

Prudential Committee  
Fire District #1  
144 Newton Street  
South Hadley Ma 01075

Minutes January 24, 2023

Location Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Present: Bruce Perron (Chair) , John Wojciechowski (member), Chief Bob Authier, Capt Tom Stark, Terie Fleury (treasurer). Town residents.

- Minutes: tabled- Ken Beliveau (clerk) on Fire inspection in Conn.
- Complete IT Solutions presentation; Cory, the owner of Complete IT Solutions proposed that the District be pro-active and increase the security for their software. This was due to a potential financial loss from a hack outside the country and from California. Terie was contacted by the bank about suspicious activity and was able to stop any transfers. Cory's proposal for increased security would have a related cost of \$20.00/PC and \$50.00/server. There is about 15 PC's and 5 servers in the district. This would project out to @ \$6600.00/month. No decision was reached; Terie will be in contact with our insurance carrier and inquire if there is the potential of any insurance rate discounts with added IT protection. Further discussion to follow.
- The 202 sign easement has been signed with the added legal councils recommendations for the districts protection

- Verizon cel site contract discussion;

The Verizon company would like to renegotiate the terms of the lease for the Alvord street water tank location. Their first proposal was to drop the monthly fee to \$1800.00/month with a 10% escalator for five renewals. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> offer is \$2100.00/month and the same escalator and terms. John proposed a question be delivered to them "Where are prices going down?"

Jeff Cyr (water superintendent present in the gallery) was able to add that the towers are 125foot in height and are considered a mega sites. He also stated that his Verizon contact Andrew Baum stated that "the landlord is in the drivers seat". Jeff will deliver copy of all carrier contracts for the tanks.

John added that he would not be abt to change anything. He also asked if it would be possible to keep the same with no escalator.

Further discussion will be needed to include Ken and Water board chair Brian (Jeff will council with Brian)

- Budget worksheet #2 passed out and general over view was registered. There was a

3<sup>rd</sup> request of Water superintendent to forward water budget, affirmative response.

Next Meeting Date 2-21-2023 4:30pm

- Motion to adjourn; John moved, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup> unanimous 5:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kenneth F. Beliveau, Clerk