

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
December 4, 2017

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Allyson Chabot, Finance Committee
David Thompson, Finance Committee
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee
Todd O'Brien, District resident

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

Minutes were accepted for the November 6th meeting, with corrections.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Request for Streetlights – Todd O'Brien, resident on Pinewood Circle, wants to petition the board for streetlights on Pinewood Circle. There are currently none and he would like to see one or two on the street. David Zamojski noted that we would have to contact neighbors to start any process, and it was noted that there are currently no existing poles on this street. Eileen will contact Eversource to see what the process would be and the associated costs.

TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Agreement request - Jay explained that the process is moving forward for Ja'Duke for their proposed expansion. The Town is negotiating the terms for them and for us, with a state agency also needing to approve the application. There will be two separate parallel agreements, one with the Town and one with us. The Town will be having a special meeting or two before their annual meeting, and we may need to have one to address this TIF request.

Run Report - In November there were 92 calls of which 50 were EMS, including 12 transports.

ISO report- Our rating was originally at 4/9 or new 4/4X – now at a better rating of 3/3Y. Insurance rates should go down for our District.

Call Force – We're now down to 9 on our call force.

O2X Program (Nutrition, Physical Fitness, Mental Health program) – Firefighters started on nutrition component recently and began the exercising and conditioning program a few weeks ago.

Firefighter of the Year – Captain Currie and a firefighter from Gill were honored for an attempted rescue last year.

Solar study – Fire Department signed on to feasibility study for the safety complex and the high school, since that is our emergency shelter, to see if they could both run on solar energy.

FY17 Audit results – Accountant received the draft financial statements, and it was noted that there would be no management letter comments this year.

Verizon Pole Attachment Agreement - Verizon has been in contact with the Town about a pole attachment agreement. It was explained that Verizon is requesting that municipalities sign this to license any attachments that would be installed on their space on poles. One worksheet that was provided shows that we still have fire equipment on some poles, but John said we did remove everything when we went to the electronic fire alarm system, but he will spot check a few. Our attorney's opinion is that this agreement is not required to be signed, but if ever in the future we are looking at any attachments, we could revisit this then. Prudential Committee agrees and decided to table this.

Ambulance Collections were \$9,600 for November.

Military Policy – Chief spoke with Captain Brunelle about his concerns with our current military policy, and he stated that he's using more personal time for his weekend trainings and would like this changed. If he's scheduled to work the night before weekend duty, it is a particular concern. Prudential Committee would like him to come to the next meeting to discuss his concerns then.

Next meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

