



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT #2

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May 14, 2018

Prudential Committee Meeting

Convened: 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Present:

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth McKenna

Members: Richard Constant and Robert Lak

South Hadley District #2: Fire Chief Scott Brady

Treasurer Barbara Miller

Others Present:

Jim Menard

Darienne DeWalt

John Moriarty

Pat Davis

Paul Lemoine

Kirsten Therrien

Collin Mick

Meeting called to order by Chairman McKenna

R. Lak made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018, April 23, 2018, April 27, 2018 and May 7, 2018 motion seconded by K. McKenna. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were reviewed by R. Lak and R. Constant. Per Sections 57-58 of the Municipal Modernization Act and PC vote of 12/15/2016 warrants were previously approved by K. McKenna PC Chair.

PC Chair Report and Discussion Items

PC Chair, K. McKenna stated that the focus of the meeting would be Engine 2 (E2) and Engine 4 (E4). If there is time there will be discussion regarding the ambulance.

K. McKenna stated that we need to get the cost for repairs of both E2 and E4. He further stated that his sense is that while we are probably all in agreement to have an assessment of cost regarding E4 we should also be very concerned with an assessment for repair of the deficiencies cited to E2 in the Greenwood report dated April 11, 2018. It seems that the cost assessment for the repairs to E4 should be limited, at this time, to make it minimally serviceable for use in fighting fires as it is the intent to have the District replace this vehicle by next year. He stated that he is asking for two assessments on each truck be provided to the PC for their review. Once the PC has the numbers they will evaluate what we are going to do and how much will be spent. K. McKenna stated that the reports are facts causing liability to the District. Chief Brady stated that before Greenwood would do a full evaluation of E4 they recommend that a Blow by test be done of the engine and that the transmission be checked; unfortunately, a true mechanical inspection can only be done by taking the transmission off because it is not a tilt cab. K. McKenna asked if Five Star Fire had been called. Chief Brady indicated that they had not but that he could call them. J. Moriarty asked how much of the work can be done in-house. Chief Brady replied that the work that can be done in-house is already done in-house, adding that the lights indicated on the report are not just light bulbs, it is in the electrical system. Chief Brady said that he would have Cummin's do the Blow by test. K. McKenna said that he wants Five Star Fire to look at it too. R. Lak said we need an estimate. J. Moriarty said that the old Northampton FD mechanic

would come to the station and that he could give Chief Brady the contact information. R. Constant and K. McKenna agreed that he should. R. Lak asked what the goal of this restoration is; we're not looking for another four years. K. McKenna stated that he did not think we should use Greenwood. R. Lak agreed stating that he was not comfortable with their letter, he felt it was skewed. R. Constant said he felt the letter had been over dramatic and was designed to convince people the truck should be scrapped. J. Moriarty stated that, vested interest or not, it was a good thorough report. Chief Brady listed Mobile Fire Apparatus Repair, Bulldog Fire Apparatus, Minuteman Trucks, Detroit Diesel Allison, Cummins. K. McKenna asked that Five Star Fire in New Haven be added and J. Moriarty said the name of the Northampton mechanic is Dan Routhier.

K. McKenna asked Chief Brady if E2 should need to go somewhere for repairs; does he have a plan? R. Constant said that he thinks E4 should be done before E2. K. McKenna said that he understood but that E2 is in service and we know it has issues. Chief Brady read from the report for E2. K. McKenna asked about the steering gear box, Chief Brady replied that the report said to monitor that, there is a recommendation to replace the pump gauges but nothing is listed as critical or unsafe. R. Constant stated that he recommended E4 be done first. J. Moriarty suggested the treadle valve on E2 be addressed as it is inexpensive and should only be out for an hour. Chief Brady stated that there are a few on the road places which can do some of these repairs at the station.

R. Constant made a motion to allow E4 to be driven as needed to assess costs and possible repairs only and cannot be used otherwise at this time. Motion seconded by R. Lak and passed with a unanimous vote.

K. McKenna stated that the borrowing for the ambulance should be for ten years as that ties in with the ten-year agreement with MHC. He also stated that the Fleming family are interested in helping out the District by donating boards, straps and bags for the new ambulance.

Chief Brady stated that he wanted to mention that there were questions raised regarding the maintenance of the vehicles and he wished to state that the maintenance is top notch and that is why the vehicles have lasted so long. He stated that he had maintenance records back to 2003 and log books back to the 1980's that he would make available to anyone that wished to see them.

- The next regular District meeting will be Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____