



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of October 12, 2021

Convened: 5:34 p.m.

Adjourned 6:37 p.m.

Present

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc

Members: James Menard

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller

Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

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

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by J. Menard. 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

J. Menard made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021, K. LeBlanc second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chief Report

The new rescue pumper was put in service on 9/10/2021. Everything on the truck has been mounted securely. AFG grant for the Plymovent system was awarded at a 90/10 split: \$70,476 from federal and \$3,500 from the District. The District FD Officers, excluding Chief Calkins, approved Corey Calkins and Christopher Town as two new call firefighters for the District. Unfortunately, there was no interest on Municibid for the retired engine, Chief will inform PC and the Treasurer regarding the next steps. There was a discussion regarding the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF). Municipalities can subgrant funding to Districts. Chief to forward a voicemail he received from a District resident to the PC members. Chief stated that he spoke with Daryl from the National Fire Incident Reporting System to receive clarification regarding incident numbers. There is one number per incident: if multiple things happen at an incident, it does not receive multiple numbers. I.e., if an ambulance comes to a fire call it is still just one incident. Chief attended the regional dispatch meeting in Chicopee. He was impressed with the company, and it might be worth letting them come with a presentation but the cost is approximately \$100,000.

PC Chair Discussion Items

Demolition of the pump house on the Elmer Brook property is complete.

J. Menard made a motion to approve the Forest Products Sale Contract dated 9/22/2021 which Barbara signed. Second by K. LeBlanc, motion approved by unanimous vote.

J. Menard made a motion to approve the Long-Term Forest Management Plan as provided by Baystate Forestry Service and approved by Doug Hutcheson of Mass. DCR. Second by K. LeBlanc, motion approved with a unanimous vote.

Discussion determining that access to the parking lot should be restricted during the forest cutting project.

J. Menard made a motion, when Baystate Forestry notifies us of the start of our forestry plan coming into play that we close that area for parking and any other access. K. LeBlanc second, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

J. Menard made a motion to split the net revenue from the harvest project 50/50 with the Water Department. K. LeBlanc second, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion regarding possible uses for Lot 19 and the ongoing issues with access to Lithia Springs.

B. Miller informed the PC that the FY2020 Audit is complete; the document was emailed. The auditors are waiting for completion of the HCRS audit for information needed to complete our FY2021 audit.

B. Miller stated that the FY2021 Free Cash submission is complete and approval is anticipated next week.

B. Miller stated that the GASB 74/75 Actuarial Valuation Measurement Date 6/30/2021 is complete and has been emailed to the PC members. A brief discussion followed.

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____