

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting  
June 27, 2017

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee  
John Greene, Prudential Committee Member  
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member  
John Zellmann, Fire Chief  
Eileen Tela, District Accountant  
Don Reid, Finance Committee Member  
Allyson Greene, Finance Committee Member  
Steven Constantine, Finance Committee Member  
David Thompson, Finance Committee Member  
Brian McCarthy, Captain, Fire Department

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

Minutes of prior meeting – Minutes were approved for the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed by the Prudential Committee.

FY19 Health Insurance – Accountant explained about Insurance Trust's request that we vote on adopting MGL 32B, Sec 21-22 which notifies our union of the intent of the Trust to make benefit changes to our health plan. Discussion followed. It was noted that the Trust did not communicate this process well enough to the units. Eileen read from an e-mail from the Trust that for the July meeting they hope to have a consultant on hand to discuss the next steps after the adoption of Sec 21-22. Jay made motion to adopt this MGL. All in favor.

Community Microgrid Grant – Chief was approached about signing on for this grant, which will look into solar power for police, fire and the high school. If approved, it would be a 100% grant.

Tech Rescue – Chief would like to request reimbursement from Tech rescue for his weekend time. He would not put in for his time until reimbursement comes through.

Vehicle Replacement Schedule – Chief handed out this schedule and reviewed.

In Service Response – Fire Dept. had discussions on how they respond to calls and callbacks. Since there is more manpower during the day, policies on type of calls such as wires down, odors, no-injury car accidents, etc. were changed, with reductions in callbacks made. Union helped to write this changed policy.

EMS calls – David Thompson questioned whether we need a second ambulance. Chief explained why he thinks second ambulance is necessary. John explained that about 18% of EMS calls are transports & 25% of the time Medicare is not available. Calls are increasing and he would like to see increased call revenues offsetting a portion of the fire budget.

LED streetlights – Accountant contacted Mass. Dept. of Energy Resources and has not yet heard back if grant money is still available for LED conversions.

Finance Committee will be meeting separately after this meeting.

Prudential Committee meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Next meeting on Monday, August 7 at 5:00 p.m.