



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of July 12, 2022

Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned 6:23 p.m.

Present

dential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc

Members: Robert Bak

John Moriarty

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller

Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

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 and J. Moriarty. 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 June 22, 2022 made by R. Bak seconded by J. Moriarty. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief Calkins expressed his thanks to the Water Administrative Assistant, Joanne Carbin-Bryan and the Water Superintendent, Mark Aiken for their efforts to include Home Inspection information in the water bills. The program is going extremely well and the bill stuffers were very effective. Calls in June have been almost double that of the past. Pickup purchase is being researched. FF Libby has been promoted to Lt. There will be a Lt. test coming up, there is no current plan to add Lieutenants. Lt. Moriarty was promoted to Asst. Chief. Chief reviewed the FY 22 runs which included 161 calls out of District with the breakdown. The per diem has started, it is being regulated to 80 to 100 hours per month.

PC Chair Discussion Items

Elmer Brook Update

R. Bak said he had attended a meeting with A. Capra and others. He felt the consensus was to move forward with it, knowing that it will be a few years. B. Miller said, in her conversation with M. Aiken, he had said there were a lot of concerns. R. Bak agreed. There was discussion regarding possible concerns. B. Miller informed the PC that the forester had signed off on the final report of the Forest Cutting Plan.

B. Miller provided a list of the General Fund and various deficits within individual line items. There was discussion regarding how the PC would like to handle the accounts. Funds will be transferred from the reserve line item into the individual accounts within the PC and FD lines. The Ambulance will be left as is.

There was discussion regarding future budget and concern that the FF accident insurance would increase significantly due to current year losses. There was discussion regarding Fire Detail pay and whether reimbursements could be returned to the account. B. Miller will discuss with the auditor.

J. Moriarty made a motion to allow B. Miller to move \$15,000 from the Reserve Account [reserve line item] to cover deficits from the previous year. R. Bak seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Chief Calkins informed the PC that he is trying to update the locks and remove codes that are no longer used and create a key list. There was discussion regarding other possible security lock systems. The Chief will research it.

Meeting Change

B. Miller asked if the PC wanted to change the day of the monthly meeting.

R. Bak made a motion to change the date of the regular scheduled meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Thursday of the month. J. Moriarty seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____