



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Minutes of November 10, 2022

Convened: 5:35 p.m.

Adjourned 6:09 p.m.

Present

Prudential Committee Chair: Kenneth LeBlanc - Absent

Members: John Moriarty
Robert Bak

Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Miller

Fire Chief: Todd Calkins

Meeting called to order by R. Bak. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the District's website.

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 October 18, 2022 made by J. Moriarty seconded by R. Bak.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief Calkins reported October was the busiest month to date with over 100 calls. Call volume has increased everywhere, including mutual aid calls. Cpt. Moore dropped off invoice to MHC for unpaid calls. Campus inspections are almost complete. Chief Calkins attended the Master Plan meeting for the Town. The pickup truck is ordered off the state bid list, it was very difficult to meet the \$50,000 threshold. The ISO meeting is next Wednesday (11/16/22). Asst. Chief Moriarty and FF Goveia went to the No Fires Conference. FF Bailey went to Fire Education Conferences. She and Cpt. Moore went to Mosier School to provide for Fire Safety Education to the students. FF Goveia is now Car Seat Certified; she will develop a posting for community outreach. There was discussion regarding the reduced number of EMTs in the area and the increased pay scales of the private ambulance services surpassing the municipalities pay rates.

PC Chair Discussion Items

Elmer Brook - B. Miller reported that T. Cauley had an appointment to put the flags up for the area to be cleared. Regarding the information needed for the original land purchase votes; the research person at the MHC library discovered that the Harvard Library has a bound book with our Annual Reports for the years 1911 to 1931; B. Miller is working on gaining access to them.

Expense Accounts - B. Miller informed the PC that she found an error in the FY2023 budget. The PC fuel line was not included in the approved budget for FY2023. This is only the fuel for R2 and will be approximately \$3,000. It may be able to be absorbed into the other PC expense lines; if not, it will need to be funded with the reserve account in June. She further stated that it is time to

start thinking about the FY2024 budget. T. Calkins stated that the vehicle maintenance expense lines will need to be increased.

The Tax Classification Hearing will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. at the Senior Center, 45 Dayton, Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Minutes approved _____