

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
October 1, 2018

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee
Don Reid, Finance Committee
David Thompson, Finance Committee

Minutes were approved for the September 5th meeting.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Dispatch update – Feasibility update was done to see where possibilities for control center for our area could be located. Shelburne is a possibility.

New Ladder truck – Voters had approved at the September 26 Special District Meeting the lease/purchase of a new fire ladder truck. Delivery will be in about 45-60 days. Truck is currently in Utah and will be brought to Wisconsin for some minor installations to suit our needs, then to Walpole, Mass. for delivery to us.

Old ladder truck – We can trade it in for scrap value, put it out to bid for “as is” condition or donate it for third world country. Jay suggested we donate it. Chief will look into these programs.

New District website – is up and running. Minutes are posted and we can now post scheduled meetings. Not complete yet. We now have Fire, Water and District webpages.

Run Report – We had 93 calls for August, of which 53 were EMS calls including 15 transports. September ended with 116 calls, of which 66 were EMS including 12 transports.

Southworth – Chief went to court about Southworth issues. They did not send a representative in that day. Town has reported that another party may be interested in the building, but there are concerns about remaining chemicals, paper, pallets, etc left in the Southworth building.

Future planning – Chief would like to see a line in the Fire Dept. budget for the purchase of vehicles, which would now cover the lease payments for the ladder truck and when paid off would cover another vehicle purchase. Discussion followed. Accountant explained that we have a debt service budget that covers all debt. Operating budgets should cover yearly operating expenses. We need to consistently put dollars away in Stabilization for the future purchase of fire vehicles from taxation if necessary.

Streetlights on Avenue A - We were just told today that Selectboard thinks some areas of Avenue A are too dark. Specific areas will be discussed tonight at Selectboard meeting.

Audit – Field work for FY18 audit has been done and went well. Probably some minor issues will be brought up in management letter.

By-laws – We should start discussion again at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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