

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
November 6, 2017

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

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

Minutes were accepted for the October 2nd meeting, with a correction of the date.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Run Report - In October there were 115 calls of which 55 were EMS, including 14 transports.

Ambulance Revenue Projection – still working on this.

Injured on Duty – A firefighter has a hand injury and was out of work for a little less than a month. He is back now.

Car 1 – Chief's vehicle was recalled due to carbon monoxide issue. New exhaust system was installed and new seals, etc. All is under warranty.

Call force is down by another member.

Ambulance Collections – After review of Coastal listing of old receivables, Chief proposed to write off \$2,700, due to patient death, no address, etc. He also suggested another group, total of \$5,000 to be referred to collections. Prudential Committee reviewed the lists and agreed.

800 radio system – Discussion followed about the system and its shortcomings. Not a great system. Franklin County is unique with our mountains around, and we ran into problems with some downtown area buildings.

Severance Pay - Finance Committee member questioned whether vacation and sick payouts upon retirement are being reduced. Chief explained that the last contract does reduce this somewhat, but it is a process.

Military Policy – Discussion followed about the current military policy and what we paid in the past for military leave. Chief noted the 14 hour night shift that we used to pay the

reservist for Friday evenings when weekend duty started on Saturday. Now a fill-in is coming in for him at 3:30 a.m so that he can go to training later that morning, rather than using vacation, personal, comp time, or unpaid leave for the entire 14 hour shift. Current policy says we pay the difference for 2 weeks annual leave & weekends would have to be charged to vacation, personal, comp time, or unpaid. Old contract said we should pay the difference, but we actually paid the full amount including time off for weekend duty.

Chief will speak with the Captain in the reserves and ask him for specific concerns that he has and invite him to a meeting.

Free Cash information has been submitted.

Streetlights – Montague Energy Group will be taking our case to the Town to take control of the streetlights, so that we can begin the process of looking into LED lights for the whole Town of Montague.

Budget items – We just received a refund check for \$10,050 for the Montague non-contributory retirement line item in the General Govt budget. The payee of this pension recently passed so we were refunded this from the town. We also received an insurance check for \$3,000 to partially reimburse us for what we paid to the firefighter when he was out with his injury on duty.

Next meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

