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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Branch Fire District #1, Prudential Committee, January 10, 2019.

This Meeting, having been duly warned, was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairperson, Cyndee Frere.

Members Present: Cyndee, Frere, Edward Barber, Thomas Ferrazza, Karl Braunbach and Brendan Ryan.

Also Present: Michael DeBlasio, David Epstein, Edward Floyd, Rebecca Snow, Bart Howes, Linda Holland and Jon Anderson via phone..

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Ferrazza moved to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Braunbach. Passed unanimously.

Michael DeBlasio/SEW10/Sleeping Spaces: On November 23, 2018 Holland and Snow inspected this loft unit in Snowtree. It had a queen size bed and what appeared to be a full bottom bunk with a single top. The bottom bunk folds to become a futon. Ryan moved to reimburse Mr. DeBlasio \$4,800.00. Seconded by Ferrazza. Passed unanimously.

Seasons Contract/David Epstein: The current contract for Sundance Village expires on January 20, 2019. This contract is for 7,800 gallons per day for fourteen single family residential structures totaling 65 bedrooms. The new contract brings the price of \$30.00 per gallon up to the current \$40.00 per gallon rate plus the inflow/infiltration fee and contract fee totaling \$81,900.00. Mr. Epstein stated that all the sewer collection lines were installed in 2017, although the final certification has not been done. Ferrazza moved to give Mr. Epstein a three month extension until the old contract can be thoroughly reviewed. Seconded by Ryan. Passed unanimously. (New contract due by April 10, 2019).

Ed Floyd/Technicon P.C./Discuss 1272 Order: The State has mandated the District acquire and install frac tanks or other temporary storage vessels with a minimum storage capacity of 100,000 gallons by January 18, 2019. Floyd stated the tanks would be delivered on Wednesday January 16, 2019.

Executive Session: Ferrazza moved to go into Executive Session at 12:29 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously. Ferrazza moved to come out of Executive Session at 12:53 p.m. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously. **DECISION:** 1. Ryan moved to direct Ed Floyd to move forward with acquiring 100,000 gallons of frac tank storage to stay in compliance with the State 1272 order, with the target delivery install date of January 18, 2019.
2. The Prudential Committee is directing our attorney Jon Anderson to file an appeal based on the denial of the emergency pollution permit as well as the terms and conditions of the 1272 Order.

Treasurer's Report: Ferrazza moved to approve the monthly bills totaling \$885,034.22. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously.

Last Operational check written #28954
Last Capital check written #1265
Last Petty Cash check written #875

The Fire District's current Prudent Reserve needs to be calculated.

Ferrazza moved to place all funds in the Sleeping Space account. Seconded Barber. Passed unanimously.

Chief Operator's Report: On December 13, 2018 Howes notified the State that we failed to submit MW16 for groundwater lab analysis in the month of November. We internally have a check list to monitor which monitoring wells have been sampled in the month and MW16 was inadvertently checked as being sent out.

The new West Clarifier was put into operation on December 21, 2018.

Howes purchased a new cell phone for himself for \$359.97. Josh's phone now will not work. The entire crew has the same phones and two have become unreliable, we should just replace the rest of them. If prices are still the same it will be \$1,079.91. The Committee asked Howes "how many want to use their personal phones?" Howes will poll the crew.

We have currently been able to handle our holiday flows and heavy rain through increased spraying and utilizing our clarifiers as additional storage. We have had to fill the east clarifier twice, buffering approximately 400,000 gallons total. The Prudential Committee collectively appreciates the extra work the employees are putting in spraying.

Howes has signed agreements with Brattleboro Wastewater Treatment Facility for 200,000 gallons per day and Wilmington Wastewater Treatment Facility for up to 35,000 gallons per day. Bennington Wastewater Treatment Facility also said via email we could haul to them. Howes is still working on the details with Bennington.

Howes has signed hauling agreements with multiple haulers giving us the ability to haul 200,000 gallons per day. This is all contingent to the point of if environmental and mechanical conditions will allow the haulers to come when we need them.

Executive Session: at 1:20 p.m. Ferrazza moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal. Seconded by Barber. Passed unanimously. Ferrazza moved to come out of Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. Seconded by Ryan. Passed unanimously. **DECISION:** Ferrazza moved that Mr. Meduski must follow the Ordinance and come up to the current contract rate or fill-out the revocation of gallonage. Seconded by Braunbach. Passed unanimously. **NOTE:** This decision is based on our review of your circumstances, in the delay of your Act 250 permit being issued. It does not meet our criteria for a possible extension.

Old Business: None.

Other Business: None.

Frere moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting is February 13, 2019 at noon.
Annual Meeting is March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda L. Holland,
Administrative Manager

cc: C. Frere, K. Braunbach, T. Ferrazza, E. Barber, B. Ryan, E. Floyd, B. Howes, H. Terhune, D. Facilla, J. Mahon, A. Pritcher, A. Palmiter, M. Himelson, L. Anelli, A. Levine, J. Flanagan, C. Helmstetter, Gray Ghost Inn, J. Desrochers, J. Gooch, Town of Dover, J. Densmore,, J. Redd, M. Garber, P. Fisher, R. Reed, S. Dupries, S. Meade, V. Czechorowski, Y. Strus, L. Fraser, A. Perkins, L. Newton, R. Rubin, C. Turpin, R. Parker-Houghton, G. Golet, S. MacDougall, L Harkawik, R. William, P. Fitzpatrick S. Joyce-Albano, R. Caplan, G. Henry, Deerfield Valley News and the Brattleboro Reformer.

Posted: North Branch Fire District #1, Wastewater Treatment Facility & Administrations Building. Dover Town Office.