

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

Minutes November 05, 2024

Location: South Hadley Public Library - 2 Canal Street, South Hadley, MA 01075

Attendance: John Wojciechowski, Bruce Perron, Kari Scytkowski

Call to Order

John calls the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes 10/01/2024, and 10/08/2024

Bruce motions to accept 10/08/2024. John seconds. Unanimous. Bruce has concerns about the 10/01/2024 minutes, so that will be tabled until the next meeting, since Kurt is not present.

Chief's Report and Discussion on Any Items Put Forward by the Chief and Vote on Those Items if Needed

October 2024

52 fire calls
215 EMS calls
Total: 267

Year total:

464 fire calls
1,984 EMS calls
Total: 2,448

Inspections:

7 business inspections
21 smoke/COs
5 UST removals, oil burners, and propane

Events:

There were 3 fires. There was a landfill fire, a structure/brush fire, and another structure fire all within several hours of one another. There have been multiple brush fires, and they are asking everyone to hold off on burning.

There was a TRIAD meeting. October was fire prevention month.

The open house on 10/19 went well.

They did a Truck or Treat at Beers and Story

The oral portion of the Lt. Exam will be on 11/12. There are two candidates currently sitting for that.

They received the new ambulance on Friday and hope to have it in service by this Friday.

Chief also mentioned that he recently wrote two grants: one safety grant and one for reimbursement for MassHealth to try to pick up the difference in cost of what they bill vs. what they receive. He expects to hear back in February.

Treasurer's Report and discussion on any items put forward by the treasurer and vote on those items as needed

The Chief's salary adjustments have been completed. New call personnel have been added, and there has been another promotion. MedX rates are going up. All retirees on MedX have been notified. The monthly premium was \$360, and it is going up to \$416 starting January 1st. The MedX low rate was \$325.30, and it is going up to \$394.20. Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust will notify the subscribers, but Kari also sent a letter to make sure everyone was covered. The auditors are done, and FY24 has been closed out.

Free cash has been certified at \$976,245.00.

She is waiting on the tax recap paperwork. She has submitted everything needed on her end to Missy, the assessor. The tax classification hearing is 12/03 at 7:05pm at the Senior Center. She wanted to know whether they would have a quorum with the Prudential Committee. John does not think he will be able to make it. Bruce thinks he could be there. Kari will check with Kurt. Kari reserved the library room for the first Tuesday of every month for 2025 from 5-8pm. For the annual meeting, Kari has PVPA reserved for Wednesday, April 23 at 6pm.

Ambulance Adjustments with Vote on Acceptance

Bruce makes a motion to have an ambulance adjustment of \$168,299.73 for the month of September. John seconds. Unanimous.

Discussion of Tax Classification hearing and Annual meeting

Covered in Treasurer's Report.

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

No new business.

Adjournment

Bruce motions to adjourn. John seconds. Unanimous. Adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shauna Condon, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer