

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
June 18, 2019

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
Allyson Chabot, Prudential Committee
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Ed Pelis, Water Commissioner
Rebecca Sabelawski, Montague Center Lighting District
George Woodbury from LightSmart Consulting

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes were approved for the meeting of June 3rd.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Streetlights – George Woodbury from LightSmart Consulting gave us a power-point presentation about LED streetlights which included information on substantial cost savings for each of the four entities that manages streetlights in the Town of Montague, including our District. George has substantial experience in helping various municipalities convert to LED lights, including several in Massachusetts. He is also knowledgeable about the laws and how financing and grants work. After he spoke with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) which handles grant funding for Massachusetts municipalities, he stressed the need for getting our Town management on board to handle all the streetlights in our town as the first step as the town is the qualifying municipality that can apply for a grant for all of us.. David said he would contact the Town to set up a meeting with their officials. George left at this time.

It was decided that if we move forward we would like to do business with George as he is quite knowledgeable. Graeme Lister has not followed up with us and RealTerm Energy is no longer interested in providing a quote. Becca left at this time.

By-laws- tabled until next meeting.

Promotional Interviews – will need to be held last week in August or first week in September and not early August as previously suggested.

Run report – We had 85 calls for May, of which 59 were EMS, including 18 transports.

Firefighter injury –Firefighter Chris Mason was injured off duty and will be out for 6-8 weeks.

AMR – Chief just met with AMR to work out the ambulance contract with the District and the Town. Also working on details to make the EMS response better to our town.

Old ladder truck - Chief will act on the old ladder truck offer for \$3,000 offer that he received.

Deputy Chief's Retirement – Deputy Chief Leon Ambo's last day will be f October 5, 2019.

Accountant's contract was signed by the Prudential Committee.

FMLA laws for Massachusetts will be changing as of July 1st. Discussion followed about having a district policy for using accumulated sick time to cover family medical time off.

Went into Executive session at 6:40 to discuss the Chief's contract. Votes will be taken.

Out of Executive session at approximately 7:00 p.m. Votes were taken to approve the Chief's contract.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting on July 8th at 5:15 p.m. (later postponed until September 3).