

**Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 4:30 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Prudential Committee Meeting Room**

**144 Newton Street**

**South Hadley, MA 01075**

**In Attendance:** PC Chair Bruce Perron, PC member John Wojciechowski, Interim Clerk/Treasurer Ira Brezinsky, Chief Robert Authier, Captain Kurt Schenker, Assistant Treasurer Kari Scytowski

**CALL TO ORDER**

Perron called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM

**RESERVE FUND TRANSFER TO FUND PURCHASE OF NEW CHIEFS VEHICLE**

On April 24, the Annual District meeting voted to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Fire Chief. The cost of the vehicle was \$43,786.76, leaving an unanticipated shortfall of \$3,786.76. This does not include an additional amount for lettering that will be done some time after the vehicle is received. At its July 25 meeting, the Prudential was made aware of a likely shortfall and voted to increase the budget for the vehicle to \$50,000. The PC tasked the Clerk Treasurer with recommending the source of additional funds. The C/T consulted with the District's Auditor. Because this is an unanticipated expense, the recommendation was made to take the money from the Reserve Fund.

**Motion:** Wojciechowski moved and Perron seconded to transfer \$3,786.76 from the Reserve Fund to fund the shortfall in the New Vehicle account. Motion carried 2-0.

**NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN IN THE LAST 48 HOURS**

Perron attended the Board of Water Commissioners Meeting on December 11. He was concerned that fire hydrants were not adequately shoveled following the recent snow storms. He stated that the main priority of the District should be to ensure safety. He reported that Water Superintendent Cyr will coordinate with Chief Authier to implement a plan for future unusual snow events. Wojciechowski stated that this was an unusual situation.

Perron has spoken with Board of Water Commissioners Chair Schenker regarding the possible purchase of specialized equipment to assist with hydrant shoveling if needed. The idea has been referred to the Water Superintendent and Fire Chief for consideration. Chief Authier stated that \$667 was spent in firefighter overtime for hydrant shoveling.

Perron further suggested that, in the future, the Chief's home driveway may need to be plowed in the event of an emergency.

**Motion:** Perron moved and Wojciechowski moved that District equipment be used to plow the Chief's driveway on an emergency basis. Motion carried 2-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Wojciechowski moved and Perron seconded to adjourn at 5:15 PM. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A true copy, attest:

Ira Brezinsky  
District #1, Interim Clerk Treasurer

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Kevin Taugher, Prudential Committee Clerk