

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
January 06, 2022

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee

John Greene, Prudential Committee

Todd O'Brien, Prudential Committee

Luke Hartnett, Union Rep

Michael Currie, Firefighter

David Thompson, Finance Committee

Brian McCarthy, Deputy Chief

Eduard Bublik, District Accountant

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

Minutes from last meeting were approved

Warrants were approved

Chief Report:

Recently the Fire Dept. applied for a Grant at the Department of Fire Services for additional money for Turnout gear PPE. If approved we can purchase 5 sets of gear.

The Fire Department received 3 weeks' worth of COVID Rapid test which they are currently using weekly to minimize COVID Spread.

Streetlight update:

Work on the streetlights should be completed next week if weather permits.

Eileen Longevity pay to be paid out to her for her help on the streetlights- Approved by the Prudential Committee.

Budgets

General Fund

Deputy Fire chief Salary- budgeted less due to vacancy, There should be an Job Post created to fill in the current vacancy.

Staff meetings- should be increased; Chief believes that it would benefit the department to hold 3 staff meetings a year.

Medical Supplies – Funding and availability of masks is limited and prices have gone up for PPE. Budget for it should be increased from \$2000 to \$2500.

Turnout Gear-Prices for gear is going up, Increase Budget from \$15000 to \$16000.

Trisha Dana will be starting a health and wellness program to promote health and safety for the firefighters. The question was asked if she would need any funding?

Ambulance Fund

CallBack-Calls have increased around 20% since FY2020. Currently Receive an average of 4-5 calls a day

Medical Intercepts- Over budget due to amount of calls, Budget should be increased from \$5000 to \$6000.

Medical Supplies- KN95 supplies purchased which increased spending for this year.

Vehicle Insurance- Should be increased due to purchase of new ambulance.

Capital Project Fund

Currently owe \$96,000, Eduard to call lender and ask if we can pay off the loan early without any penalties.

Special Article

Replacement of windows in the firehouse which were installed in 1998. We are waiting on quotes, Chief Zellmann estimated the cost to be \$20k. Greenfield Glass will be writing up an estimate.

A suggestion was made that there should also be an assessment for the windows in the District Office. Look into grants from Mass save.

Replace/Repair roof- There were leaks into the Bay, Roof is about 20 years old and should be considered for replacement.

Safer Grant- Brian will apply for a Grant that will pay salaries and benefits for 3 years to add more personal per shift which is meant to help us operate the ambulance service as a Primary Ambulance Service with 4 people per shift at all times.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 PM