



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of January 16, 2024

Convened: 5:34 p.m.

Adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Present

Prudential 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 December 5, 7 and 14 of 2023 made by J. Moriarty seconded by R. Bak. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief Calkins reported, attending a phenomenal town sponsored workshop at the library: Who Are You, Who Are They, Assessing Key Behaviors, Brains and Relations. First Due is active. Dept had one thousand calls in 2022. The air fill station is certified, new air packs going in trucks tonight. There was a training on the tanks and fill station, the training was recorded for those who weren't able to attend.

Captain Moore provided stats for ambulance calls. Call volume was high again in 2023.

PC Chair Discussion Items

The PC reviewed the Fire Chief Internal Posting. The posting was amended to state the successful applicant would shadow the current chief until his retirement, the due date for resume submission was set at two weeks from the date of posting and added to fill the requirements of the Fire Chief/ Ambulance Director job description.

Motion made by R. Bak to accept the letter of intent of Fire Chief to retire on May 22, 2024, respectfully submitted by Chief Calkins on 1/16/24, second by J. Moriarty. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Strong Chief Act.

R. Bak made a motion to approve the Fire Chief/ Ambulance Director job Posting as amended and discussed in the meeting of the PC dated January 16, 2024. J. Moriarty seconded the motion and abstained from the vote. R. Bak Aye, K. LeBlanc Aye

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Chief Calkins stated his notes of concern:

The overtime line, the call, drill and detail line increases should be considered

Chief would like a discussion regarding the per-diem line

Fire Vehicle equipment and repairs will need to go up

Ambulance will need some increases looking at costs

District 1 ALS Intercepts rates to remain the same

Granby ALS Intercepts rates to go up to \$475

Chief stated there are not a lot of huge increases. Especially after getting air packs, the fill station and all the other grants we've received just shy of a half million dollars in grants.

DLTS Grant

K. LeBlanc stated Eric from PVPC will be sending an email regarding a meeting for two Chairs, the two Chiefs and the two Clerk/Treasurers.

B. Miller stated that she had not completed the letter for Granby. There was a brief discussion regarding what should be in the letter and that the Assessor and Collector of South Hadley should be cc'd on the letter.

The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____