



## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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### Minutes of June 8, 2021

Convened: 5:40 p.m.

Adjourned 6:41 p.m.

#### Present

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc

Members: James Menard  
Robert Bak

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller  
Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

#### Others Present:

Mary Beth O'Meara  
Susan Rochon

FF/EMT Cote  
Lt. O'Neill

Dennis Rochon

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

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by J. Menard 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 K. LeBlanc, PC Chair.

#### Minutes

R. Bak made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021. J. Menard second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Chief Report

Chief Calkins stated that all staff remain healthy and that he is contemplating a date to open the station to the public. SHFD2 went to North Adams for the salvage yard fire with R2 and E4. New exterior door is complete. Performing weekly inspections for ongoing work at MHC. Anticipate by the end of next summer all resident dorms at MHC will be sprinklered. The floor issue in bay one has been fixed but they found other faults in the floor. Areas where the concrete has failed under the epoxy because in 1963 they didn't use dipped rebar. Fireworks scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> (raindate). Chief complimented FF/EMT McDonnell and those that mentored him, he is now on shift without a mentor ahead of schedule. Two lifesaving awards granted at Michael E Smith School to two guidance counselors. DFS grant invoices will be finalized tomorrow \$12,500 in equipment to be reimbursed. FF/EMT Bailly hit her one month mark, still mentoring but going very well. Chief and Cpt. Moore to meet in Granby with local chiefs and ambulance directors on advance life support agreements. Final inspection of the Rescue Truck will be performed in Wisconsin at the end of the month. Chief stated that there is an opportunity to have FF/EMT C. Calkins come and work at the station for 60 days while on active duty with the Air Force as part of a skill-bridge program. Ambulance collections are improving.

Clerk / Treasurer Discussion Items

B. Miller provided an update regarding insurance premiums. The Workers Compensation proposal came in \$822 over the budgeted amount. VFIS is slightly below the budget. Liability, Property, Public Officials came in \$1,988 over the budgeted amount, this item is split between WD and PC.

Juneteenth Day has been declared a state holiday, the Town voted to add it to the paid holidays. It will effect the FD budget by \$1,000 this year and approximately \$1,200.

R. Bak make a motion to approve June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth Independence Day as a paid holiday. K. LeBlanc second. Vote: K. LeBlanc Yes R. Bak Yes J. Menard No

PC Chair Discussion Items

J. Menard explained issues and concerns regarding people accessing Lithia Springs via District 2 Elmer Brook property and other privately owned property. The [Elmer Brook subcommittee report](#) (available on the SHFD2 website) included an option which would sell lot 19 to the state or a trust and develop lot 20. J. Menard spoke with Rep. Dan Carey's office and they are aware of the issues in the area. Mary Beth O'Meara and Dennis Rochon expressed their concerns. There was discussion regarding DCR and other options.

J. Menard made a motion to let the state or a trust have the option to purchase parcel 58/19 the Elmer Brook area off Amherst Road, approximately 30 acres for public access. R. Bak second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_