

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
June 1, 2021

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
Todd O'Brien, Prudential Committee
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
David Thompson, Finance Committee
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee
Don Reid, Finance Committee

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and was held in the District Office.

Minutes were approved for the May 4 meeting

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Chief's retirement – Chief is postponing his retirement date. It was decided that the position will be posted outside as well as internally. John has updated the job description. John noted the different processes used during the hiring the past Chiefs. Discussion followed about the timing of posting the position before he retires. We may start the job search in September when the Chief lets us know his retirement date.

Streetlights update – George Woodbury has prepared the draft of the RFP for the streetlights and Eileen is in the process of making some revisions. Eversource has now said that capping some lights can be done in about a few months and not sooner, so capping and subsequently removing lights will delay the whole process. It was decided not to request them to cap lights that we want to remove, but they will be removed in the process of converting to LED lights.

One resident has expressed concern over LED lights and would like it known that she favors the yellowish lighting. The decision has been made that we will go with the 3000 kelvins and we can add shields as needed.

Joe Burek, a contractor working on the General Pierce Bridge has mentioned that there are now 7 non-working lights on the bridge which have been out for years. They will put in a conduit during repairs of the bridge and we can decide how many lights we want to install. This is about a year away.

Accountant's retirement – Eileen has announced that her retirement date is now September 7 and she would like a new Accountant to be in place the week of August 9. She will finish the job description along with a list of duties and responsibilities and forward it to David before posting it online, on our website and in the newspaper.

Water Dept. roofing project - A Water Commissioner asked the Accountant to bring up to the Prudential Committee the fact that the roofing project ended up being done by the Water Dept. employees and he was questioning if we could pay them a bit for undertaking this project, since they saved us a lot on the project. After discussion it was noted that this was not mentioned during previous discussions with the Prudential Committee Chairman and that this should have been brought up before the project was started, so no. Also others have done work outside their normal duties as well.

Run Reports – During May we had 142 calls, including 100 for EMS, of which 37 were transports.

800 mg Radio System - Radios are now being programmed and Chief will be picking them up tomorrow. This is about half of our order for the new system.

Military duty – Our reservist is back to work. He returned last week after being away for about 6 months and we are back to normal shifts at the fire station.

Ambulance billing write-offs – David Thompson asked about write-offs and John explained.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 6 at 6:00 p.m. but later changed to Thursday, July 8.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.