

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
November 5, 2019

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
Todd O'Brien, new Prudential Committee member
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Don Reid, Finance Committee
David Thompson, Finance Committee
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes were approved for the meeting of October 1.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

New Prudential Committee member – Welcome to Todd O'Brien, who was recently appointed.

Ambulance – The second ambulance, a 2008 Chevy diesel, is here and we are getting it ready. It's about 90% ready. It came with a power cot, power loader and four radios, so Chief feels as though we got a really good deal for \$25,000. . The plan is to rotate the usage of both ambulances.

Run report – We had 94 calls for September, of which 61 were EMS, including 18 transports. For October, we had 122 calls, of which 67 were EMS, with 23 transports.

Quotes for Driveway project – John will request quotes in writing.

AMR Ambulance (American Medical Response) is failing and they may lose more medics next week, making everyone in the EMS world around here very concerned. They may have trouble staffing paramedics overnight. The Town of Montague signed a contract with AMR stating that they would staff 2 ALS ambulances 24/7.

Ladder 5, which is the old 1989 Pierce is now gone. We had donated it to the new Fire Academy in Bridgewater, and they have picked it up

Uniform policy – The Chief drafted an updated uniform policy, with the union input.

Southworth building is supposed to be sold, with the closing happening sometime this week.

Melanson & Heath – We will reach out to Pat Squillante from our auditing firm to see if she can attend our next meeting on December 3.

Separation Pay for Fire Dept – Discussion followed about Fire Department's large payouts upon retirement.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

The Tax Rate hearing at the Town Hall is at 6:00 p.m.