

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
January 3, 2017

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member
Rich Kuklewicz, Prudential Committee Member
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
David Thompson, Finance Committee
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of prior meeting – Minutes were approved for the December 5th meeting.

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

Fire update – Chief noted that department was busy with a few chimney fires Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Also there was a large costly fire in the old Railroad Salvage building. Building is unsafe and needs to be torn down. Excavators were necessary to put fire out so the District is responsible for these bills. Hopefully some reimbursement from owner will eventually come our way.

Strathmore building – Sprinkler pipe recently let go in the old Strathmore building, and the Water Dept. lost an estimated 1.2 million gallons of water due to this leak. Building is also unsafe and needs to be secured by the Town.

Run report - 111 runs for December, including 70 EMS calls, of which 16 were transports.

Painting apparatus bay – John has inquired about program having low security inmates who work on projects, paint our apparatus bay. We would be responsible for only material costs. He will fill out application for the project.

Call Force – Chief has received 4 more applications for the call force.

Housing court – Chief had to go to court recently regarding 38 East Main St., Millers Falls. It needs sprinkler and fire alarm systems.

Montague Center meeting – Meeting is scheduled with Montague Center Fire Chief and their Prudential Committee on January 11, to see what their thoughts are on regionalization issues. Discussion followed on need for new ladder truck in the future.

Health Insurance increase – Eileen noted that she received word that proposed insurance increases are 9.4% (HMO) and 10% (PPO) for FY18. Our insurance trust has been able

to keep rate increases low the past few years because of reserves, but rising costs have forced this increase.

FY18 budget – Some line items were reviewed in the general government proposed budget. Discussion followed about funding for ambulance and fire vehicle.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 5:00 p.m.