

Wallingford Fire District #1
MINUTES OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 2, 2021

Called to Order:

Kandie called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with Bill Brooks, Kevin Vaughn and Marianne McClure, the clerk/treasurer present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Mark Barone joined the meeting to request approval for a Fire Department purchase. Mark requested the purchase of 4 thermal cameras. Mark stated they received a full demo of them Tuesday night. Currently the Fire Department only has 1 thermal camera and it is always in transit on a scene and never where they need it fast enough. He stated these cameras take priority with interior firefighters but that because they only have 1 now that the exterior crew is without one. The cameras have an integrated PASS system so if a firefighter is immobile for 30 seconds it will go into alarm mode. They can then use the other cameras to go into rescue mode and find the location of the downed firefighter. The cameras are future SCBA compatible so when they upgrade their air packs, they will be able to communicate with the pack and also the command post outside. The current camera they have would cost \$8000 to replace and it is no longer repairable per the MSA rep. The cost for 4 of these cameras with the related accessories is \$11,532.93 and they can place 1 camera on each truck so everyone has a camera headed into a structure. Kandie asked Mark if there was any grant money available. Mark said no, ever since COVID hit there hasn't been any grant money for this type of purchase. Marianne stated the Fire Department has \$16,155.00 remaining in their firefighter equipment budget. Bill made a motion to approve the purchase of the 4 cameras, Kandie seconded it. Kevin abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

The next item Mark requested was a portable pump. It is a Honda powered single cylinder lightweight; high volume pump used for filling apparatus at locations that are outside of the Fire Districts water system where the trucks system can't get to. The fire Department currently has 2 portable pumps that are both 17 years old. They continually have fuel issues with them because they rely on external fuel tanks. They are also extremely loud and heavy. The new pump is 90 pounds lighter than the current ones and uses an internal fuel tank which saves compartment space and also fuel system damage. The cost is \$3,420.00. If approved the equipment line item would still have \$1200.00 in it. Bill made a motion to approve the pump purchase, Kandie seconded it. Kevin abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

The last thing Mark requested was with the remaining \$1200.00 in the equipment budget he would like to purchase items such as gloves, hand tools and saw blades. Bill made a motion to approve the purchases, Kandie seconded it. Kevin abstained from the vote. With no further discussion the motion carried (2-0).

Visitors:

Mark Barone

Approval for Minutes:

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from the annual meeting May 18, 2021, Kevin seconded it, with no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Kandie made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting May 19, 2021, Kevin 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 Kevin. With no discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Old Business:

The service line at 28 and 40 South Main is tabled as Chris Hayes and Jason Stone did not attend the meeting.

Kandie asked what Kimberlee and Charles Simmons decided to do about the Lodge rental. Marianne stated that they chose a new date in 2022 and will keep the reservation.

New Business:

The board went over the monthly financials and signed off on them.

Marianne stated that she spoke with Karen from Rutland Mental Health regarding their Lodge rental. Karen asked Marianne to meet with the board about a refund for the Lodge rental this year as the grant money they were supposed to get for the program fell through. Marianne did tell Karen that the money they put down could be transferred to 2022 as there are other programs from Rutland Mental Health that use the Lodge for their Summer Camps. Karen asked that Marianne present it to the board just to see if they could make an exception. Kandie made a motion to deny the refund as the contract states no refunds, and that they cannot make exceptions for one and not others. Bill seconded it. With no further discussion the motion carried (3-0).

Public Comments:

None

Other Business/Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

Kandie made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, Bill seconded it. The motion carried (3-0). Entered executive session at 6:28pm. Came out of executive session at 7:02pm with no action taken.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 via Zoom at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

Kandie made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Kevin seconded the motion. Bill had to leave early so he was not there to vote. No further discussion. Motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marianne McClure - Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 06/16/2021