

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting  
May 2, 2016

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee  
JayDiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member  
Bob Escott, Fire Chief  
Eileen Tela, District Accountant

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes of prior meetings – Minutes were approved for the March 21st meeting.

Invoice warrants – were reviewed and signed by the Prudential Committee.

Chief's Report

Bob would like to schedule the union for the next Prudential Committee meeting to sign contract amendments.

April calls totaled 98 along with 11 transports.

Captain Ambo will be out for about 4 weeks in May in dealing with a medical issue and also Captain Brunelle will be deployed May 15 through October 11. Discussion followed about military benefits for those on deployment.

Ambulance collections – 3 more overdue accounts. Chief sent out letters and will turn over to collections. Prudential Committee reviewed.

Firefighters' positions – Bob will narrow down to 5-7 candidates and will schedule week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> for PT (Physical Fitness Test). We will be hiring two firefighters and most likely a third to backfill Chief's position when he retires in August. Firefighter interviews will be Tuesday, June 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Need to advertise Chief's position soon. Last time we advertised inside and outside; had oral interviews and an assessment center. Discussion followed about the hiring process of the Chief. It was decided to post internally. We have two internal candidates. Chief's interviews will be Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Small project -which is a response to a newspaper article, is to be done by the two internal candidates and due to Prudential Committee by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that if the Deputy Chief is promoted, we will not be able to fill the Deputy Chief's position until Captain Brunelle returns.

Chief noted that if Greenfield has an active fire, we will now send everything we have to cover Greenfield, and if we have an active fire, Greenfield will do the same for us and Orange will cover the station for us.

Bob again noted low call firefighter numbers and mentioned having a possible house mouse for weekends to help provide more coverage at the fire station.

#### Accountant's Report

Eileen noted that 35 voters turned out for our election. Rich Kuklewicz had the most write-ins for Prudential Committee.

Bylaws were in process of being developed a few years ago, and we need to move forward on them again. We will start again in July.

Biweekly payroll idea was brought up. Eileen will have more details for next meeting.

Next meeting Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. (Later rescheduled to Tuesday, May 31)

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.