

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
December 1, 2014

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes accepted – November 3rd minutes were accepted.

Streetlight request – Bob visited South High Street and determined that area is well lit and additional streetlight is not needed for public safety. It seems to be a request to light a private area. Prudential Committee agreed with Bob's assessment. Eileen will contact Carol Pedigree, who requested the additional light in front of 4 South High Street.

Rich noted that Gill is now going with led lights, The story is in the current Montague Reporter. Eileen noted that Greenfield is also doing so since they purchased the light attachments from WMECO and are now installing their own led lights. Utility companies are not installing led lights at this time. Discussion followed.

Chief's Report

Sometimes it seems like other departments/towns stop responding to calls after so many hours. Bob noted that we had to respond some of Montague Center's calls since they were not responding after a while.

Pierce Trucks – Bob sent out another e-mail about the springs replacement on our 2012 Pierce fire truck. He has not received a response yet. He will send out a more formal letter to Minuteman and Pierce noting the dates that he has already contacted them and noting that we will have to pursue legal action if issue is not resolved.

Probationary Firefighter – Trainer seems to be happy with firefighter's performance. Bob passed out draft of Physical Fitness Standard for firefighters that he put together based on info obtained from AEIOU and the Cooper Test which our Police Dept. uses. This includes standards for running, sit-ups and pushups. Discussion followed. Bob will work this fitness standard into the application for new hires and he will work it into how he can present it to the call force.

Section 111F – Bob and Deputy Chief John Zellmann recently attended a seminar on 111F presented by the Gallery Group from the insurance industry. It was noted by the spokesman from this group that as long as the department sanctions the detail, injuries would be covered under 111F.

Fire Alarm Project – Chief noted that only one more box has to be connected, but panel needs to be replaced on this box. Old boxes will be declared as surplus and the association will sell them and donate a piece of equipment to the department. Bob will provide more information on this at a future meeting.

Accountant's Report

Auditors' Statements – Eileen passed out Melanson & Heath Audited Financial Statements for FY2014 along with the Management Letter of Comments. Discussion followed about starting to fund the OPEB liability. Risk assessments were discussed. Per David's suggestion, Eileen will contact Pat Squillante about a boiler plate policy for ways of addressing risk assessment.

We will start working on FY2016 budgets at next meeting.

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.