



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of June 17, 2020

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Present

Prudential Committee Chair: James Menard

Members: Kenneth LeBlanc

Robert Bak (remote via facetime)

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller

Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

Others Present:

Linda Young

Trevor McKenna

Meeting called to order by Chairman Menard.

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by K. LeBlanc and R. Bak. Per Sections 57-58 of the Municipal Modernization Act and PC votes of 12/15/2016 and 3/10/2020 warrants were previously approved by J. Menard, PC Chair.

PC Chair Discussion Items

Dispatching

Chief Calkins sent request for quotes to South Hadley Police Dept, Granby Police Department and Mount Holyoke College. Chief Gunderson of SHPD replied that they can not do it at this time, Chief Wishart of GPD responded with a cost of \$200,000 and Mount Holyoke College responded with an MOU including a cost to D2 of \$50,000 and non-renewal of the annual Equipment gift. Chief Calkins stated their dispatch center is state of art, currently digital but will revert back to analog. He recommends going forward with MHC. J. Menard said he reviewed the MOU with Attorney O'Brien who will provide his recommendations.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to move forward with the contract and approve the bid from Mount Holyoke College contingent upon final contract and appropriation at District Meeting. R. Bak seconded, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

J. Menard stated that the budget would be adjusted with \$50,000 for Dispatch Services and \$10,000 in radio operations to cover the transition.

L. Young asked how this will work. Chief Calkins stated that nothing will change for the residents. Anyone needing an ambulance will still dial 911.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. R. Bak second, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a Special District Meeting.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to set a tentative date for a Special District Meeting for September 12, 2020 11:00 a.m. at District Headquarters. R. Bak second, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to pursue the purchase of fire truck at the Special District Meeting. R. Bak second, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Saturday, June 20, 2020, 9:30 a.m., prior to the Annual District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____