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Four Generations of Dedicated Service to Adams Fire Department/Alert Hose Company

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David J. Lennon
Asst. Chief
Serving since
04/06/1999

David A. Lennon
Firefighter
Serving Since
11/05/2024

David J. Lennon
Retired Honorary Member
Years of Service
10/06/1970 - 01/04/1977

David T. Lennon
Deceased Honorary Member
Year of Service
02/04/1941 - 06/02/1970

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Adams Fire District Officers

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman	Term Expires 2025
Richard G. Kleiner, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 2026
Michael J. Lahey, Member	Term Expires 2027

CLERK AND ACTING TREASURER

Allen J. Mendel	Term Expires 2027

CHIEF ENGINEER

John M. Pansecchi	Term Expires 2026

FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER

David J. Lennon	Term Expires 2026

SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Edward B. Capeless	Term Expires 2026

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Mark J. Therrien	Term Expires 2026

FOURTH ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Dylan M. Grimes	Term Expires 2026

Adams Fire District Personnel

OFFICE

Kathleen A. Fletcher — Bookkeeper
Date of Hire: October 18, 2010 — Office Manager

Victoria A. Lassonde — Assistant Clerk & Treasurer
Date of Hire: February 28, 2011

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

WATER DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

+*#^Zachary T. Hillard — Laborer/Operator
Date of Hire: June 17, 2019
Date of Termination: September 27, 2024

#Sutye O. Vilayvanh — Laborer/Operator
Date of Hire: March 18, 2024

*#Kyle D. Bently — Laborer/Operator
Date of Hire: October 29, 2024

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

2024 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 14, 2024. The FY 25 Budget and Warrant Articles were approved at the Meeting. Michael J. Lahey was elected to a 3-year term on the Prudential Committee at the Election, as Allen J. Mendel did not run for re-election.

On May 20, 2024, Allen J. Mendel was appointed Acting Clerk & Treasurer, after the resignation of Kathleen A. Fletcher as Clerk & Treasurer. She remains as Bookkeeper/Office Manager. Allen J. Mendel was elected Clerk at a Special Election held on September 24, 2024, and will remain Acting Treasurer until 2027.

The Adams Fire District was informed in June 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. It was downgraded to Level 0 – Normal in July. In September a Level 1 – Mild Drought was issued then upgraded to a Level 2 – Significant Drought in October, a Level 3 – Critical Drought in Mid-October then downgraded to a Level 1 – Mild Drought in December.

Projects undertaken in 2024 were:

1) Replacement of water meters (which are past their life expectancy). Approximately 92% of all meters have been replaced as of December 2024, which is in its tenth year.
2) Continued working with the Town of Adams to supply water to the Greylock Glen Project. In June, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Adams Fire District and Town of Adams was signed. In August, the water was turned on to the Greylock Glen. There was a Grand Opening of the Greylock Glen Outdoor Center on October 11, 2024.
3) A Sanitary Survey took place in August. A Sanitary Survey is defined as an onsite inspection of the water source, facilities, equipment, operation, and maintenance of a public water system. As of this time, there hasn't been any information from DEP on the results of the survey.
4) The roof of the Adams Fire District building needs to be replaced as it has been patched numerous times and it is past its useful life. An engineering study and design has been done and the project is out for bid. An appropriation of $325,000.00 has been set aside for this project.
5) The floor and support columns of the Adams Fire Department building are being evaluated for weight carrying capacity. The metal support columns in the basement are showing signs of deteriorating because of the dampness.
6) The Prudential Committee has been discussing changing the elected positions of the Adams Fire District to appointed positions. It would include the following positions: Clerk & Treasurer, Chief Engineer, First Assistant Engineer, Second Assistant Engineer, Third Assistant Engineer and Fourth Assistant Engineer. Converting from elected to appointed would provide the opportunity to define job requirements and reporting structure. It puts the District in a better position to attract a person with the strongest credentials and most professional experience. This would require a change to the Adams Fire District By-Laws which would have to be voted on by District members at an Election and District Meeting.

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. In August, Assistant Clerk & Treasurer Vicki Lassonde attended classes at UMASS, held by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association (MCTA) and passed the Treasurer's Certification test. Assistant Superintendent Nicholas Johnson obtained a D-II Drinking Water Distribution Operator Certification. Sutye Vilayvanh, Water Department Laborer/Operator, obtained his Backflow Tester Certification.

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 members 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 Massachusetts Fire Fighter Safety Equipment Grant for $11,523.00. The grant was used to purchase equipment to extinguish lithium battery fires (a blanket and special nozzles for Electric Vehicle fires and containers for small lithium batteries).

A 2024 Ford F-250 pick-up truck was purchased to be used as a Fire Department Command vehicle and for EMS responses. This replaces a 2004 pick-up truck and 2012 Command car.

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 early 2025.

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. A Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for two full-time firefighters was submitted, unfortunately this grant was not received. The grant would have reimbursed the District for the cost of the firefighters. Proposed changes to OSHA regulations would greatly affect volunteer fire departments resulting in the need for paid full-time firefighters. The position of a full-time Chief and full-time firefighter(s) will be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget.

A 2024 Ford Super Duty F-450 DRW Dump Truck with snowplow was purchased for the Water Department to replace a 2006 Ford F-450 Dump Truck which was rusted and in need of a lot of repairs.

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

In March, Sutye Vilayvanh was hired as a Water Department Laborer/Operator. After 5 years of service with the Adams Fire District, Water Department Laborer/Operator Zachary Hillard resigned in September. The Prudential Committee and employees of the District wish him well in his future endeavors. Kyle Bentley was hired as a Water Department Laborer/Operator in October to replace him.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman
Richard G. Kleiner, Vice-Chairman
Michael J. Lahey

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024

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, 2024. 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, 2024 was $4,767,928. Total net position increased during fiscal year 2024 by $426,208; comprised of an increase of $167,815 in governmental activities (Fire Department and Street Lighting) and an increase of $258,393 in business-type activities (Water Department).

The increase in the District's net position of $426,208 in fiscal year 2024 was largely affected by the following items:

- The District is required to measure and report a long-term projected benefit obligation associated with postemployment benefits (or OPEB) earned by employees for services rendered to date, as opposed to when the benefit is actually paid. The change in this estimated liability was an increase of $35,972 for the year ended June 30, 2024.
- 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 a decrease of $34,502 for the year ended June 30, 2024.
- The District reported total revenue of $657,101 and total expenses of $489,286 for the fire department and street lighting services. The District reported total revenue of $1,832,691 and total expenses of $1,574,298 for the water department services.
- The District borrowed $500,000 for a fire truck and paid $342,186 on existing long-term debt ($268,458 in principal and $73,728 in interest).
- The District recorded depreciation expense of $319,689. There was a capital addition of $45,000.

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 $1,715,857, which increased $619,295 from the prior year. The governmental fund statements can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this report.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Enterprise Fund (Water Department) reported an ending fund balance of $2,084,764, which increased $258,393 from the prior year. The Enterprise Fund statements can be found on pages 20 to 22 of this report.

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 re-

A summary of the Statement of Net Position is below:

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT - SUMMARY NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

	Primary Government			Comparative	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total 2024	Total 2023	Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	$ 2,740,302	$ 421,973	$ 3,162,275	$ 2,799,400	$ 362,875
Interfund receivable (payable)	(958,964)	958,964	-	-	-
Capital assets, net	2,183,380	5,354,414	7,537,794	7,812,483	(274,689)
Total assets	**3,964,718**	**6,735,351**	**10,700,069**	**10,611,883**	**88,186**
Deferred outflows of resources	111,424	289,564	400,988	508,808	(107,820)
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	**4,076,142**	**7,024,915**	**11,101,057**	**11,120,691**	**(19,634)**
Current liabilities	35,232	15,036	50,268	632,881	(582,613)
Long-term debt	500,000	2,881,763	3,381,763	3,150,221	231,542
Accumulated unused compensated absences	56,206	45,134	101,340	89,761	11,579
Net pension liability	252,559	1,124,944	1,377,503	1,441,388	(63,885)
Post employment benefits other than pensions	487,226	775,040	1,262,266	1,378,200	(115,934)
Total Liabilities	**1,331,223**	**4,841,917**	**6,173,140**	**6,692,451**	**(519,311)**
Deferred inflows of resources	61,755	98,234	159,989	86,520	73,469
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	**1,392,978**	**4,940,151**	**6,333,129**	**6,778,971**	**(445,842)**
Net Position					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,683,380	2,472,651	4,156,031	4,662,262	(506,231)
Unrestricted	999,784	(387,887)	611,897	(320,542)	932,439
Total Net Position	**$ 2,683,164**	**$ 2,084,764**	**$ 4,767,928**	**$ 4,341,720**	**$ 426,208**

sources 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 16 and 17 of this report. The budget and actual comparison statement can be found on page 19 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 20 through 22 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data

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 2024	Total 2023	Increase (Decrease)
Program Revenues:					
Charges for services	$ -	$ 1,789,941	$ 1,789,941	$ 1,697,156	$ 92,785
General Revenues:					
Property taxes	608,137	-	608,137	502,831	105,306
Earnings on investments	36,143	-	36,143	14,968	21,175
Other revenues	12,821	42,750	55,571	21,700	33,871
Total Revenues	**657,101**	**1,832,691**	**2,489,792**	**2,236,655**	**253,137**
Expenses and Other Items					
Water department	-	1,196,122	1,196,122	1,201,036	(4,914)
Fire Department	406,403	-	406,403	345,817	60,586
Street lighting	119,255	-	119,255	119,495	(240)
Employee benefits	29,764	232,671	262,435	261,875	560
Change in net pension liability	(122,124)	87,622	(34,502)	100,497	(134,999)
Change in Other Postemployment					
Benefit liabilitiy	55,988	(15,845)	40,143	61,319	(21,176)
Interest and fiscal charges	-	73,728	73,728	79,740	(6,012)
Total Expenses	**489,286**	**1,574,298**	**2,063,584**	**2,169,779**	**(106,195)**
Change in net position	167,815	258,393	426,208	66,876	359,332
Net position, beginning	2,515,349	1,826,371	4,341,720	4,274,844	66,876
Net position, ending	**$ 2,683,164**	**$ 2,084,764**	**$ 4,767,928**	**$ 4,341,720**	**$ 426,208**

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 FY24 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 $4,767,928 at the close of the most recent fiscal year (see Net Position Statement summary on previous page).

By far the largest portion of the District's net position is $4,156,031, 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.

Budgetary Highlights

General Fund

The District's general fund budget sustained it throughout the fiscal year with budget expenses in line with actual expenses. The Budgetary statement can be found on page 19 of this report.

Enterprise Fund

Operating revenues exceeded the budget by $86,031. 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 $222,090, which was related to payroll and related costs under budget by $59,482, legal and professional fees under budget by $9,612, and water system under budget by $131,562. Various other expenses were under budget by a net amount of $21,434. The enterprise fund budget can be found on page 21 of this report.

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, 2024 is $7,537,794 (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 $3,381,763.

	2024	2023	Comparative Increase (Decrease)
Governmental activities debt	$ 500,000	$ -	$ 500,000
Business-type activities debt	2,881,763	3,150,221	(268,458)
Total	**$ 3,381,763**	**$ 3,150,221**	**$ 231,542**

During fiscal year 2024 the District's debt was reduced by $268,458. There was additional borrowings in fiscal year 2024 for $500,000 relating to the purchase of a Fire Truck.

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. The District made the settlement payment on November 21, 2023.

Effective fiscal year 2023, the Town of Adams began collecting the non-water service revenue as a tax on behalf of the District.

Next Year's Budget

The District has authorized the fiscal 2025 budget as follows:

Operations	
Enterprise Fund	$ 1,678,597
General Fund	485,789
Street Lighting	144,000
Reserve of extraordinary expenses	40,000
Total	**$ 2,348,386**

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, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
Assets			
Current:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,640,401	$ -	$ 1,640,401
Short-term investments	913,193	-	913,193
Receivables	186,708	404,547	591,255
Inventory	-	17,426	17,426
Interfund receivable (payable)	(958,964)	958,964	-
Noncurrent:			
Capital assets, net	2,183,380	5,354,414	7,537,794
Total assets	3,964,718	6,735,351	10,700,069
Deferred outflows of resources			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	39,224	174,713	213,937
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	72,200	114,851	187,051
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	4,076,142	7,024,915	11,101,057
Liabilities			
Current:			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	35,232	15,036	50,268
Current portion of long-term debt	50,000	273,026	323,026
Noncurrent:			
Long-term debt	450,000	2,608,737	3,058,737
Accumulated unused compensated absences	56,206	45,134	101,340
Net pension liability	252,559	1,124,944	1,377,503
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	487,226	775,040	1,262,266
Total liabilities	1,331,223	4,841,917	6,173,140
Deferred inflows of resources			
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	61,755	98,234	159,989
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	1,392,978	4,940,151	6,333,129
Net position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,683,380	2,472,651	4,156,031
Unrestricted	999,784	(387,887)	611,897
Total net position	$ 2,683,164	$ 2,084,764	$ 4,767,928

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Expenses	Program Revenue Charges for Services	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Primary Government Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities					
Fire department	$ 436,167	$ -	$ (436,167)	$ -	$ (436,167)
Street lighting	119,255	-	(119,255)	-	(119,255)
Change in net pension liability	(122,124)	-	122,124	-	122,124
Change in other postemployment benefit liability	55,988	-	(55,988)	-	(55,988)
Total governmental activities	489,286	-	(489,286)	-	(489,286)
Business-type activities					
Water department	1,574,298	1,789,941	-	215,643	215,643
Total governmental activities	$ 2,063,584	$ 1,789,941	(489,286)	215,643	(273,643)
General revenues					
Property taxes			608,137	-	608,137
Earnings on investments			36,143	-	36,143
Other revenues			12,821	42,750	55,571
Total			657,101	42,750	699,851
Change in net position			167,815	258,393	426,208
Net position, beginning			2,515,349	1,826,371	4,341,720
Net position, ending			2,683,164	2,084,764	4,767,928

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,640,401	$ -	$ -	$ 1,640,401
Short-term investments	438,764	386,997	87,432	913,193
Receivables	186,708	-	-	186,708
Total assets	$ 2,265,873	$ 386,997	$ 87,432	$ 2,740,302
Liabilities				
Current:				
Warrants and other payables	$ 35,232	$ -	$ -	$ 35,232
Interfund payable	958,964	-	-	958,964
Total liabilities	994,196	-	-	994,196
Deferred inflows of resources				
Revenue not considered available - taxes	30,249	-	-	30,249
Fund balances				
Committed	78,181	-	87,432	165,613
Assigned	826,849	50,000	-	876,849
Unassigned	336,398	336,997	-	673,395
Total fund balances	1,241,428	386,997	87,432	1,715,857
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 2,265,873	$ 386,997	$ 87,432	

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	2,183,380
Revenue not considered available	30,249
Accumulated unused compensated absences	(56,206)
Net pension liability	(213,335)
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	(476,781)
Net position of governmental activities	$ 2,683,164

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property taxes	$ 597,473	$ -	$ -	$ 597,473
Earnings on investments	25,137	7,691	3,315	36,143
Other revenues	12,821	-	-	12,821
Total revenues	635,431	7,691	3,315	646,437
Expenditures				
Fire department	378,123	-	-	378,123
Street lighting	119,255	-	-	119,255
Employee benefits	29,764	-	-	29,764
Total expenditures	527,142	-	-	527,142
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	108,289	7,691	3,315	119,295
Other financing sources (uses)				
Bond proceeds	500,000	-	-	500,000
Transfers	(40,000)	40,000	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	460,000	40,000	-	500,000
Net change in fund balances	568,289	47,691	3,315	619,295
Fund balances, beginning	673,139	339,306	84,117	1,096,562
Fund balances, ending	$ 1,241,428	$ 386,997	$ 87,432	$ 1,715,857

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, 2024

Net change in fund balances of total governmental funds	$	619,295
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:		
Capital asset purchases		45,000
Depreciation expense		(73,280)
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		10,664
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction however, has any effect on net position:		
Issuance of long-term bonds		(500,000)
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		(4,171)
Decrease in net pension liability, including deferred outflows and inflows		122,124
Increase in postemployment benefits, including deferred outflows and inflows		(51,817)
Change in net position of governmental activities	$	167,815

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund			
	Budget		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	$ 601,906	$ 601,906	$ 597,473	$ (4,433)
Earnings on investments	-	-	14,131	14,131
Other revenues	15,500	15,500	12,821	(2,679)
Total revenues	617,406	617,406	624,425	7,019
Expenditures				
Fire department	433,306	433,306	416,862	16,444
Street lighting	144,000	144,000	119,255	24,745
Employee benefits	40,100	40,100	29,764	10,336
Total expenditures	617,406	617,406	565,881	51,525
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	58,544	58,544
Other financing sources (uses)				
Resources from other available funds	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Transfer to Stabilization Fund	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources	$ -	$ -	$ 58,544	$ 58,544

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND

June 30, 2024

	Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
Assets	
Current:	
Accounts receivable	$ 404,547
Inventory	17,426
Interfund receivable	958,964
Noncurrent:	
Capital assets, net	5,354,414
Total assets	6,735,351
Deferred outflows of resources	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	174,713
Deferred outflows related to postemployment benefits	114,851
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	7,024,915
Liabilities	
Current:	
Warrants and other payables	15,036
Current portion of long-term debt	273,026
Noncurrent:	
Long-term debt	2,608,737
Accumulated unused compensated absences	45,134
Net pension liability	1,124,944
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	775,040
Total liabilities	4,841,917
Deferred inflows of resources	
Deferred inflows related to postemployment benefits	98,234
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	4,940,151
Net position	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,472,651
Unrestricted	(387,887)
Total net position	$ 2,084,764

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities -- Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Operating revenues				
Charges for services	$ 1,696,660	$ 1,696,660	$ 1,789,941	$ 93,281
Other income	50,000	50,000	42,750	(7,250)
Total operating revenues	1,746,660	1,746,660	1,832,691	86,031
Operating expenses				
Cost of sales and services	533,346	533,346	493,149	40,197
Employee benefits	251,956	251,956	232,671	19,285
Professional fees	36,558	36,558	26,946	9,612
Office expense	31,245	31,245	24,751	6,494
Building expense	21,570	21,570	18,373	3,197
Communications	5,378	5,378	4,463	915
Insurance	42,271	42,271	35,333	6,938
Water system and pumping station	458,950	458,950	327,388	131,562
Road machinery expense	23,200	23,200	19,310	3,890
Change in net pension liability	-	-	87,622	(87,622)
Change in postemployment benefits liability	-	-	(15,845)	15,845
Depreciation	-	-	246,409	(246,409)
Total operating expenses	1,404,474	1,404,474	1,500,570	(96,096)
Operating income (loss)	342,186	342,186	332,121	(10,065)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
Interest expense	(73,728)	(73,728)	(73,728)	-
Change in net position	$ 268,458	$ 268,458	258,393	$ (10,065)
Net position, beginning			1,826,371	
Net position, ending			$ 2,084,764	

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business Type Activities Enterprise Fund (Water Fund)
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from customers	$ 1,858,334
Payments to suppliers	(448,674)
Payments to employees, including benefits	(725,820)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	683,840
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Increase in interfund receivable	(341,654)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(341,654)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Principal paid on long-term debt	(268,458)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(73,728)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(342,186)
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	-
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	-
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	$ -
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Operating income (loss)	$ 332,121
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	246,409
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivables	25,643
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Warrants and other payables	482
Accumulated unused compensated absences	7,408
Net pension liability	87,622
Postemployment benefits other than pensions	(15,845)
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 683,840

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

On June 30, 2024

As of June 30, 2024 cash and short-term investments consisted of the following balances:

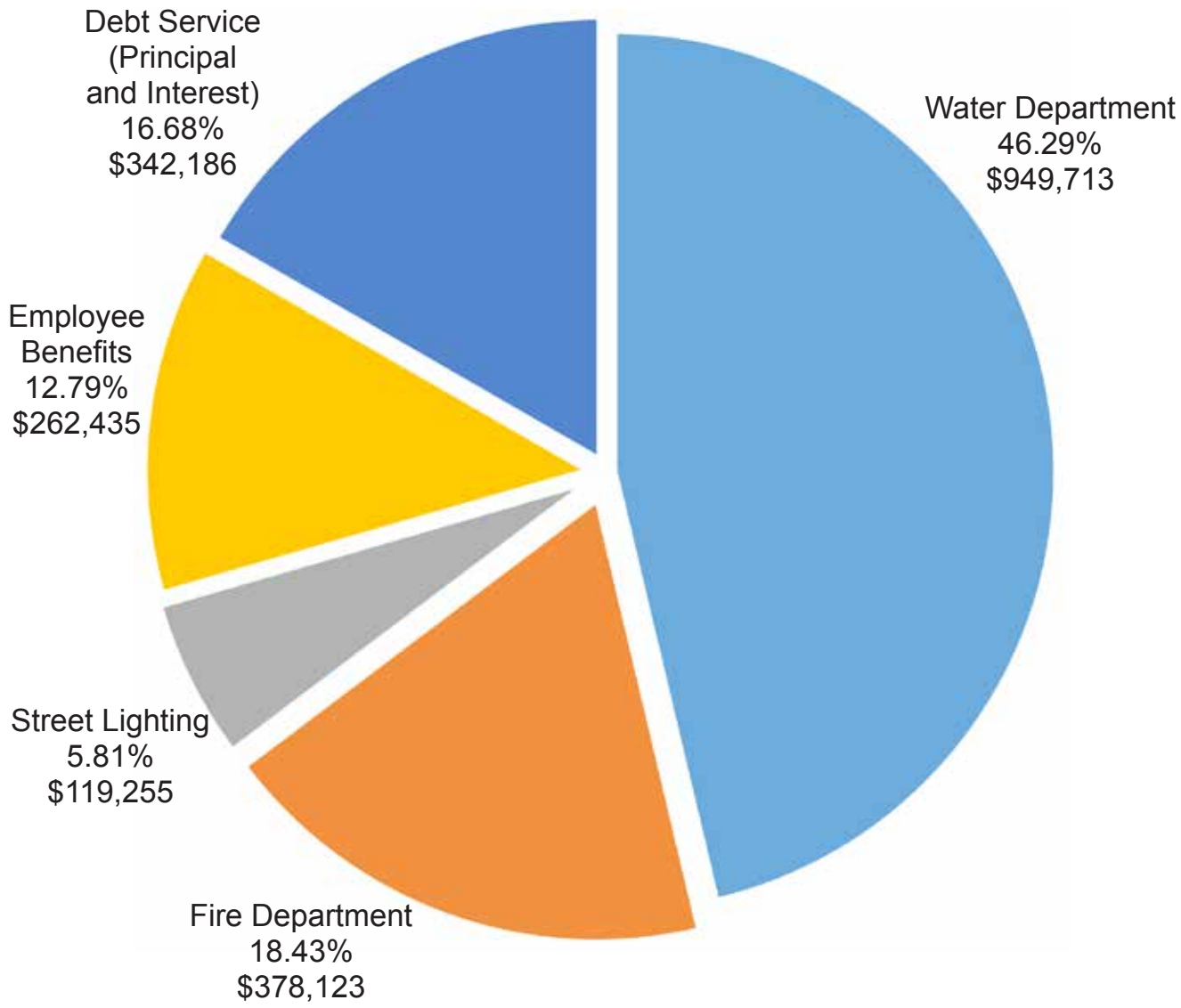
Cash in checking, savings, and certificate of deposit accounts:

Adams Community Bank	$ 2,553,594

Cash and short-term investments are presented in the financial state,emts as follows:

General Fund	$ 2,079,165
Stabilization Fund	386,997
Capital Outlay Fund	87,432
Total	$ 2,553,594

Fiscal 2024 Expenditures
Including Capitol Purchases and Debt Service



ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT
FISCAL 2024 EXPENDITURES,
INCLUDING CAPITAL PURCHASES AND DEBT SERVICE $2,051,712

		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
Water Department	46.29%	$ 949,713	$ 2,051,712
Fire Department	18.43%	378,123	2,051,712
Street Lighting	5.81%	119,255	2,051,712
Employee Benefits	12.79%	262,435	2,051,712
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	16.68%	342,186	2,051,712
	100.00%	$ 2,051,712	

Long Term Debt

	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Date Issued	Date of Maturity	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2024	Interest Outstanding June 30, 2024
Hale's Hill Project MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust	2%	$ 2,566,301.84	12/18/07	FY2028	$ 599,047.73	$ 24,261.27
Water Main Project - Rte #8	2.75%	$ 1,779,231.00	10/30/14	FY2052	$ 1,346,439.00	$ 536,882.96
Well #4 Rehab	2%	$ 527,230.00	09/12/18	FY2034	$ 368,972.23	$ 39,818.01
Chemical Feed & SCADA	2%	$ 766,794.00	10/24/19	FY2034	$ 567,305.39	$ 67,860.03
Fire Truck	5.25%	$ 500,000.00	02/06/24	FY2035	$ 500,000.00	$ 144,375.00
Total Indebtedness		**$ 6,139,556.84**			**$ 3,381,764.35**	**$ 813,197.27**

3 Year Budget Comparison

Category	FY2022 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	FY2022 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	FY2024 7/1/23 - 6/30/24
Total Recurring Items	$ 2,007,611.88	$ 2,029,317.06	$ 2,167,565.53
Total Warrant Articles	$ 190,000.00	$ 765,000.00	$ 326,500.00
BUDGET TOTALS	**$ 2,197,611.88**	**$ 2,794,317.06**	**$ 2,494,065.53**

Adams Fire Department Annual Report

I am honored to present my eighth annual report as Fire Chief. 2024 proved to be a challenging year for everyone including the fire department. The Adams Fire Department/Alert Hose Co. responded to 383 calls, which is the same number of calls we responded to during 2023, completed 410 inspections and plan reviews (5% decrease from last year) and issued 190 permits (a decrease of 12%). Our decrease in inspections and permits is directly related to the decline in property sales.

The department meets every Tuesday evening for training and is contracted with the Fire Rescue 1 Academy to offer online training. This training provides a different perspective to our department and proves valuable for years to come. I owe credit to our officers and members for their continued dedication to their training to protect their community.

Every year the Adams Fire Department looks for grants that can help provide the department with updated equipment. In 2024 the department received the State Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant which allowed us to purchase 13/4 Smooth Bore Nozzles, equipment to fight fires in electric vehicles, and safety kits for lithium-ion batteries.

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.

This past year we saw OSHA propose a new standard that if it goes through will be devastating to volunteer/call departments. I have been monitoring the process throughout the year. To meet OSHA/ISO requirements, I have contracted with Lexipol to assist in creating policies and procedures. With the assistance of my Engineers, we have just about completed the Policy Manual and most of the policies have been issued to our members. We are starting on the Procedure Manual. I would like to thank the engineers for their assistance in completing the procedures and the members for reviewing and acknowledging the ones that have been issued.

During 2024, the Adams Fire Department responded to 30 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	LOCATION	NARRATIVE
01/18/2024	Lime Street	• Fire on Railroad Tracks • Investigated
01/30/2024	380 Old Columbia Street	• Stove Fire • Verified Fire Was out • Ventilated
02/06/2024	115 Grove Street	• Chimney Fire • Extinguished
02/21/2024	41 East Jordan Street	• Structure Fire • Extinguished • Investigated
02/29/2024	9 Marshall Avenue	• Oven Fire • Investigated Fire Out • Advised not to use until serviced
03/03/2024	13 Weber Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Burnt Food in Oven • Investigated Fire Out

DATE	LOCATION	NARRATIVE
03/07/2024	29 Crandall Street	• Electrical Fire • Outlet under sink shorted out. • Power shut off to outlet and advised to have electrician check wiring
03/08/2024	15-19 High Street	• Furnace Blow Back • Shut off Furnace
06/19/2024	32 Commercial Street	• Structure Fire • Extinguished • Investigated
07/05/2024	6 Melrose Street	• Vehicle Fire • Extinguished • Investigated
07/26/2024	12 Pleasant Street	• Fire on Stove • Extinguished • Ventilated
07/30/2024	4 Pinnacle Point	• Grill Fire • Fire Out on arrival • Investigated
08/11/2024	27 Spring Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Grease Fire Out
08/20/2024	Russel Field Parking Lot	• Oil Dumped and attempt to burn • Investigated • Removed oil with spedi-dri
09/09/2024	51 Elm Street	• Stove Fire • Fire Out on arrival • Investigated
09/29/2024	25 Spring Street	• Toaster Fire • Fire Out on Arrival • Ventilated
10/11/2024	395 Old Columbia Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Cooking Fire • Ventilated
11/01/2024	33-37 Temple Street	• Outside Fire • Extinguished
11/04/2024	75 Commercial Street	• Stove Fire • Extinguished • Ventilated
11/05/2024	27 Spring Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Cooking Fire Out • Ventilated
11/05/2024	2-8 Allen Street	• Dumpster Fire • Extinguished • Spread to neighbor's fence.

DATE	LOCATION	NARRATIVE
11/19/2024	27 Spring Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Cooking Fire Out
11/28/2024	1 Jordan Street	• Stove Fire • Extinguished • Ventilated
12/02/204	15-25 Bellevue Avenue	• Stove Fire • Fire Out on arrival • Investigated
12/06/2024	160 Howland Avenue	• Fire Alarm Activated • Fire Out on Arrival • Investigated
12/06/2024	15-25 Bellevue Avenue	• Stove Fire • Fire Out on arrival • Investigated
12/09/2024	27 Spring Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Cooking Fire Out
12/13/2024	27 Spring Street	• Fire Alarm Activated • Cooking Fire Out
12/19/2024	160 Howland Avenue	• Fire Alarm Activated • Fire Out on Arrival • Investigated
12/20/2024	12 Summer Street	• Alarm Activated - Smoke in Basement • Dryer Fire • Extinguished • Ventilated

Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range

Station: ST1 - ADAMS FIRE STATION

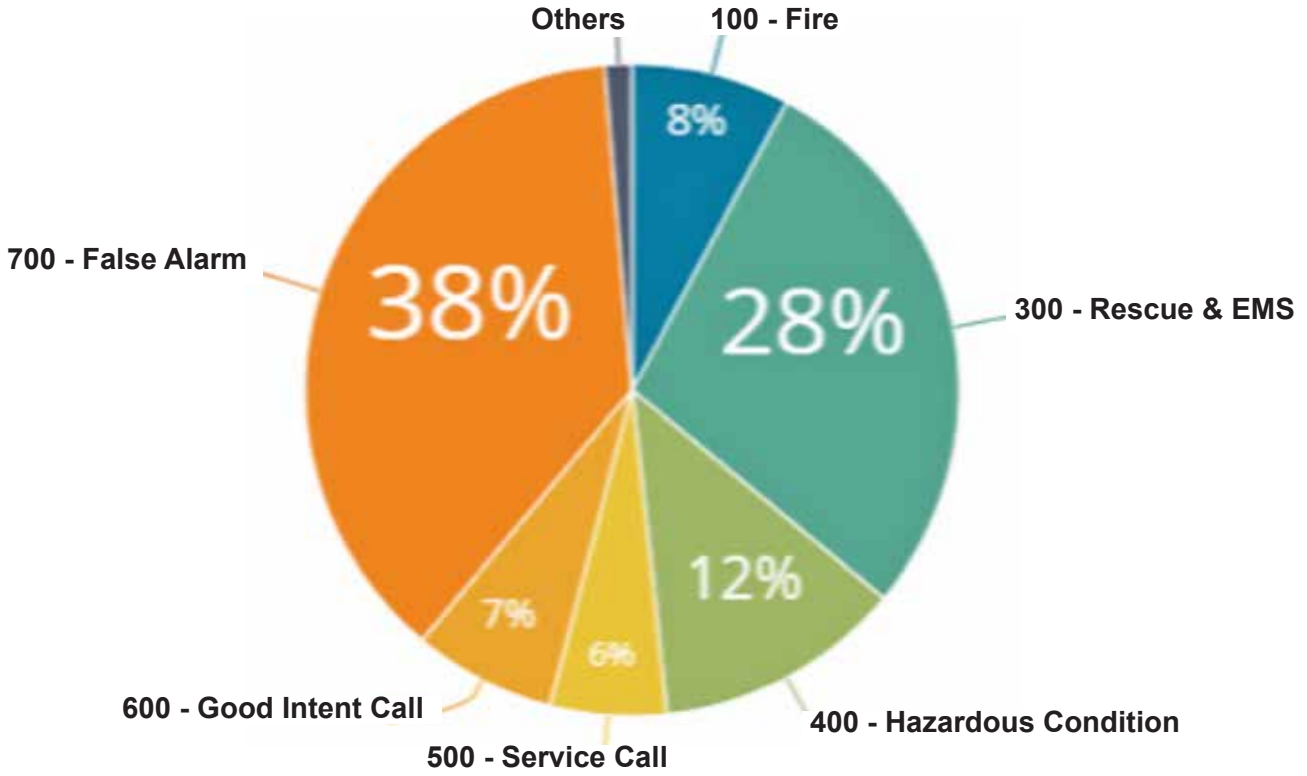
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
111 - Building fire	8
112 - Fires in structures other than in a building	1
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	14
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1
141 - Forest, woods, wildland fire	1
160 - Special outside fire, other	2
162 - Outside equipment fire	1
211 - Overpressure rupture of steam pipe or pipeline	2

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
240 - Explosion (no fire), other	1
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	27
320 - Emergency medical service incident, other	3
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	35
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	19
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	3
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	17
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	2
357 - Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	3
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	17
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	3
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	12
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2
444 - Power line down	3
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4
500 - Service Call, other	1
511 - Lock-out	1
522 - Water or steam leak	7
542 - Animal rescue	1
550 - Public service assistance, other	1
553 - Public Service	1
554 - Assist invalid	2
561 - Unauthorized burning	7
600 - Good intent call, other	3
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	7
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	8
700 - False Alarm or false call, other	2
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	36
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	44
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	15
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	3
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	10
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	22
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	5
814 - Lightning strike (no fire)	1
# Incidents for ST1 - Adams Fire Station:	**383**

Count of Incidents by Incident Type 2024



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

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

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 2024 was David Lennon and the Alert of the year for 2024 was Michael Corkins. Both individuals were more than deserving of the awards. Congratulations to both.

During 2024, I had the pleasure of presenting two Massachusetts Firefighter Service Awards; one to Firefighter (past Assistant Chief) Timothy Ziemba 30 years, and one to Assistant Chief David Lennon 25 years.

In January of 2024 Andrew Bourdon retired from the department. Firefighter Bourdon moved out of the area, and we wish him the best of luck.

In November Firefighter David A. Lennon 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 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 on to family and friends who may be interested.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Pansecchi
Chief Engineer

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Alert Hose Company No. 1

Year Ending December 31, 2024 – Annual Report

ENGINEERS OF THE ADAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Name		Years of Service
John Pansecchi	Chief Engineer	37
David Lennon	First Assistant Engineer	25
Edward Capeless	Second Assistant Engineer	26
Mark Therrien	Third Assistant Engineer	38
Dylan Grimes	Fourth Assistant Engineer	11

OFFICERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

John Duval	Foreman	7
Michael Shepard	First Asst. Foreman	5
Richard Valois	Second Asst. Foreman	5
Michael Therrien	Secretary (past Foreman)	17
Andrew Gigliotti	Treasurer	26
Deacon Greg LaFreniere	Chaplain	10

MEMBERS OF THE ALERT HOSE COMPANY

Andrew Bourdon (resigned 1/2/24)	8
Michael Corkins	2
John DeMartino	5
Raymond Ferrin	1
Andrea Fitzgerald	10
William Gero (past Foreman)	52
John Hauser (elected 1/2/24)	
Joseph Koscinski (past Foreman)	51
Robert Krzanik	21
Dana Labbee	27
Julie Lech	12
Jason Leja (past Foreman)	26
David Lennon, Jr. (elected 11/5/24)	
Eric Mallet	13
Michael Mullany	18
Christopher Perin	2
Anthony Piscioneri, Jr. (past Foreman)	36
Joshua Sworzen	11
Timothy Ziemba (past First Assistant Engineer)	30

Engineer of the Year

2024 - David Lennon

Alert of the Year

2024 - Michael Corkins

2024 Superintendent's Report

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

	Gallons	Highest Daily Total Date	Highest Daily Total Gallons	Daily Average Gallons
January	21,971,000	01/24/2024	805,000	725,000
February	20,923,000	02/29/2024	869,000	747,250
March	21,573,000	03/13/2024	780,000	695,903
April	19,451,000	04/11/2024	778,000	648,367
May	19,258,000	05/31/2024	630,000	621,226
June	18,698,000	06/19/2024	789,000	623,267
			M.D.D.	
July	19,869,000	07/17/2024	1,310,000	640,935
August	19,095,000	08/02/2024	760,000	615,968
September	18,123,000	09/12/2024	712,000	604,100
October	18,243,000	10/09/2024	666,000	588,484
November	17,881,000	11/17/2024	751,000	596,033
December	23,526,000	12/27/2024	912,000	758,903
Totals:	**238,611,000**		**A.D.D.**	**653,729**

WATER MAIN / SERVICE WORK

Date	Reason / Location	Line Size
01/01/24	Service break 47 Walling Road	1"
01/03/24	Service repair 94 East Road	¾"
01/10/24	Service break 28 East Road	¾"
01/25/24	Watermain break 17 Dubis Street	6"
03/18/24	Watermain break Specialty Minerals	4"
04/09/24	Gate Repair - Notch/Walnut	4"
04/19/24	Service break 70 Center Street	¾"
05/04/24	Service break 22-24 West Street	¾"
05/08/24	Service break 6 Orchard Street	¾"
06/11/24	Watermain break 17 Albert Street	¾"
07/6/24	Watermain break 5 Woods Drive	6"
07/15/24	Chlorination Greylock Glen connection	8"
07/18/24	Watermain break 10 Woods Drive	6"
08/01/24	Gate Repair adjacent 18 Lincoln	6"
08/15/24	Service break 5 West Street	¾"
Sept/Oct	Abandon old A.P. Daniels Watermain and restructure high/low service area	4"

Water System Update

Hydrant Replacements

We have an extensive documentation procedure for the operation, inspection, maintenance and replacement of our hydrants that is evaluated to create fire protection insurance rates locally for our customers. We recognize our hydrants are crucial to the protection of life and property in the event of an emergency, among other operational uses.

Our Fire Department staff numbers are dwindling, and the correct operation of a hydrant is critical when time is of the essence as Fire District personnel respond to the scene.

We have been dedicating substantial resources to replacing Matthews hydrants that were installed originally within our system in the early 1900s. In large, these hydrants have 4" pipe with no isolation gates, which creates a risk if damaged during an emergency as we have no way to isolate the hydrant from our system to utilize another hydrant in the area. We have been upgrading our mains and installing 6" piping with isolation gates for several years now. This year we replaced 8 Matthews with 40 remaining of our 366 hydrants in service. The cost of our installations this year totaled approximately $47,000 not including person-hours. Please refer to the details below.

* Re-plumbed watermain and installed a hydrant gate

1. 03/19/24	*8 Apremont Street
2. 04/29/24	*75 Commercial Street (privately installed hydrant fed by our system)
3. 05/01/24	11 Walnut Street
4. 05/08/24	Well 4 hydrant relocation
5. 07/05/24	*12 Lincoln Street
6. 08/14/24	*2 Marshall Avenue
7. 09/04/24	*11 Bieniek Avenue
8. 09/12/24	*3 Donald Avenue
9. 10/03/24	18 Crandall Street
10. 10/10/24	*5 Albert Street relocation and replacement

HYDRANT REPAIRS

Our hydrant repair list is created as we flush our hydrants in the summer and note deficiencies in their operation. After flushing has been completed, all hydrants are checked for leaks utilizing electronic listening equipment, In addition to checking the hydrants drainage system and lubricating all hose caps. Below are hydrants that required repair this year.

1. 01/17/24	69 Columbia Street
2. 02/14/24	Across from 86 Howland Avenue
3. 02/14/24	Across from 124 Howland Avenue
4. 07/05/24	Center Street adjacent Town Common (Leak detected on 06/28/24)
5. 07/10/24	Intersection of Fisk street and West Road
6. 07/10/24	3 Water Street

WINTER HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

In the winter, all hydrants are again utilized to complete leak detection of our system. While onsite at the hydrants, we also inspect for ground water and ice buildup within the barrels, which could lead to an inoperable hydrant.

1. 01/31/24	15 Burns Lane: Water in barrel pumped.
2. 01/31/24	77 East Road: Water in barrel pumped.
3. 02/01/24	Hoxie brook pump station hi and low service hydrants: water pumped.
4. 02/05/24	8 Aprimont Street: Frozen barrel, thawed and potable anti-freeze added.
5. 02/05/24	Fisk/Bieniek, 23 Bieniek: Water in barrel pumped.
6. 02/06/24	44 East Hoosac Street: Frozen barrel, thawed and potable anti-freeze added.
7. 02/12/24	32 Notch Road: Water in barrel pumped.

Meter Replacement Program

Our meter replacement program has been ongoing for over ten years now. The new metering system communicates via radio frequencies similar to systems the Gas and Electric companies have already. Our new radio meters have drastically reduced the number of person hours it takes going door to door for readings every month, however the bigger savings will come when we can eliminate the equipment and software costs of operating two separate reading systems. Once we transition to a full radio system only, I expect annual maintenance costs of approximately $95,000 a year with the current system and meter pricing.

This year we installed 245 meters, with approximately 194 left to install. We have been focusing on getting these installed within the winter months to transition into just replacing failed meters.

Water Quality Testing

Total Coliform: 199 (1 positive Total Coliform, all repeat site sampling returned negative results)

Orthophosphate, Phosphorus, Iron, Manganese, Nitrate ,PFAS-6, Perchlorate, Gross Alpha Radium 226 and 228, 21 Regulated Volatile Organic Contaminates, 34 Unregulated Volatile Organic Contaminates, 32 Regulated Synthetic Organic Contaminants, 13 Unregulated Synthetic Contaminants, Trihalomethanes, Halo acetic 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 @ 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, .3PPM 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 these chlorine residuals every time we work on our system from water breaks to system improvements to ensure the sustenance of our water quality. Every month we take thirteen total coliform samples at a minimum and record the sites chlorine residual to compile our distribution systems RAA.

Our **RAA** this year was **.23 PPM**.

Year in Review

I am happy to place within my 7th Annual Report that we have met our Water Withdrawal Permit compliance for the first time since 2011. Over the years we have been implementing several policies and procedures to lower our unaccounted water (UAW) from 36.1% to an acceptable level under 10%, as listed within the permit. This year I submitted documentation with a calculated rate of 3% of our pumped water unaccounted for. Achieving compliance removes our burden of providing costly engineered audits for compliance documentation to the State within our Annual Reporting.

This year has been a busy year for project management. We ended the Greylock Glen Consecutive System project and started preparation for our second cybersecurity audit. This audit was completed by MassDEP specialists, our first was a Federally funded audit I volunteered for in preparation of the State audit. I finalized our Cyber Security Incident Response Plan and signed up for weekly vulnerability scanning of our networks via the Federal Cyber Security and Infrastructure Agency, which provides us with weekly reports.

We have a project moving forward with MassDOT to replace the bridge on Quality Street to South Willow that will remove our 12" and 16" mains coming into Town with temporary connections during construction, and the final connection of a 20" main over the new bridge. This project provides substantial cost savings to District customers and is in the 75% complete design phase.

The roof recover project of our office location, which started with selecting an engineering firm last year, has progressed to the construction phase, which I expect to oversee this spring.

A new and unexpected project has taken priority as I had our building evaluated and it appears we may need to reconstruct the superstructure support columns. The 1900's building currently houses all personnel and equipment of the Districts Fire and Water Departments. Several early modifications to the building we do not have engineering plans for has added weight to the original support columns. In the present time, our Fire Department trucks, and growing fleet of equipment needed to provide the safety of our personnel continues to add to that weight.

At this time, this project is under engineering review, and it appears we may have some substantial reconstruction coming soon to sustain the safety of our occupancy within this building.

This year was the deadline for the Service line Inventory required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The inventory analyzes the material makeup of water services to houses supplied by Public Water Systems (PWS) throughout the United States. While many systems submitted incomplete data and are now in the process of reaching customers for compliance, we have been working on this project in preparation for 6 years and submitted a full inventory of service lines ahead of schedule.

We also have the Glen Street Pumping Station rehabilitation, to prepare for the anticipated merger of that high pressure system to our East Road high pressure system. This will allow us to remove the existing East Road Pump Station and tank, while providing more pressure and increased firefighting capabilities within the area. The primary hurdle is funding this project as all loan programs traditionally utilized are overwhelmed with treatment facility costs for PFAS contamination throughout the Commonwealth. We are trying to break this project down into smaller segments to make it more affordable without taking loans for completion in the hopes the equipment will continue to run efficiently while delaying the replacement process determined within our Asset management plan.

Our water system is expensive to maintain as we have our office facility, three pump/treatment facilities, four pump stations, three tanks, and two pressure reducing stations to operate and maintain. Removing one pumping system is a substantial cost savings.

Staffing has been an ongoing issue that continues to afflict not only us here, but our surrounding communities. Education and compliance with the abundance of new regulations from the EPA, MassDEP, DLS and DPU while maintaining existing regulatory compliance, coupled with daily workflow management with the lack of experienced personnel available has PWS throughout the Commonwealth strained. MassDEP has recently started issuing compliance for Superintendents of PWS to submit staffing retention plans. MassDEP has, however, made an effort to assist by establishing a partnership with UMass in creating an internship

shadowing program with volunteering water systems in an attempt to get more personnel interested in our field of work. I have volunteered for this and a previous MassDEP new employee job shadowing program to assist their employees with learning what we do at our level, aside from the compliance they are tasked with.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Assistant Superintendent Nicholas Johnson. We have both been here twelve years now and have developed and administered countless procedures to make our system run proficiently and accountable. Nick oversees the day to day operational activities which never seem to slow down. Over the past year, in the absence of licensed operator staff, he has also been checking pumps in rotation with Josh. Your dedication and willingness to continue to evolve within this field is unmatched and I thank you.

In addition, I would like to thank Joshua Sworzen, our senior operator of almost 6 years here now, but a member of the Fire Department for 12 years. Josh has been working 12 days on for two off for 2 years now as we continue to be unable to retain an employee with a chemical treatment license. The dedication he demonstrates is something few companies have within their employment.

This year we have hired two new employees to fulfill our normal staff of five, as Zach Hillard has left to join the Gas Company.

I would like to welcome Sutye Vilayvanh and Kyle Bentley. While Sutye has just started in the field and obtaining the 4,160 hours required to sit for entry level distribution and chemical licensure test, Kyle comes here with a Class one Distribution license and Backflow Tester's Certification. Our new employees have been busy training to learn about our system and taking multiple classes to get them professionally trained for safety and preparation of the five licenses in total required to maintain employment here. I am happy to have them here with us.

Keeping our front office functioning is Kathleen Fletcher, Victoria Lassonde, and Kristen Rosenau. A very deserving thanks for everything they do to maintain the functionality of both the Water and Fire Departments of the District.

To our Fire Department Chief John Pansecchi, I don't understand how you work as many hours as you do to fulfill the full-time needs your tasked with here, but you do it without complaint. To you and the men and woman of the Fire Department dedicating so much of your time to the people of Adams, a thank you I feel is never enough. It is always my pleasure working with you all, no matter what we are doing.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank the members of our board, Chairman Thomas Satko, Vice Chairman Richard Kleiner, and our newest member Michael Lahey.

Chairman Thomas Satko is up for re-election this year, with 9 years of service here already in addition to his career with the Town of Adams. Your lifelong dedication to public service here in Adams is second to none and is an admirable accomplishment. I wish to give him a special thank you for the time and dedication you have and currently continue to commit to the betterment of the District and the community we serve.

John C. Barrett

Fire District Superintendent

Record of Annual Fire District Meeting - *May 14, 2024*

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Adams qualified to vote in elections and Fire District affairs, met at 3 Columbia Street, Adams, MA 01220, the times therein mentioned.

Thomas A. Satko, Chairman of the Adams Fire District, called the 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 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 Fire District Chairman.

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot the following officers:

One Prudential Committee Member for a 3 year term
One Clerk & Treasurer for a 3 year term

The elections officers were duly sworn to office by the Fire District Chairman as follows:

CHECKERS:

IN	OUT
Frances Oakes	Jean Kondej
Patricia Catelotti	Mary Ellen Sutliff
Janice Hayer	Frances Bassi

COUNTERS/TABULATORS:

Denise Sadlowski
Barbara Lagowski

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

The Fire District Chairman closed the District meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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

At 6:00 p.m., the Fire District Chairman 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 Fire District Chairman announced the results of the voting at 6.01 p.m.

	VOTES CAST	VOTERS	ELIGIBLE VOTERS
Precinct 1	10	1,168	1,168
Precinct 2	12	1,250	1,216
Precinct 3	16	1,203	1,100
Precinct 4	7	1,161	1,150
Precinct 5	16	1,284	1,154
TOTALS	**61**	**6,068**	**5,788**

Prudential Committee for Three Years

	Total Votes Cast
Blanks	3
Michael J. Lahey	58
Write-Ins:	0
	61

The Moderator declared Michael J. Lahey elected Prudential Committee Member for a three-year term expiring in 2027. He was sworn to this office by the Fire District Chairman.

Clerk & Treasurer for Three Years

	Total Votes Cast
Blanks	3
Kathleeen A. Fletcher	58
Write-Ins:	0
	61

The Moderator declared Kathleen A. Fletcher elected Clerk & Treasurer for a three-year term expiring in 2027. Kathleen A. Fletcher declined.

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 2024, to act upon the following articles.

The Moderator reopened the business meeting at 7:00 p.m., with twenty-four (24) Fire District voters present.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Prudential Committee and Officers, and act thereon.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote the Annual Report for the year 2023 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.

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 & 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, 2024.

Prudential Committee:	
Chairman	$ 1,119.99
Member	840.00
Member	840.00
Clerk & Treasurer	**2,104.29**
Chief Engineer	**24,989.49**

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025, 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 $627,789.10 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	$ 840.00
Clerk & Treasurer's Salary	631.29
Bookkeeper's Salary	26,836.78
Fire District Office Wages	36,673.20
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime	600.00
Legal Services & Claims	6,000.00
Audit of District Accounts	8,250.00
Office Expense	14,866.40
Building Expense	9,490.00
Communications	2,305.16
Actuarial Valuation Services	675.00
	$ 107,167.83

Fire Department

Chief Engineer's Salary	$ 24,989.49
Chief Engineer's Expense	2,275.00
Fire Department Expense	56,200.00
Certifications and Inspections	20,000.00
Fire Alarm System Expense	400.00
Stipends - Volunteer Firemen	34,000.00
Grants	12,000.00
Capital Expense	70,000.00
Hydrants	10,500.00
Maturing Debt/Down payment	50,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	26,250.00
	$ 306,614.49

Street Lighting

Street Lighting	**$ 144,000.00**

Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	$ 15,953.34
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	300.00
Contributory Retirement System	17,978.97
	$ 34,232.21

Insurance

Insurance	**$ 35,774.47**

DISCUSSION *Charles Foster of 16 Murray Street questioned the revenue source for Article 6 and the cost of the Fire Department. Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher confirmed that the revenue source was taxes collected through the Town of Adams and the amount to operate the Fire Department through direct and indirect costs to be $483,789.10.*

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 2025, 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 $2,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025, 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 $1,678,597.46 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	$	1,959.99
Clerk & Treasurer's Salary		1,473.00
Bookkeeper's Salary		62,619.14
Fire District Office Wages		85,570.80
Fire District Office Wages - Overtime		1,400.00
Legal Services & Claims		14,000.00
Audit of District Accounts		19,250.00
Office Expense		34,681.58
Building Expense		22,270.00
Communications		5,378.71
Actuarial Valuation Services		1,575.00
Superintendent's Salary		102,446.16
Assistant Superintendent's Wages		79,102.32
	$	**431,726.70**

Water Department

Superintendent's Expense	$	1,700.00
Water Department Wages		178,062.84
Water Department Wages - Overtime		43,930.44
Water System Expense		163,200.00
Pumping Stations Expense		117,500.00
Road Machinery Expense		23,200.00
Water Department Clothing Allowance		2,900.00
Engineering Services		10,000.00
Maturing Debt		273,027.24
Interest on Maturing Debt		67,618.48
	$	**881,139.00**

Employees Benefits

Employees Group Insurance	$	121,026.36
Unemployment Compensation Insurance		600.00
Contributory Retirement System		141,834.03
	$	**263,460.39**

Insurance

Insurance	**$**	**42,271.37**

DISCUSSION *Charles Foster questioned why the Bookkeeper and the Fire District Office wages appeared in both Article 6 and Article 8. Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher stated that those expenses were split 30%, 70% between the Articles. Charles Foster questioned how many employees were included in the office wages. Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher stated that it included two employees.*

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.

DISCUSSION *Charles Foster questioned the remaining balance of the Surplus revenue after all Articles were deducted. Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher stated that there will be a balance of $485,347.00.*

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.

DISCUSSION *Charles Foster questioned why the amount was included in the budget if the expense was fully covered by a grant. Clerk & Treasurer Fletcher indicated that money is paid out and later reimbursed.*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and to be fully reimbursed by a FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency (Safer) Grant, a sum of money for two full-time firefighters, 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, a sum of $183,250.00 for the purpose stated above.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Engineering Services for the Fire District Roof Replacement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, a sum of $22,000.00 for the purpose stated above.

DISCUSSION *Charles Foster questioned the high cost for Engineering Services. Superintendent Barrett stated that Engineering is required per regulations and procurement.*

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Fire District will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Fire District Roof Replacement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum up to $325,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

ARTICLE 14. 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 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 $36,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

DISCUSSION *Charles Foster questioned why both the Town of Adams and the District were paying for engineering the same project. Chairman Satko stated that it is necessary for the District to confirm the Town of Adams' water system is engineered correctly per District's rules and regulations.*

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

RECOMMENDATION We recommend that the Fire District vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of $10,000.00, for the purpose stated above.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Fire District will vote to raise and appropriate from water rates, a sum of money for a Dump Truck for the Water Department, 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.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Fire District will vote to 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 $100,000.00, in accordance with provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, for the purpose stated above.

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 pass Article 3 through Article 18 as stated.

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 7:18 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		$ 627,789.10			
Article 7		2,000.00			
Article 8	$ 1,618,597.46				
Article 9			$ 40,000.00		
Article 10			15,500.00		
Article 11			183,250.00		
Article 12			22,000.00		
Article 13			325,000.00		
Article 14			36,000.00		
Article 15			10,000.00		
Article 16	100,000.00				
Article 17			100,000.00		
TOTALS	$ 1,718,597.46	$ 629,789.10	$ 731,750.00		

Total Voted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget: $ 3,080,136.56

A true record:

Attest Kathleen A. Fletcher

Kathleen A. Fletcher
Fire District Clerk

Record of Special Fire District Election - *September 24, 2024*

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

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

CHECKERS:

IN	OUT
Patricia Catelotti	Jean Kondej
Frances Oakes	Mary Ellen Sutliff
Janice Hayer	Frances Bassi

COUNTERS/TABULATORS:

Barbara Lagowski
Janice Hayer

The ballot box was examined by the Fire District Chairman, Bookkeeper/Office Manager Fletcher and Election Officer Jean Kondej and found to be in readiness. The keys to the ballot box were delivered to the Bookkeeper/Office Manager Fletcher.

The Fire District Chairman officially opened the polls at 12:00 Noon and balloting commenced at 3 Columbia Street, Adams, MA.

To choose by ballot the following officer:

One Clerk for a 3-year term (remainder of the term ending at the 2027 Annual Meeting).

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

The results of the voting are as follows;

	VOTES CAST	VOTERS	ELIGIBLE VOTERS
Precinct 1	8	1,194	1,194
Precinct 2	8	1,280	1,244
Precinct 3	5	1,268	1,155
Precinct 4	17	1,195	1,159
Precinct 5	11	1,303	1,171
TOTALS	**49**	**6,240**	**5,923**

Clerk for a 3-year term
(remainder of the term ending at the 2027 Annual Meeting).

	Total Votes Cast
Blanks	0
Allen J. Mendel	47
Write-Ins:	
Anyone else	1
Blank	1
	49

The Fire District Chairman declared Allen J. Mendel elected Clerk for a three-year term (remainder of the term ending at the 2027 Annual Meeting) expiring in 2027. He was sworn to this office by the Adams Fire District Chairman.

A true record:
Attest Allen J Mendel

Allen J. Mendel
Fire District Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusett

OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR THE

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

CLERK OF ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

To Vote, Mark a Cross [X] in Space at right [X]

Prudential Committee for Three Years		Vote for One
MICHAEL J. LAHEY	Candidate for Election 22 Grandview Terrace	
WRITE IN		

Clerk & Treasurer for Three Years		Vote for One
KATHLEEN A. FLETCHER	Candidate for Election 3 Alger Street	
WRITE IN		

Specimen Ballot for the Adams Fire District Special Election -

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusett

OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR THE

ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Acting Clerk of Adams Fire District

To Vote, Mark a Cross [X] in Space at right [X]

Clerk		Vote for One
ALLEN J. MENDEL	Candidate for Election 10 Daniels Court	
WRITE IN		

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