

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE  
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
144 NEWTON STREET  
South Hadley, Ma 01075

Minutes August 06, 2024

Location: South Hadley Public Library

Attendance: Kurt Schenker, John Wojciechowski, Bruce Perron, Kari Scytowski, Brendan Hughes

Call to Order

Kurt called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2/29/2024, 3/7/2024, 3/21/2024, 4/10/2024, 4/12/2024, 5/7/2024, 6/14/2024, 7/2/2024

John motions to accept all of the minutes as printed for approval, the dates that Kurt just read. Bruce notes that on the minutes of 4/12/2024, the word “finding” instead of “funding” was used and suggests making an amendment. Bruce seconds John’s motions with the changes just made. Unanimous.

Chief’s Report and discussion on any items put forward by the Chief and vote on those items if needed

**July 2024**

46 fire calls  
214 EMS calls  
Total: 260

Year-to-date:  
301 fire calls  
1,377 EMS calls  
Total: 1,678

**Inspections:**

8 business inspections  
13 smoke/COs  
1 lockbox  
8 UST removals, oil burners, propane

**Events:**

Fireworks – L-5, Medic 3, and Safe booth  
Big Rig Day – Tower 3 Safe booth  
In the last 4 days, there have been 2 structure fires.

John motions to accept the Chief’s Report as read. Bruce seconds. Unanimous.

Ambulance adjustments with vote on acceptance

Bruce motions to adjust an adjustment amount of \$450.00 to our account because of a non-payment of Cataldo Ambulance. John seconds.

The June adjustment amount for Comstar for the month of June would be \$227,191.04. John seconds. For July, also a Comstar adjustment, amount would be \$166,873.65. John seconds.

A vote for all three is taken. Unanimously passed.

Any new business brought to the attention of the Board in the last 24-48 hours

Kurt notes the resignation of Eden from the Water Board. The opening has already been posted. There is discussion about what constitutes a “qualified individual” and how interested individuals will be asked questions. The meeting date with both boards is still to be determined, based on availability. September 03, 2024, is discussed as an option.

Bruce asks about a non-district ambulance that he saw at the department, and the Chief notes it was related to a hospital transfer.

Public comment

A member of the public asks why it is taking 6 months for approval of minutes. Kurt notes there was some catching up to do. The same member of the public also notes that the fire department had a display at the Council on Aging, and they did a nice job. The same member of the public asks when the public gets access to the executive session minutes. Kurt notes that they can be released after a subject is closed.

A member of the public would like to know what the litigation is. Kurt notes they cannot speak on it. Brendan notes that all the dockets are public record.

Roll call to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for the following three purposes:

In compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) subparagraph (3) to discuss strategy about litigation in connection with a public records request to South Hadley Fire District No 1. in Docket No. 2480CV00009 in Hampshire Superior Court where discussion of the strategy in open session would have a detrimental effect of the litigating position of South Hadley Fire District No. 1.

In compliance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) subparagraph (2) to conduct a strategy session to prepare for contract negotiations with Chief Thomas Stark.

In compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) subparagraph (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with SH Dist. 1 Professional Firefighters Association where discussion in an open meeting on this subject would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the South Hadley Fire District No. 1.

Board will not be returning to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shauna Condon, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer