

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
November 5, 2018

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

Minutes were approved for the October 1st meeting.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

New Ladder truck has left Wisconsin and is on way to Minuteman in Massachusetts.

Run Report – We had 124 calls for October, of which 70 were EMS calls including 14 transports.

OSHA - Chief thinks that we are in pretty good shape, but sees that we will need to upgrade our plymovent exhaust system and focus more on anti-cancer prevention programs. OSHA is looking more at facilities now rather than fire grounds.

Chief's overtime -- Chief noted that there is some overtime necessary for him that we are later reimbursed for from outside agencies. He asked if this would be considered the same as reimbursement for outside detail as mentioned in his contract. Prudential Committee agreed that Chief should be paid for this overtime if we are reimbursed, just like his outside detail.

META Grant – We were awarded a \$12,500 grant to look into planning and cost savings for possible conversion to LED streetlights for our town. Streetlight meeting will be November 26, with Chris Mason from the Montague Energy Committee and Montague Center representatives attending and possibly our Water Commissioners to represent Lake Pleasant.

Avenue A streetlights – We will be meeting with members of Selectboard on November 19 at 5:30 to do a walk through on Avenue A to observe overhead streetlights.

By-laws – will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

FCECS – Emergency Communication System – John noted that the 800 system is pretty much our only option. Franklin County is included in the multi- million dollar idea of upgrading the system. Jay noted that the communication system is run by the Franklin County Council of Governments which has a planning committee made up of personnel from police, fire, etc. Our current system was actually used equipment to begin with.

Meeting with Water Commissioners – David noted that he would like to meet with the Water Commissioners along with the Finance Committee during the budgeting process to be sure that we're all on the same page.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. Tax rate meeting scheduled for 6:00 at Assessors' Office at the Town Hall.

Next regular meeting is Monday, December 3, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.