

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
May 31, 2016

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
JayDiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member
Richard Kuklewicz, Prudential Committee Member
Bob Escott, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Brian McCarthy, Captain – Fire Department
Leon Ambo, Captain – Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of prior meetings – Minutes were approved for the May 2nd meeting.

Invoice warrants – were reviewed and signed by the Prudential Committee.

Contract Amendments – Prudential Committee reviewed union contract amendments. Rich made motion to approve. Dave seconded. All in favor. Amendments were signed by Local representatives, Captains Ambo and McCarthy. The Captains left at this time.

Chief's Report

May calls totaled 102; 13 of which were transports.

Ambulance collections were discussed. Bob noted that having a collections service seems to be working for some accounts. We have collected some when they are referred to collections. Discussion followed. Rich suggested that maybe the new Chief could approach the Town's Selectboard on an annual basis to ask them to request MedCare's run information for the previous year relating to calls in the Town of Montague.

COG representative is going to Selectboards in the area to discuss a grant funded regionalization study for fire protection. Bob told him that our Fire District is on board with this regionalization study.

We have 20 Firefighter applications. Bob narrowed it down to five candidates. These candidates will be interviewed here on Tuesday June 7. Prudential Committee will review the applications before the interviews.

Captain Ambo will return to work on June 7 from medical leave.

Military leave – Accountant has not cancelled Captain Brunelle’s insurance yet because we have no confirmation yet on his military insurance. We have no written policy on military leave pay or benefits and we should have one. Discussion followed about this. We will put on the agenda for next meeting.

Chief’s Interviews – Interviews for the two internal candidates for the Chief’s position will be Thursday, June 9th.

Accountant’s Report

Eileen noted that she would like the last weekly payroll to be July 7th with the bi-weekly payroll starting July 21st. Prudential Committee agreed.

Next meeting Tuesday July 5th at 5:00 p.m

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.