

To the voters and rate payers of the North Branch Fire District #1.

The Prudential Committee (PC) would like to thank you for attending the special meeting on January 23rd, in regards to the new meters. It was helpful for us to get your feedback.

There was some mention at the meeting of floating a bond to replace the meters rather than individual ratepayers paying for their own meters. The PC had discussed the possibility of this very early on in the process of the move to cellular head meters. This option would have required a massive effort to ascertain a ratepayer's particular needs through inspection of the premises, a task that would have taken more than a year and possibly two. At that point, the PC would still only have an estimate. If the ratepayers wish to float a bond after all the meters are physically installed, that can be done from their actual bills. Once this project is completed, the District will be advising to change the Ordinance to read that installed meters will be replaced at the District's expense in the future.

Although for now you will still have to purchase the meters and have them installed by a licensed plumber, the District has taken the following steps to help:

First: The PC has extended the deadline for the purchase and installation, until January 1st, 2019, providing you more time to set aside money for the project. Remember that you can prepay through the District on a monthly basis for the meter and parts.

Second: The District is canvassing to find a plumber or plumbers that will install the meters at a competitive rate as long as the existing meter is in a horizontal position and has the proper in line water filter.

Third: The District has associated with a charitable organization to help cover part or all of the cost for those people who are less

fortunate, or for people who are on fixed incomes. Linda Holland, has some information that she can pass on to you at this time.

Please note that for those ratepayers who have already purchased a Radio Read Meter, you will receive the new cellular heads at no cost to you. The District is requesting that you sign a crawl space waiver if the meter is not presently located in a livable area (464-7560 x110 to inquire about this). Once this is achieved, you will be on the list for free replacement.

Sincerely,

North Branch Fire District #1

Prudential Committee