

Minutes of Prudential Committee & Finance Committee Meeting
March 5, 2018

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
John Zellmann, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee
Allyson Chabot, Finance Committee
David Thompson, Finance Committee

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes were accepted for the February 5th meeting.

Invoice warrants were reviewed and signed.

Ja'Duke TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Agreement -Motion to sign the TIF agreement reflecting the updated schedule showing the timing of the tax savings was made by David. All in favor. Prudential Committee signed the updated agreement. There's now a snag on the state level for a TIF with our district. The state has approved TIFs in the past with us, two of which were within the last ten years. This should be resolved soon.

Pinewood Circle Streetlights – Eileen had mailed out letters to all Pinewood Circle residents and many of them close to the underground transformers do not want streetlights, but rather many residents at the other end of the circle do want them. The contractor for Eversource had suggested that streetlights could be placed near the transformers. This issue is put on hold for now and David Zamojski will discuss with the contractor the possibility of another location for a streetlight on Pinewood Circle.

Run Report – For the month of February there were 95 calls of which 56 were EMS, including 20 transports. Medicare is not providing enough service to our town. Our percentage of transports is going up and so is Greenfield Fire Department's. The Chief is concerned about this.

Grant – Chief explained that we received a \$75,000 grant to do a feasibility study of a microgrid for the fire station and the high school, which is the emergency shelter. This study is to explore ways for energy for long term power outages.

Finance Committee had met and made a few recommendations. Their letter was reviewed and discussed. Wage increases and the future of the current ambulance was discussed. Greenfield is still on board with sharing the current ambulance as a backup. John Greene suggested that the Chief talk to the Greenfield Chief about a MOU agreement for sharing the ambulance, along with the costs.

Review of Special Articles – Articles were reviewed and an additional Special Article suggested is \$20,000 for major repairs to fire vehicle.

Military Policy – We just heard back from our attorney about our suggestion of grandfathering a benefit to give our current military employee additional time off, approximately 2 or so shifts per year, and not granting this to future employees. We can adopt this per our attorney and Prudential Committee agreed to include this in current military policy.

Next meeting is Monday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.