

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 17, 2020

Called to Order:

Kandie called the meeting to order at 6:12pm via Zoom with Bill Brooks and Gordon Lunna present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

The Fire Department sent in a quote from CVC Paging to purchase 10 portable radios, 10 speakers and 2 batteries for a total cost of \$3,485.00. Kandie asked Marianne how much was in their budget for the radios, Marianne stated \$3,500. Bill made a motion to approve purchase of the radios, Kandie seconded it and Gordon abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Mark Barone from the Fire Department emailed Marianne with a request to purchase a portable generator for the station and remote truck use. Their biggest generator was deemed too expensive to repair many months ago. That generator used to be on Engine 3 and they have yet to replace it. The cost of the generator at Mountain View Equipment is \$4,500 with an additional \$1,500-\$2,000 in electrician costs. Mark said this will give them the capability to power necessities in their station such as heat, communication, charging radios and lights. This is being tabled until the board receives more information as Kandie thought this had already been approved.

Mark Barone had given Marianne the end of year stipend points for the firefighters. Marianne calculated everything given to her and presented it to the board. Kandie made a motion to approve the stipend for a total of \$4,999.98, Bill seconded it, Gordon abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Mark also requested the purchase of a maze system for training. They have most of their training budget for the year remaining as the Fire Schools were all cancelled this year due to COVID-19. The cost of the maze system is \$ 7,278.53. Mark said this would greatly benefit their training abilities by being able to setup a maze in many different configurations at any location. He also said it would help prevent any abuse they put on the station when they do these sorts of trainings now. Currently they have \$4,480 left in training budget and he is requesting to use that amount and the difference from the Firefighter Equipment line item. Kandie made a motion to approve the request, Bill seconded it and Gordon abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Mark requested the remaining \$2,000 in the Firefighter Equipment budget be used to purchase items to restock small items that were used beyond their serviceable life such as gloves, flashlights, pocket tools, safety glasses, etc. Kandie made a motion to approve the request, Bill seconded it, Gordon abstained. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Dennis Phillips, Caretaker for the Lodge, requested purchasing a wall mount diaper changer for the Ladies bathroom as there is nothing there now. Estimated cost is \$139.98. Kandie made a motion to approve the request, Gordon seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Visitors:

We had one call in visitor, we asked them several times to identify themselves. Marianne messaged the Town Administrator as to what we should do if they don't identify themselves. She said ask once more and if they don't respond to remove them from the meeting. She said we cannot have anonymous people in there. After asking them to identify themselves several times and them not responding they were removed from the meeting.

Approval for Minutes:

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2020, Kandie seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Approval for the Fire District Pay Order:

Bill made the motion to approve the pay orders as presented and it was seconded by Gordon. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Old Business:

The board all agreed to terminate the lawyer services as the people at the Cabin have left.

New Business:

The board went over the monthly financials from March, April and May and signed off on them.

Marianne stated that there have been several cancellations and refunds given for the Lodge this year due to COVID-19. The Lodge can open at this time with guests following the State Guidelines. The capacity at this time is 50% which is a total of 150 people allowed. However, this can change.

The board tabled the Lodge rates for 2022/2023 until the next meeting so they could get some more information from previous years.

Marianne stated that Dennis Phillips, Caretaker for the Lodge, has been doing an amazing job up there. Kandie and Gordon agreed as they have both been up there to see it. Bill intends to go check it out. Dennis has gotten all the painting, sheetrock, etc. all done. The outside of the Lodge has been painted as well. He is now working on cleaning the cabin since the previous tenants have finally left.

Chris Hayes spoke with Marianne and stated that he had talked to Ron Shaw regarding the sewer smell at the Snack Shack. Chris said he could try to put timers in so that it would circulate at night instead of during the day. He said that may cut down the smell along with the extra chemicals he has been adding. Cost to put in timers is between \$800-\$1,000. Kandie made a motion to approve the timers, Bill seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Chris also asked how many of the digital meters he could purchase at this time from the budget. There is \$3,800 in there now, so he can purchase 19 of them. His goal is to start purchasing them as he can and install them one street at a time. These digital meters have already been approved so no motion necessary.

Chris updated Marianne on the repair at River Street and Ames True Temper. The repair at River Street has been fixed, the repair at Ames True Temper has also been fixed although he has some questions as to who

would be responsible for that bill. This is being tabled until the next meeting where we can get more information.

The board discussed alternatives to having the Annual Meeting and where they could have it. Marianne has been speaking with the Elections Department of the Secretary of State and gone over a few options. Kandie mentioned maybe they could do it at the Lodge as there is more capacity allowed than at the Town Hall. The board agreed this would be a good option and asked Marianne to get a hold of the Elections Department to make sure we could hold the annual meeting there.

The Board reviewed the Budget for this year and agreed everything looked good.

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Adjournment:

Kandie made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Gordon seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne Goulet - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 07/01/2020