



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of April 5, 2022

Convened: 5:35 p.m.

Adjourned 6:22 p.m.

Present

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc

Members: Robert Bak

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller

Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

Others Present: Lt. M. O'Neill

Ron Mastorakis

Meeting called to order by Chairman LeBlanc. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by 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

Motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 made by R. Bak, second by K. LeBlanc. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief Calkins reported on the call stats for March and year to date. Update on Firefighter/EMT out on 111F; he is at approximately 25%. Town, D1 and D2 went for Defibrillator Grant. The state granted one and all agreed it should go to D2. Discussed the benefit of having compatible defib with D1. The cost for the Generator at Skinner Lane tank will be split with D1 and Police.

PC Chair Discussion Items

R. Bak made a motion to approve the On Call firefighter/EMT Poll Worker disclosure forms, K. LeBlanc seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Elmer Brook

R. Mastorakis attended the meeting to ask if there is anything that can be done with the slash, which is left over from the logging project. K. LeBlanc stated that he would look at the contract and check into it.

Budget

B. Miller stated that there was a correction made to the funding sources page. The Rescue Truck lease payment line only had the interest amount. She corrected the amount which added three cents to the potential tax rate. There was discussion regarding the March 15th decision to add \$1,000 to the elected officials account to pay the Moderator. B. Miller suggested they reconsider

the amount as it seemed high, considering the Moderator generally worked only a few hours. R. Bak recommended putting \$500 in the budget with the payment being \$250 per District meeting.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to pay the Moderator \$250 per District Meeting as a stipend, R. Bak second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Miller asked if there were to be any additional articles i.e. the bunk room. Chief Calkins will meet with K. LeBlanc to develop a cost estimate.

B. Miller informed the PC that the Water Commissioners had voted a 3% increase and each staff person will receive an additional \$2,000 increase with B. Miller receiving \$1,000.

Chief Calkins said that he researched a pickup and there aren't any currently available but he was assured that \$50,000 will be sufficient for their needs.

Laptop

R. Bak made a motion to scrap the Treasurer's old laptop as it has no value, K. LeBlanc second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

FD Vehicle Stabilization Schedule

B. Miller revised the Vehicle Stabilization Schedule including a section to better determine the amount needed annually to reach the amount needed for replacement. Chief Calkins proposed doing some form of refurbish on Engine 4 the 1997 to extend the life out to 2032 in an effort to not purchase two trucks close together.

R. Bak made a motion to accept the FD Vehicle Stabilization schedule as stated with the changes made as of today, K. LeBlanc second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

PC Vacancy

B. Miller stated that John Moriarty has expressed interest in the position. She informed him that the PC hadn't met to discuss how they were going to handle the appointment. There was discussion regarding the best way to inform people of the vacancy. B. Miller will post in the Town Reminder, requesting interested parties to submit a letter of interest.

The next Prudential Committee meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____