroic efforts and hard work kept the fire from causing even more havoc than it did.

All five of the Adams trucks were on duty, and laid some 6,000 feet of hose - all it had, according to Chief Arthur H. Hathaway.

Join an Elite Group with an Important Task in Our Town



VOLUNTEER

To Protect Your Neighbors

*The time you spend will never match
the satisfaction you'll get from this job.*

**STOP BY THE FIRE STATION
3 COLUMBIA STREET
CALL 743-1929
FOR MORE INFORMATION**