



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of September 8, 2020

Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned 6:00 p.m.

Present

Prudential Committee Chair: James Menard
Members: Kenneth LeBlanc
Robert Bak
Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller
Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

Others Present:

Ryan Moore

Mike O'Neill

Meeting called to order by Chairman Menard. He announced that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the website.

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.

Minutes

K. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020, second by R. Bak. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chief Report

Chief Calkins reported that MHC is providing ten COVID tests per week. All fulltime FF/EMTs and the on-call FF/EMTs that do a lot of shift and EMT coverage and T. Cauley from Water Department, as he is at the college frequently, are being tested. Call volume is still on the uptick throughout the District and mutual aid to Granby and D1. Currently retaining and recruiting FF/EMTs. Dispatching at college is going well, meeting about once a week on small incidentals to work things out. Inspections at the college and at the schools in our jurisdiction, working with Building Commissioner, Principals and Custodial Staff. The press release went in the Town Reminder and on the Facebook page. He congratulated LT O'Neill for the SAFE Grant approval, Student grant \$1,118, Senior grant \$2,552. Chief stated that all dispatch equipment from the prior system has been returned.

Ambulance Report

August ambulance calls are up from 2018 & 2019. Trending to be where we normally are for the year overall. Chief Calkins stated that reports are being defined and will continue to get better.

PC Chair Discussion Items

J. Menard stated that he emailed Chief and Treasurer some questions that he would like answered and put up on the website prior to the SDM with copies available at the meeting.

Credit Card Policy

K. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the Credit Card Policy and the Acceptance Agreement. R. Bak second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fibersonic Contract

T. Calkins stated that B. Liswell stopped by and discussed the needs prior to the switch to fiber. He said it is definitely time to make the switch; with more on-line meetings and trainings etc. The telephone system will be in the future.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to accept the contract with SHELD Fibersonic. R. Bak second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Special District Meeting

J. Menard stated that the Water Dept. may not go forward with Article 1 on the warrant. B. Miller explained that insurance was covering a large portion of the well repairs. The PC will meet prior to the meeting and Jason Henske will be at the meeting. T. Calkins said there will be a speaker and two microphones. Temperature checks will be done, with masks and hand sanitizer. T. Calkins met with the truck committee they are prepared to answer questions at the meeting. T. Calkins announced a 911 ceremony beginning at 9:55 on Friday.

J. Menard announced that they will be here a 10:00 a.m. for the informational meeting prior to the Special District Meeting which begins at 11:00.

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____