

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
March 2, 2015

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

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

Minutes accepted – February 9 minutes were approved.

Moderator – Dean Elgosin stopped in for a few minutes to present his letter of resignation to the Prudential Committee effective March 23, since he is moving out of the District at that time. The Prudential Committee accepted his letter of resignation with regret. Ray Godin has expressed an interest in stepping into this position.

Eileen asked whether she should pay him ½ of his stipend for FY15 since we did have a special meeting in the fall. Prudential Committee approved this with a motion made by Rich. All in favor.

FY2016 Budgets were reviewed with some changes to the debt service budget. Eileen handed out worksheets showing yearly comparisons for the last few years of amounts requested from taxation.

FY16 Special Articles were reviewed and discussed. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table the request for a second ambulance until possibly September, since we will have more history of ambulance receipts and surplus by then.

Special Articles :

\$50,000 – to stabilization for fire vehicle.

\$10,000 – for turnout gear will be added into the fire operating budget for this, and will not be included as special article

\$24,000 – fire alarm system for fire station

\$3,200 - for obtaining and improving surplus equipment to provide a vehicle for the Deputy Chief.

\$20,000 - to fund OPEB

Project Balances were reviewed and some transfers were suggested to be made to fund the above Articles.

Motion made by Rich to accept FY16 budgets and Special Articles. All in favor.

Chief's Report

FY 15 Budgets – Bob reviewed the current year budgets and again noted that the remaining year will be tight for the fire budget.

Physical Fitness Standards – Bob noted that the call force is concerned about these standards and many do not think that the new standards are a good measurement of fitness for a firefighter. He will have a meeting with them and ask them for their ideas.

Firefighter Applications – Bob reviewed applications and narrowed them down to 7. They will be discussed in executive session later this evening.

Accountant's Report

Accountant noted that payroll was paid a day late two weeks prior, as a result of an error while she was out and someone had requested to be reimbursed \$45 for overdraft charges to their account due to this. Prudential Committee agreed that we should pay this.

Eileen and David Thompson left at this time.

Executive session - went into executive session at 6:31 p.m. to review and discuss the 7 applications for the firefighter position. It was decided to interview 5 candidates on March 19. Sample questions were discussed.

Out of executive session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21.

Meeting adjourned at 7.46 p.m.