

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
May 1, 2017

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member
John Greene, Prudential Committee Member
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Allyson Greene, Finance Committee

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes of prior meeting – Minutes were approved for the March 20th meeting.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed by the Prudential Committee.

Election Results- We had 120 voters, which was a good turnout. There was an average of 9-10 blanks per candidate with 4 write-ins.

Military Leave Policy – was again discussed. The Prudential Committee decided to follow the 17 day cumulative policy as determined by the state court. Eileen will send revised policy back to KP Law for language corrections.

District Meeting- A few things to consider for next year:

1. A sound system
2. Non-voters of the District should be segregated from voters.
3. Finance committee's responsibilities need to be defined Accountant
4. Finance committee approval on each article on the warrant, and if not, then recommended figures from the Finance committee

Car #2 – 1985 Ford Focus – Old Chief and Deputy Chief's vehicle will be put out to bid. Invitation to bid will be in the Recorder.

Health Insurance – At the previous Hampshire County Insurance Trust meeting, rising health insurance costs were discussed. There has been some talk about making some possible changes to co-pays, etc. for our plan, but the Insurance Trust needs each unit's vote of approval to proceed with this. The Prudential Committee endorses the trust's efforts in looking into this, but decided to postpone a vote until more information can be given on what we're voting for.

Audited FY16 Financial Statements and Management Comments – Statements were passed out and comments were reviewed. Discussion followed about the comment of ambulance administrative costs that are not currently in the ambulance budget.

Capital planning – Jay handed out a sample worksheet indicating future capital expenditures and planning for such. It details planning and gives transparency to our taxpayers for items such as fire trucks, etc. We could use for our future District meetings.

Went into executive session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss possibility of re-opening the union contract and also under G.L. c30A, Sec. 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for Ja'Duke Center for the Performing Arts Economic Development Incentive Program Consideration.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m. No votes were taken.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 5 at 5:00 p.m. This was later re-scheduled to Tuesday, June 6.