

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
February 22, 2022

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee

John Greene, Prudential Committee

Todd O'Brien, Prudential Committee

Brian McCarthy, Fire Chief

Eduard Bublik, District Accountant

David Thompson, Finance Committee

Steve Constantine, Finance Committee

Don Reid, Finance Committee

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

Chiefs Report:

Study material for the Deputy Chiefs exam have arrived and been distributed.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review:

Shot and Other Medical Expense: Prudential committee would like to look further into the Shots & Other Medical expense because of requirements of annual COVID shots.

Fire House Replacement Windows and Doors: Chief McCarthy received quotes for the replacement windows at the Fire House; a Special Article needs to be added for the sum of \$22000 to the FY23 Budget. It was agreed that the \$22,000 for the replacement fire house doors and windows should be taken out of Ambulance surplus.

Fire Fighter Salary: The Finance mentioned that Fire Fighter salary budget needs to be reduced by \$50,000 due to the hire of a Probationary Fire Fighter.

Brush Truck: The Chief McCarthy mentioned that we should look into replacing the current Brush Truck, the current Brush truck is the old utility vehicle, usually the old utility trucks are used as Brush trucks.

The cost to purchase a new brush truck is essentially what it would cost to replace the utility truck. Five years ago we budgeted \$50,000 for a new brush truck. The Finance committee suggested that the current truck that the deputy chief uses can be used as the future Brush truck and a new vehicle should be purchased for deputy chief's daily driver.

Call back-We originally budgeted \$125,000, it was asked to decrease it to \$105,000 due to us not using more than \$97K last year and only \$64K so far this FY22.

Ambulance Call back-We originally budgeted \$50,000, it was asked to decrease it to \$40,000 due to us not using more than \$39K last year and only \$22K so far this FY22.

Future Replacement of Engine 2: We budgeted \$50,000/yr to be saved in the Stabilization fund for the future replacement of Engine2, The stabilization account currently only has \$30,000 saved. It was suggested that we increase the Budgeted amount to \$100,000/yr to be put into the stabilization fund so that we are able to have enough monies to replace the apparatus when the time comes. The monies for this will be taken out: \$40,000 from Free Cash, \$30,000 from Taxation and \$30,000 from Overlay.

Fire Chief Incentive Pay: The finance committee questioned why the Chiefs incentive pay budget jumped from \$8,580 to \$18,880. This was due to the incentive pay being modeled after the union contract where it is calculated using Education credits and Degree. The Finance committee asked if the incentive could be calculated in the salary and if we can do that for the future Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Retirement: Chief McCarthy Announced his plan to retire in May 2022

Fire Chief Salary FY23: Do to the Fire Chief retiring it was agreed that the Budget for FY23 Fire Chief Salary should be reduced to \$94000 and the incentive pay to \$8500 for the future fire chief.

Streetlight Loan: The prudential committee agreed that the \$94,000 streetlight loan should be paid off since we received the money from Eversources LED Conversion Incentive.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 PM