

Minutes

Annual Meeting of the Randolph Fire District #1

Tuesday May 15, 2018

Attending: Carolyn Lumbra, Perry Armstrong, George Daniel, Trudy DeFlorio, Bill DeFlorio, John Doss, Dan LaLumia, Barbara Lens, John Lens, Scott Mitroff, J. Mike Regan, Carol Doss (clerk)

Carolyn Lumbra called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, on May 15, 2018. An attendance sheet was circulated. Carolyn opened the meeting with a reading of the articles to be acted upon. Carolyn turned the meeting over to John Lens, the new chairperson of the Prudential Committee. Carolyn decided not to seek another term on the Prudential Committee and decided to run the treasurer position.

Article 1: To elect a clerk. The motion to elect Carol Doss was made by Mike Regan and seconded by Carolyn Lumbra. The motion passed.

Article 2: To hear and act on the reports of the officers (treasurer, engineer). The engineer's and treasurer's report are attached to this report and available upon request. George Daniel raised the question of why were expansion tanks needed for the new meters since they were not required in the past. Carolyn Lumbra answered that it is now VT state law that they be included when a backflow device (I.e. check valve) is installed. George Daniel also raised the question if check valves should be on all meters as older meters do not have them. Carolyn Lumbra answered that the Prudential Committee would look into that issue. The question was asked from where did the money in the savings account come. No one was quite sure since the balance has not changed in many years. A motion was made by Trudy DeFlorio to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Carolyn Lumbra. The motion passed. At this time the engineer listed things that need to be accomplished next year, including: working on the spring house, replacing galvanized piping, upgrading the electrical system in the pump house, replacing a hydrant, and working on water maps and plans. It was also mentioned that the State may require a more automative system in the pump house.

Article 3: To elect one member to the Prudential Committee for a three year term. A motion to elect John Doss was made by Carolyn Lumbra and seconded by Bill DeFlorio. The motion passed.

Article 4: To elect a treasurer. A motion to elect Carolyn Lumbra was made by John Doss and seconded by Bill DeFlorio. The motion passed.

Article 5: To elect a collector of rents and taxes. A motion to elect Dan LaLumia was made by Carolyn Lumbra and seconded by Scott Mitroff. The motion passed.

Article 6: To elect 3 auditors for a term of one year. The following people volunteered: Dan LaLumia, Scott Mitroff and Clark Campbell (in absentia).

Article 7: To elect an engineer. A motion to elect Bill DeFlorio was made by Carolyn Lumbra and seconded by John Doss. The motion passed.

Article 8: To vote a tax. A motion was made by those attending the meeting to continue with the present tax of \$.04 per \$100.00 of evaluation until the Prudential Committee has a better accounting of the revenue from metered water and the cost of operating the water system. The motion passed by unanimous agreement. There was some discussion of the commercial tax rate; however, no motion was made.

Old Business

1. Approve prior meeting minutes. Scott Mitroff moved that the prior minutes be approved. Trudy DeFlorio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Treasurer's report. Previously approved.

3. Auditor's report. Discussed and approved.

4. Engineer's report. Previously discussed with the election of an engineer.

5a. The status of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the operation of the water system was discussed. The water system is currently jointly owned and operated by the FD#1 and VTC. FD#1 and VTC have completed the required application and submitted it to the State. The Prudential Committee has not heard from the State regarding the status of our application. The committee is waiting for the approval of the application before working with VTC to finalize "The Memorandum of Understanding".

5b. Perry Armstrong reported on the status of the possibility of a hotel being built at the intersection of Rt. 66 and exit 4 of I-89. Perry had previously made a presentation to the Prudential Committee and other interested parties. (See minutes for the April 17, 2018, special meeting.) Perry has contacted several hotel chains and presently is most

interested in the Hilton chain because they have a history of building hotels that architecturally fit the area in which they are located. He is proposing a system in which FD#1 can supply the water for this project. There was also discussion of Randolph Center and Randolph becoming an area noted for its recreation opportunities.

George Daniel asked if there was a better way to contact people about the Annual Meeting. The Prudential Committee will review the issue of lack of attendance.

Carolyn Lumbra reported that the Town of Randolph is providing a new sign: "Welcome to Randolph Center". Carol Doss said that she would talk to The Garden Club about developing a garden around the sign.

Carolyn Lumbra moved that we adjourn and Scott Mitroff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Doss (clerk)