

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting  
November 3, 2014

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee  
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member  
Bob Escott, Fire Chief  
Eileen Tela, District Accountant  
David Thompson, Finance Committee Member

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes accepted – October 6<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted.

Chief's Report

Engine 1 – leaf springs were replaced on Engine #1, our Pierce 2012 truck. Bob is hoping that Pierce will agree to reimburse us the \$3,300 that we had to spend.

Ambulance - body work has been done. Rocker panels were rotted and some paint was peeling. Cost was \$4,400.

Ladder truck was overheating. Water pump needed to be replaced. Cost of repair was about \$3,300.

Ambulance Billing Report – October's collections were \$8,500. \$11,000 is still in receivables at month end. Bob presented copy of an ambulance hardship policy for those having difficulty paying balance due. Rich made motion to accept with minor change in wording. Jay seconded. All in favor.

Deputy Chief's holiday pay – Deputy Chief works 4 days/week, Monday-Thursday and has day off when holiday falls during these days. After discussion, motion made by Rich to pay the Deputy Chief for holiday pay on his days off for his remaining contract to coincide with the other union employees. Seconded by David. All in favor.  
Bob will draft m.o.u (memorandum of understanding) and union will be invited to next Prudential Committee meeting to ratify.

Bob announced that he may possibly retire next summer. He may know for sure by January or so.

Rich left at this time.

Streetlight request - Carol Pedigree, property owner in Turners Falls arrived at this time with streetlight request for 4 South High Street in Turners. Home is near two streetlights,

but her tenants say the road is dark and she is requesting another light on existing pole. Street is dead-end street and does not have much traffic. Chief will visit area to observe and request will be discussed at our next meeting. Carol left at this time.

Section 111F – Bob brought up issue of Chap. 111F injured on duty benefits while on detail work. After much discussion, it was decided that the Chief would schedule a meeting with Rep. Kulik to discuss out-of- district detail work, such as Mount Tom detail and if our firefighters would be covered. It was decided that detail within our own district should be allowed and most likely be covered, as well as surrounding towns such as Northfield, when we would normally be the primary response team for confined space emergencies. Gray areas are in some out of district places that he would like clarified.

#### Accountant's Report

Eileen noted that the audit was done the first week in October. She mentioned the comments that she expects in the management letter from the auditors.

The Special Town meeting warrant lists the \$16,000 that is due our District from the Drug Subsidy program. Two more payments for these subsidies are expected, but starting January 1, 2015, we will not be receiving any more subsidies because the drug program for the retirees will be changing as of then. Eileen will also be taking over the administration of the retirees as of that date from the Town.

She also brought up the fact that our District withholds insurance premiums for the month being covered and as a result the District ends up pre-paying our insurance premiums. We withhold for October in October, but the October bill is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. She would like to adjust for this in January and February by withholding for another month over this period to catch-up. Prudential Committee agrees.

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.