

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting  
August 4, 2014

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee  
Rich Kuklewicz, Prudential Committee  
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member  
Bob Escott, Fire Chief  
Eileen Tela, District Accountant  
Stephen Constantine, Finance Committee

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes accepted – June 30<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted.

Chief's Report

Second Ambulance - Bob explained that MedCare Ambulance (formerly Baystate Ambulance) has been replacing their ambulances and he would like to look into the possibility of MedCare donating one of the old ones to us to be used as a backup ambulance to our current one. It was noted that our ambulance has been out of service for up to three weeks while being repaired.

Costs associated with obtaining a second ambulance was discussed and it was noted that we may not be able to fully equip it for a while. Discussion followed about free cash, ambulance surplus and revolving funds. Eileen explained that we cannot appropriate funds from free cash until it is certified again and as a District we currently cannot establish revolving funds. Special District Meeting still scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> to address ambulance surplus and funding issues.

Rich noted that it seems to make sense to have a backup vehicle if we can do it if costs can be contained to about \$5,000-\$6,000. Motion made by David to authorize Bob to move forward to possibly obtaining a used ambulance from MedCare. All in favor.

New Firefighter – Brandon Ambo is scheduled to start Fire Academy December 1, but possibly earlier if there is a cancellation.

FY14 Budgets – Bob noted favorable variances for the Dept. and Ambulance budgets. Year-end adjustments have not been finalized however.

Ambulance - July was a busy month for the ambulance service.

Military Leave – Captain Brunelle may have to leave in September.

Chapter 111F Benefits – Bob asked permission to contact our attorney about injured on duty coverage for our employees that are on the Technical Rescue Team which is overseen by the Western Mass. Fire Chiefs' Association. This team is thinking of doing outside detail work and we need to find out if our employees would be covered if they were injured.

Chief's contract was discussed. Prudential Committee approved contract with few small revisions and will sign at next meeting. Bob will look into vehicle insurance issue.

#### Accountant's Report

Fire Alarm project loan - Eileen explained that we will be borrowing money for the fire alarm project through the state note program.

LED Streetlights – Eileen contacted WMECO and was told that utility companies do not offer LED bulbs for streetlights. Greenfield is in a different situation because they purchased their streetlights several years ago, but rent poles and pay an attachment fee. They maintain their streetlights and have just received a grant to install their own LED bulbs. Most towns rent poles and lights as we do.

Accountant's Contract was reviewed and signed by the Prudential Committee.

FY14 General Government Budget was reviewed. Not all year-end adjustments have been completed.

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, which is earlier due to Labor Day holiday.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.