

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #1
144 Newton Street
South Hadley MA 01075

Prudential Committee Minutes

Date: 01-13-2021

Call to order: 4:32pm

Members present: Kevin Taugher
John Wojciechowski
Bruce Perron
Terie Fleury
Keri S
Jeff Cyr
Kurt

- KT motions to approve minutes for meetings of 11-12-2020 and 12-22-2020. Bruce seconds. Unanimous approval.
- KT motions to approve minutes for the meeting of 07-21-2020. Bruce seconds. Unanimous approval.
- KT motions to approve minutes for the meeting of 05-28-2020. Bruce seconds. Unanimous approval.
- John reports that he had a conversation with Brendan, and KT will be accommodated with regard to receiving requested reports without violating HIPPA.
- Bruce would like John to talk to Brendan about receiving a note indicating that the committee is doing what he's advising them to do.
- FY22 preliminary budget discussion: KT sent an email indicating that in order to properly assess the 22 budget process, he would need the annual aggregate report, the current FY21 health insurance premium calculations per individual for active and retired personnel, the latest OPEB liability report, the FY20 year-end balance and ambulance reserve account, and the 07-01-2020 free-cash per the Clerk Treasurer submittal (to DOR? <08:21>). KT indicates that in the FY21 expended column at the bottom of fire department other expense, there are no other numbers for FY21 actuals. Terie reports that the necessary numbers are there, just not on the budget sheet. She also reports that one of her main priorities will be to condense all of the information onto one page.
- Bob suggests that the budget may change with the discussion of adding 2 firefighters. Without insurance or retirement, the total would be about \$124,590.20. He is also requesting that the call firefighter rate would change from \$16/hour to \$20/hour. All of this would be included in the fire department salaries.
- KT would like Bob to send a breakdown of the items like he has done in previous years.
- John would like to discuss OPEB. Terie reports that as of 01-12-2021, OPEB was \$670,933.20. Bruce reports that the liability for OPEB was \$7,169,161 when they started.
- KT suggests considering what needs to be discussed with Brendan, including the concepts he feels need to be put forward. Additionally, he suggests that once some of the other numbers

get filled in, they will have a better feel for the budget. He would also like to see the current balances and the capital expense budgets.

- KT inquires if Mount Holyoke paid them \$20,000 back in June. Terry reports that she will double check that.
- KT suggests that the committee gets guidance from Brendan regarding the line accounts for legal expense.
- John reports that he would like to put together a meeting with Brendan for next week and he is available either Wednesday or Thursday. He would like that meeting to include a treasurer's report, a fire chief report, and also have Brendan explain the implementation of the new policies pertaining to certain forms of harassment. He suggests that they can also ask him about the budgeting while he is available at that meeting. John also notes that he would like that anything that needs to be brought to Brendan should be written down and prepared for next week. The requests should be forwarded to John, who will then forward them to Brendan.
- The meeting is set for 01-20-2021 at 4:30pm.
- John reports that, moving forward, as Terie gets the requests that have been discussed during the meeting, she will forward them.
- KT indicates that he would like to get a notification when the free-cash paperwork gets submitted to the state. Terry reports that the official submittal is going to be made with the assistance of Tom Scanlon, who is busy for the next few days; however, there is a projected number to work with.
- KT motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm. Bruce seconds. Unanimous approval.

Bruce Perron

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