

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
July 7, 2020

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

Meeting was held outside of the District Office and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes were approved for the May 26th meeting. Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

District Meeting & Elections review – District Meeting went well outside at the Turners Falls High School. Fortunately we had good weather, but just 28 voters were present. It was noted by one in attendance that we did not have an American flag present. Since there was always one present in the past, we had not thought about it but we will remember the flag if we need to have another meeting outside again.

Elections were held on June 23. We had noted the elections on the warrant, it was read at the annual meeting, was on our website and ads were in the Greenfield Recorder, but we still had only a low of 12 voters for the elections, but this was an odd year and we did shorten the hours for voting.

Streetlights LightSmart agreement – George Woodbury sent us another agreement for his services to move forward on the streetlight project. His fee is \$130/hr, but is expected to total about \$12,500. David Z made motion to approve. All in favor. David signed the agreement.

Streetlights on Third Street – An issue just came up about 5 streetlights on old metal poles on Third Street which are rotting. The worse pole is to be replaced now by Eversource with a wooden pole. Discussion had happened between the town and the district about moving these streetlights across the street where there are existing poles owned by Verizon. Eversource is looking into this for us and will get back to us with more information.

Stabbing on Randall Road- – There was double stabbing this past Friday night, and one victim has since passed. The scene was horrifying and traumatizing for the firefighters. Multiple resources were involved and it seemed to be well coordinated.

Concrete aprons at the fire station – The back has been started and the front will be started shortly.

Ambulance - runs are starting to increase again and we've taken in significantly more dollars in ambulance revenue for FY20.

CARES payments – Town received about \$700,000 for CARES payment. We had just \$3,200 deposited in our account, but our expenses were not significant. Our expenses have been about \$3,500 so far, but this doesn't include overtime fill-ins for those that had to quarantine.

Ambulance replacement – David suggested that we start doing research to purchase a new ambulance next year, rather than buy a used one since we're seeing such an increase in services. A new one would probably last us 12-15 years. Interest rates are low. This new one would replace our oldest ambulance, not added to our existing two. Discussion followed.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.