

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
July 2, 2018

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Alyson Chabot, Finance Committee
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee
Chris Mason, Montague Energy Committee
Rebecca Sabelawski, Montague Center Lighting District
Mark Fisk, Montague Center Lighting District

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes were approved for the June 4th meeting.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Streetlights – Chris Mason from the Montague Energy Committee explained that all of Montague currently has high pressure sodium lights and we would see about 60-70% energy savings with LED lights and it makes sense to look at this for the whole town. Three entities currently handle streetlights within the town of Montague and we would like to pursue a grant to help us study this and look at the current rate tariffs and what our options would be. This is a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant and does not have a 5% match. The TF Fire District could apply for this for all three entities with a possible memo of understanding between all three entities. Grant application is due in two weeks.

Rebecca Sabelawski and Mark Fisk from the Montague Center Lighting District noted that Eversource would be replacing current lights as they burn out with LED's at no cost to the customer and they prefer to approach the conversion to LED's that way. Discussion followed and it was decided to ask our Eversource representative Ken Garber to attend a meeting with us shortly to clarify things before we apply for this META grant. Chris, Rebecca and Mark left at this time.

Ladder truck - Chief noted that the ladder truck just failed the recent pump test within 15 minutes after the start of the test, with the engine and transmission overheating. Currently needs about \$38,000 of repairs in the hydraulics and pump and truck is 29 years old. Chief asked for guidance about what we need to do about this truck. John noted that Pierce now manufactures stock ladder trucks and he would like to investigate this option

Discussion followed about possible refurbishing or purchasing a used truck

Jay suggested that we need fresh numbers and schedule district meeting to present all options to voters.

Run Report – We had 122 total calls for June, of which 58 were EMS calls, including 9 transports. Chief noted that calls are going up, with about 700 since January.

Fire Engine Pump tests – Chief is using new company to do this, saving us overtime pay.

Future of the Ambulance service Prudential Committee will be meeting with the Chief and the union to discuss responses and the future of the ambulance service on July 16th.

Next regular meeting is Monday, August 6, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.