PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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**Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** Dec 9, 2024

**Time of Meeting:**  4:01 PM

**Location:** Turners Falls Fire Department

226 Millers Falls Road

Turners Falls, MA 01376

**Present at meeting:**

Leon Ambo, Prudential Committee Chair

David Zamojski, Prudential Committee

Eric Meals, Prudential Committee

Todd Brunelle, Fire Chief

Eduard Bublik, District Accountant

**Prudential Committee Meeting:**

Minutes will need to be approved on 1/6/2025

**Accountants Report**

**Budget Balance as of Oct 31, 2024**

**General Gov’t** - $443,928 or 43% Remaining

**Fire Dept**. - $914,444 or 60% Remaining

**Ambulance** - $145,792 or 52.7% Remaining

**Nov Coastal Billings Collections**$16K

**Treasurer Update:**

The Accountant is in the process of catching up on the Treasurer's reconciliations, and the Treasurer will soon begin the reconciliations for the month of November. Additionally, a new laptop was purchased for the Treasurer at a cost of $600.

**Fire Chiefs Report November 2024**

1. **Total Runs Sep** =133

Fire = 53

EMS = 89

Transports TFFD = 28

Other EMS agency = 33

Refusal of transport =10

1. **Fire prevention**

Fees collected $550.00

19– Inspections / enforcement/ compliance interactions

1. **EMS** - QCI/QCA of approximately 119 Patient Care Report with 34 of those being TFFD transports that in turn were submitted to Coastal Medical for appropriate billing.
2. **Child Passenger Safety Seat program:** A total of 6 car seat installations and inspections occurred throughout November. Requirements for recertification complete

**Public Education –** 11/5/2024 – Tech School Stop the Bleed and CPR/AED Training

Captain Ellis and Captain Hartnett went to the Franklin County Tech School to do an unofficial stop the bleed training and CPR/AED training with the teachers and staff. The event went well by doing a power point presentation to start followed by a hands-on portion broken down into stations. Had a teacher talk with me about having some students come to the station for a tour and possible a fire extinguisher training but the teacher has yet to contact me on this. No issue to report.

11/7/2024 – Talking with Life Skill Students at the Turners Falls High school

Deputy Chief Cogswell and Captain Ellis went to the Turners Falls High school to talk with the students in the life Skill class about some fire safety tips and cooking safety. This was also done to try and help in stopping one of the students from pulling the fire alarm which has happened multiple time in the last few months. It was well received by the students and staff. This seems like an event that will happen yearly. No issues to report.

11/14/2024 – SAFE Webinar, **Captain** Ellis attended a mandatory webinar for the SAFE grant which was a requirement for the 2025 SAFE application process.

11/27/2024 – Turkey Trott Sheffield and Hillcrest

Captain Ellis and Deputy Cogswell attended the Turkey Trott up for Sheffield and Hillcrest. E-2 was used to block the back parking lot of Hillcrest and Captain Ellis cheered on the students and staff.

11/30/2024- 2025 SAFE Grant Application the 2025 SAFE grant application is currently being worked on and almost completed. Will be turned in before the 12/10/2024 deadline.

USDA Grant/Loan for cascade first meeting 12/11/24

Spoke with MHQ specs for Command Vehicle

**Other discussion**

**Purchase of Fire Truck:**

The Chief is currently assessing the department's needs and evaluating options for the purchase of a new vehicle. Considerations include acquiring either a new fire engine or a 2,000-gallon pumper tanker to best address operational requirements.

**AMR Strike Discussion:**

The Chief highlighted the need to monitor AMR's operations closely, as they currently do not have a contract with the district and are under no obligation to provide services. Should AMR withdraw, the district would need to increase staffing to handle the additional workload. However, this will also result in higher revenue due to an anticipated rise in call responses, leading to more billings.

Additionally, the Chief noted the availability of a grant aimed at training individuals to become paramedics. With certified paramedics on staff, the district would reduce expenses associated with third-party ambulance services and intercept costs, as we would be equipped to provide these services internally.

Next meeting will be scheduled for Jan 6rd, 2025 4PM.

**Agenda for next meeting**

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Approval of last District meeting minutes**

**3) Old Business**

**4) Department report – Fire/Accounting**

**5) New Business**

**6) Adjournment**

**F. Meeting Adjourned at: 4:35 PM**

**G. Meeting Minutes submitted by:** Eduard Bublik, District Accountant