

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

Minutes February 29, 2024

Location: South Hadley Fire District 1 – 144 Newton Street, South Hadley, MA 01075

Attendance: Bruce Perron, Ken Beliveau, John Wojciechowski, Kari Scytowski

Call to Order

Bruce calls the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Ambulance Adjustment

John makes a motion to make ambulance adjustments for the month of January 2024, for the amount of \$254,250.43. Ken seconds. Unanimous.

24/48 Hours

Chief notes that they have hired Zach Fournier from the call force as a permanent member of the department, pending his physical on Monday. He will be filling Eric Stratton's position.

Budget Development

Brief discussion of the tax rate. Bruce notes that for every \$17,170.00 that we adjust, it is one penny on the tax rate.

**Ambulance Salaries**

Ambulance – Salary: projected increase of 5.41% at \$438,364.57

Ambulance – OT: level funded at \$182,750.00

Ambulance – Stipends: increase from \$230,000.00 to \$231,960.00. Chief explains the increase is due to getting more paramedics.

**Ambulance Expenses**

Ambulance – Fuel: \$22,000.00

Ambulance – Upkeep: -11.11% at \$24,000.00

Ambulance – Medical: level funded at \$76,000.00

Ambulance – Licenses & Fees: increase of 8.10% at 40,000.00

Ambulance – Outside: level funded at \$60,000.00

Ambulance – Training: level funded at \$25,000.00

Ambulance – Office: level funded at \$5,500.00

Ambulance – Computer: level funded at \$7,000.00

Ambulance – Misc: level funded at \$500.00

Total: \$260,000.00

**Ambulance Capital/Other**

Ambulance Computer: down from \$4,000.00 to \$500.00.

Ambulance Infusion Pumps: \$5,000.00 requested, due to upcoming state mandates.

### **Debt Principal**

Debt Principal: \$120,000.00

### **Debt Interest**

Debt Interest: decreased to \$14,550.00.

### **Interest Short Term Debt**

Debt Temp Interest: \$0.00

### **Transfers Out**

Fire Stabilization: \$35,000.00

Vehicle Stabilization: \$60,000.00

Ambulance Stabilization: \$90,000.00

Fire OPEB: \$100,000.00

### **Insurance & Employee Benefits**

County Retirement: \$663,050.00

Health and Life Insurance: \$640,000.00 to account for possible retirees and subsequent new hires.

Medicare: Salary-dependent; \$46,000.00

General Insurance: \$126,000.00 by recommendation of insurer.

### **Salaries**

Administrative Payroll: \$90,000.00, which includes a 3% increase and \$400.00 longevity.

### **Expenses**

Admin – Education: \$2,000.00

Admin – Printing: \$3,000.00

Admin – Telephone Exp: \$2,000.00

Ken motions to leave line item 001-129-5800-5600. John seconds. Unanimous.

Admin – Legal: \$35,000.00

Admin – Travel: \$500.00

Admin – Misc: \$500.00

Admin – Audit: \$5,000.00, set by Scanlon's office.

Admin – Office Exp: \$40,000.00, increased due to new copier.

Elections Equipment: \$15,000.00 due to needing new election equipment.

### **Capital/Other**

District Web Site/IT: no funding due to account balance.

Actuary Report: no funding due to account balance.

### **Prudential Committee**

Salaries: \$15,905.00 with 3% increases.

Expenses: \$600.00

Legal Fees Union Negotiations: \$5,000.00

**Town Clerk Salary:** Not funded due to town clerk not wanting the stipend.

Next Meeting Date 3-07-2024

The next meeting is set to take place on 3/7/24.

Motion to Adjourn

John motions to adjourn. Ken seconds. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Condon, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer