



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT #2

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October 8, 2019

Prudential Committee Meeting

Convened: 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth McKenna - Absent

Present:

Members: James Menard and Kenneth LeBlanc

South Hadley District #2: Chief Scott Brady

Treasurer Barbara Miller

Others Present: Mike O'Neill

Meeting called to order by Jim Menard. A sign is posted stating that the meeting is being recorded.

K. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019, motion seconded by J. Menard. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payroll and Vendor Warrants were signed by J. Menard and K. LeBlanc due to K. McKenna's current absence.

Chief Brady, Report

Chief Brady provided a report showing 68 calls in September, slight increase due to campus population. Trend continues for a 5% increase in call volume. Major incidents included a car fire, mutual aid to D1 for fire at Mandarin Restaurant. Mutual aid increasing to Granby.

Discussion regarding ambulance availability of surrounding communities. Holyoke Hospital does not have a medical control officer or EMS coordinator at this time. But we keep a seasoned paramedic that is outside of our area as an independent evaluator; he looks at every one of our runs.

E4 passed the pump test. He is expecting it to be ready tomorrow there was a delay as they were waiting for parts (set screws) which they couldn't find due to the age of the vehicle.

Chief Brady reported on the continuation of meetings with Chief Gunderson, S. Hadley PD and Chief LaBarre, Campus Police. Chief Gunderson met with Chief Wishart, Granby PD; he does not see it being fiscally possible for Granby to participate in any type of regionalization. It will be difficult for South Hadley PD as well, if they were to combine the dispatchers into one location the other location would need to staff an officer to man the desk at the station. Currently the dispatcher does double duty as a desk person. Chief Gunderson said that if she were to add a second dispatcher, which she would require in order to pick up all the dispatching for both the Districts, it would entail her adding a person to the desk. At a cost of approximately \$250,000 a year in salaries and benefits. It may be a better, safer, more efficient system, but it will require the town and districts contributing and it isn't likely to be a cost savings. J. Menard said that he would like to see a proposal and offered to speak with M. Sullivan, Town Administrator. Chief Brady suggested waiting to see where he can get with Chief Gunderson and Chief Authier.

Chief acknowledged that PC voted and requested that he not purchase tires for the engines. But he is very concerned that there will be an issue similar to that of the rescue vehicle that was sold

recently. One of the tires de-laminated, fortunately, it happened before reaching the highway. The woman that purchased the vehicle was very understanding and we purchased two tires for her. There was discussion regarding the Chief's concern that we could have a similar situation with one of our engines on route. J. Menard said to get the engine back and then make a determination at some point.

Chief Brady pointed out that in January the Pierce engine quote will increase 3% which is about \$22,000. He has spoken with Pierce and they will not negotiate the increase. J. Menard said he would like Pierce to show him a truck for \$570,000. Chief Brady said any truck in that range would not have the long-life required for D2.

Elmer Brook Committee Update

Elmer Brook is moving along J. Menard sent information to Tighe and Bond. He contacted a forester and has a quote of \$700 to evaluate the forest. He recommends getting the evaluation both to provide a starting point for an RFP if we move forward with the solar and to provide a management plan if we leave the property vacant.

K. Menard made a motion to approve \$700 for Baystate Forestry to evaluate the Elmer Brook property, J. Menard second. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report and Discussion Items

B. Miller explained the tax classification hearing process for the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd.

B. Miller provided the annual aggregate salary report that is required for HCRS, explaining that the numbers were a bit higher this year. Due in part to an oversight last year of not including the education stipends in the salaries. Also M. Bourbeau had a significant increase in the on-call people that pay into HCRS, due to full time status in other departments. She explained that the report only includes people that pay into HCRS and therefore is not a complete picture.

B. Miller provided the GASB 74 & GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation pointing out that the amount to be raised in the FY2021 budget is \$49,204 as shown on page 22 of the report. That amount will be split \$21,364 for WD and \$27,840 for PC.

List of Documents

- Fire Chief Report for 9/1/2019 thru 9/30/2019
- Aggregate Salary Report as of 9/30/2019 to HCRS
- GASB 74 & GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation
 - Valuation Date of July 1, 2017
 - As of the Measurement Date of June 30, 2019
 - Reporting Date of June 30, 2019
 - Delivered October 3, 2019

For additional details, video recordings may be viewed upon request.

- The next Prudential Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____