

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
May 7, 2019

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
Allyson Chabot, Prudential Committee, not yet sworn in
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Chris Mason, Montague Energy Committee

Meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes were approved for the meeting of March 18th.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Streetlights – We received four quotes for LED streetlight information, all of which were substantially over our META grant awarded for this which was \$12,500. It was decided to eliminate the audit portion and request information and an additional optional quote for a GIS layer based on the Eversource current inventory listing that was provided. David made motion to reject all original quotes and amend original request as mentioned above and send out new request for quotes. Both John and David in favor. Chris Mason left at this time.

Ambulance contract – AMR contract is in the process of being renewed by Greenfield and we'll proceed afterwards.

Overdue Ambulance Receivables – Chief has a list of about \$16,500 in overdue receivables that he reviewed with Marybeth from Coastal Billing. Prudential Committee agreed to send to collections. David made motion to do so. John and David in favor.

Old ladder truck - 911 Fund that we had donated our old pumper to several years ago is no longer in business. Chief thinks he can sell the old ladder truck for scrap for about \$2,500 and he will try to do so.

Chief's contract – tabled until next meeting.

New Highway Dept. garage – The Town of Montague has requested a license from the District to use a small parcel of District property as part of their driveway to access site for new Highway Dept. garage off Turnpike Road. Draft of agreement was presented as sent to us by Steve Ellis, Town Administrator. They may want to change the back driveway of the fire station a bit to provide better access to their property.

Ambulance and Run Report – We had 125 calls including 59 for EMS of which 25 were transports for March. April numbers were 127 calls, 65 for EMS, including 27 transports.

Shelburne Oversight Committee – Shelburne dispatch will be handling our dispatching as of as July 1, 2019.

Radio system – We will all be going to the 800 system next April, 2020. Radios will come from the state and we will have to pay for installation.

Election results – We had a low 15 voter turnout at our elections on April 23rd. Allyson Chabot was elected to serve for the remaining 1-year term of the departing Jay DiPucchio and John Greene was re-elected to a three-year term. Edward Pelis is our new Water Commissioner.

American Fidelity Assurance Co. – We signed the agreement with American Fidelity to offer their benefits to our employees, including the flex plan. They will be taking care of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan update as well as the one-on-one sit-downs with every employee each year to review the health benefit choices.

Southworth legal bills for our District now total about \$1,100.

Budgets - Eileen checked and lease payments for the fire vehicles can be moved to the fire budget, but we would still have to go through the same process. The Ambulance fund accounts can be moved to the fire budget, but for transparency reasons, should probably not be merged with fire accounts. Pat Squillante is willing to come to a Prudential Committee Meeting around the audit time to discuss any questions that we may have.

By-laws will be on next month's agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.