PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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226 MILLERS FALLS ROAD

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**Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** March 6, 2025

**Time of Meeting:**  3:00 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:**

Jan Minutes meeting minutes have been accepted

**Meeting with Fire Union**

The Fire Department Union met to discuss the impact of hiring new firefighters. They proposed the possibility of wage increases if the department begins transporting 100% of emergency calls. The union argued that the increased transports would constitute a change in working conditions.

The Fire Chief responded that this would not be a change in working conditions, as the duties and responsibilities remain the same.

The Accountant noted that any wage increases would require a demonstrated improvement in revenue and expenses. Without an increase in realized revenue, wage adjustments should not be considered at this time.

**Accountants Report**

**Budget Balance as of Jan 31, 2025**

**General Gov’t** - $246,787 or 24% Remaining

**Fire Dept**. - $642,793 or 42.3% Remaining

**Ambulance** - $65,080 or 23.5% Remaining

**Feb Coastal Billings Collections**$28.7K

**Fire Chiefs Report February 2025**

1. **Total Runs Sep** =135

Fire = 37

EMS = 98

Transports TFFD = 45

Other EMS agency = 34

Refusal of transport =9

Other = 3

1. **Fire prevention**

Fees collected $ 550.00

6– Inspections / enforcement/ compliance interactions.

1. **EMS** - QCI/QCA of approximately 91 Patient Care Report with 45 of those being TFFD transports that in turn were submitted to Coastal Medical for appropriate billing.

In process of working with Unipay and Coastal Medical Billing on establishing an online payment system for the Fire District to create another avenue for bill collection.

Working with Community 911 NREMT recerts.

4. **Child Passenger Safety Seat program:**

* A total of 10 car seat installations and inspections occurred throughout **January** with an additional 2 communications explaining Massachusetts laws regarding child passenger safety seats.

**5. Public Information –**

* Interacted with now over 4,243 Facebook Page followers as well as 806 Instagram followers with multiple posts and shares of happenings within Turners Falls Fire. Our social media has reached an estimated 43.9K people over the month of February. The top post reached 8.2K people.
* 41 new followers joined over the month of February.

**6**. **Training –** Call force completed a combined **112** hours of first responder medical training. Fire Officers completed **84** hours of leadership training at the Ma. Fire Chief Professional Development Conference.

**7. Open Position –** Applications closed last month and interviews will begin on 13 March 2025

**Other discussion**

**Fire Chiefs Proposed Articles For FY2026**

**$85,000 for a Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.**

**$90,000 for a compressed air filling station.**

**$90,000 for retractable overhead electric reels for Fire Apparatus.**

**$240,000 to hire three probationary firefighters.**

**Funding to hire one Assistant Fire Chief.**

Next meeting will be scheduled for April 1st, 2025 3PM.

**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: 4:30 PM**

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