

# PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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## Minutes of June 22, 2022

Convened: 5:33 p.m.

Adjourned 6:21 p.m.

Present

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc

Members: John Moriarty

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller Fire Chief: Todd Calkins Ambulance Director: Ryan Moore

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

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by 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 May 19, 2022 made by J. Menard, second by K. LeBlanc. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief reported that both injured firefighters are expected to return on July 1. The Fall Prevention Home inspections with D1 & Council on Aging continue to move forward. Run numbers are up, primarily on the ambulance side. Chief thanked the entire fire department for stepping up during the time they have been down two fulltime people. DFS grant paperwork for reimbursement will be put in soon for a \$15,000 +/- reimbursement of equipment costs. Triad Health Fair was a huge success with about 30 booths and attendance of approximately 300 people. He is still researching a pick-up truck. FF Libby will be promoted to Lt. and effective July 1 Cpt. Moriarty will be promoted to Asst. Chief for the call dept. Chief Calkins and Cpt. Moore attended a training in psychological first aid (dealing with the stresses involved in EMS), he plans to use training money to have a similar in-house training.

Captain Moore reported on the increase in ambulance calls adding that this effects the number of ALS intercepts which will impact that line item.

## PC Chair Discussion Items

Elmer Brook Update

Chief Calkins said the meeting with Anne Capra went well. Everyone in the room had some concerns including; access, liability, maintenance, policing and future expenditures. Everyone is in favor of people having access to physical activity and fresh air but would prefer the state take on the responsibilities. He said A. Capra had the potential steps laid out. If it goes forward, the process would likely take years.

## Year End Accounts

The PC reviewed the status of the accounts. B. Miller pointed out the FD OT and Shift coverage line in arrears stating that it will be reversed once the VFIS reimbursements are entered. B. Miller recommended funding the fire prevention line in the future, which is the line used to pay details. The money comes back to the District as payments from the college etc. but it goes to general fund and eventually free cash not back to that specific line item, therefore it is a drag on the FD budget.

Discussed changing the regular meeting of the PC from the second Tuesday of the month to

Wednesday or Thursday. No decision was ma	de.
The next Prudential Committee meeting will be	e Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,	
Barbara Miller, Treasurer	Minutes approved