

Preston Emergency Services Advisory Committee

April 11th 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call:

Co-Chairman David Paige called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Members Present: David Paige, PES Chief Keith Wucik, PQVFD Deputy Chief Russ Holland, and PCVFD Deputy Chief Jarred Harris.

Members Absent: Excused Jim Bell.

2. Reading of Previous Minutes:

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from 1/18/22 was made by Russ Holland and seconded by Jarred Harris.

Motion Passed. 4-0

3. Communications

None

4. Poquetanuck Ambulance Update

Russ Holland distributed the first quarter Ambulance Billing Financial Report to the committee. As of the first of April all accounts owed to the town are up-to-date and all checks have been accounted for.

Poquetanuck Ambulance administrators are looking into the paperwork necessary to turn over the Ambulance legal and financial responsibilities to Preston Emergency Services.

5. Grants

Chief Wucik reported the SAFER (Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant that was applied for has not been awarded or denied at this time.

Chief noted a correction in the previous minutes. Preston did in fact submit an AFG proposal last season. Funding for several LUCAS chest compression systems were requested. No time table for grant awards at this time

6. Preston Riverwalk Emergency Services

None.

Heading to be removed from the next agenda as previously voted upon.

7. Public Safety Manning

Chief indicated the First Selectwoman is requesting ARPA money be used for hiring a full time PES staffer funded at 100% for the first year, 75% for the second, and 50% for the third. Chief Wucik is also hoping to be granted funds through the SAFER act.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

Chief Wucik indicated the 22-23 Capitol Improvement budget includes funding for a new vehicle to replace his. The Chief's current vehicle will be cycled down to replace the existing 2007 service truck. Also included are Dry Hydrant repairs, PQVFD Plymo vent repairs, a Zodiac for water rescues, new hose, and a decontamination shower at PQVFD station. The Selectwoman will request ARPA money be used to offset some of the cost when the budget is presented to the BOF.

Chief Wucik reminded the committee of the remaining \$550,000 in the 2015 Capitol Bond set aside to replace the 1989 Pumper truck at Poquetanuck. PES & PQFD have nearly completed the specifications for the new truck. An additional \$200,000 will be requested from the ARP funding in order to complete the purchase.

10. Public Comment

None

11. Agenda for the July 12th meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of Previous Minutes
3. Communications
4. Poquetanuck Ambulance Update
5. Grants Update
6. Public Safety Manning
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Public Comment
10. Agenda for Next Meeting
11. Executive Session (if required)
12. Adjournment

12. Adjourned

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave Paige, seconded by Russ Holland, and approved by the members at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarred J. Harris

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