

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
November 5, 2015

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
Jay DiPucchio, Prudential Committee Member
Bob Escott, Fire Chief
Eileen Tela, District Accountant

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of prior meetings– Minutes were approved for the October 13th meeting.

Invoice warrants – were reviewed and signed by the Prudential Committee.

Chief's Report

St. Anne's Church – We've had a complaint of possible fire code violations from one of the joint owners of this property. Chief and building inspector went to the property and there were some violations, including no smoke detectors. The zoning board had approved this to be a nightclub, but now lighting and filming is being done there for music videos. The building inspector will send correspondence about fire code. Zoning needs to be approved for this change of business and a sprinkler system is also needed.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) – We were turned down for the AFG grant for turnout gear.

Ambulance collections were \$1,200 for October.

Bucket truck – We will be putting the ad in the newspaper shortly.

East Chestnut Hill Road, Montague – We have been responding to calls there, but it is not in our fire district.

Manpower issue – Bob brought up the fact that we are on the edge of not being able to get enough manpower to fight fires. We call mutual aid sooner now, but there is not enough help coming in. Jay noticed the lack of manpower in the recent Central St. fire. We have only 14 members on our call force currently, and we can't seem to build up the numbers. Discussion followed. Word needs to get out to the public about this issue in the newspapers and possibly on Montague Community TV (MCTV).

Bob distributed a preliminary budget to increase manpower to 4/man per shift. SAFER grants are available to help get fire departments up to where they want to be.

MedCare – We have not received any numbers from MedCare yet.

Accountant's Report

Accountant's contract was signed by Prudential Committee Chairman.

Cash Reconciliations for Q/E June 30 were given to Prudential Committee.

Tax Reclassification meeting will be held Monday, November 16 at 5:30 in the Assessor's Office.

Next meeting will be held on Monday November 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.