

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

Minutes April 4, 2023

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Call to Order 4:30 pm Bruce Perron. The meeting was recorded.

Attendance: Bruce Perron, Ken Beliveau, John Wojciechowski, Terrie

Chiefs Report

March 2023

Fire Calls – 52

EMS Calls – 230

As of April 2, 2023

Fire Calls – 157

EMS Calls – 633

As of April 2, 2022

Fire Calls – 114 (+43)

EMS Calls – 550 (+83)

March 2023 Inspections

Business – 18

Smoke / CO – 16

Lock Boxes – 2

Oil Burners – 3

Smoke / CO install – 2

Incidents:

March 6, 1636 hrs. FD responded to 100 Abby Street for a suspicious package, SHPD already on scene, Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad was notified and responded, The object was deemed safe and all units cleared.

March 6, 1802 hrs. a residential fire alarm call was updated to a Box Alarm for smoke inside the structure. The investigation discovered that the fire was inside an electrical panel in the basement. There was no extension to the structure. SH Electric Light was called and responded.

March 21, at 1404 hrs. responded to a vehicle that struck a pole at Memorial Drive and Abby Street, Two injuries, patients were transported to hospital.

March 21, at 2048 hrs. responded to the 202 Rotary for a vehicle rollover. The patient self-extricated. The patient was transported to hospital.

March 22, at 0947 hrs. a box alarm was struck for a structure fire involving an oxygen tank. Units arrived to find the fire had been extinguished, but a civilian had been injured. The patient was transported to hospital. The cause of the fire was improper use of smoking material.

March 24, at 1322 hrs. a box alarm was struck for a structure fire at 15 Canal Street. Units arrived to find heavy fire on the front and left side of the structure. One person was assisted from the apartment. A second alarm was struck at 1332 hrs. for extra manpower to the scene. Granby Fire went to the scene, while Holyoke Fire covered the station. There were minor injuries of 2 firefighter, both of whom remained on scene. The cause of the fire was improper disposal of smoking material.

March 29, at 1721 hrs. a box alarm was struck for a possible house fire at 35 Bardwell Street. Units arrived to find smoke coming from the rear of the structure. Further investigation found a fence on fire away from the structure. The cause of the fire was improper disposal of ash.

Ambulance Report

Reconciliation Report from Comstar \$97,510.10.

Did 14 intercepts with District 2 for \$5,250.00

Ambulance Adjustments

For January 2023 Motion by John Second by Ken for \$203,869.53, motion unanimous.

For February 2023 Motion by John Second by Ken for \$225,103.48, motion unanimous

Clerk / Treasurers Report

Work for Election being done.

The Annual Meeting will be April 27, 2023 at the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts at 6:00 pm, waiting for confirmation.

Verizon Contract

E-mails have been sent to Marshall Foote with no response back.

Contract to remain the same.

IT Report on Fire Wall

Fire Wall protection continues to be worked on.

Union Contract Negotiations with IAFF Local 5048

An offer was made for 1% add to the 2% raise that had been offered for a total of 3% wage increase.

Local 5048 accepted the offer.

Motion by John second by Ken to approve the 1% additional raise, motion unanimous.

For budget line items an increase on line 7 of \$14,612.00, and on line 10 an \$4,074.00.

Take from district receipts, \$17,908.00, take \$4,074.00 for line 10 and \$13,834.00 for line 7. \$1,761,125.00 for line totals

Budget Review for Chiefs Salary

Prudential Board Discussion of a 3% raise for Fire Chief. \$3,494.00 increase for budget \$4,272.00 total increase for FD and Fire Chief

Motion by John second by Ken for a 3% raise for the Fire Chiefs position. Approved unanimous.

Chief Position

Massachusetts General Law Section 42 has information on strong Chief
Massachusetts General Law Section 42a has information on weak Chief

Amhurst Fire Chief W. Tim Nelson spoke on strong Chief vs. weak Chief.
Chief Nelson has been Chief in Amherst for 12 years.

Comments from Public

Comments by Ken

Comments by John

Motion by Ken to adopt Massachusetts General Law Section 42, Strong Chief, for South Hadley's Chiefs position, second by John, unanimous.

New Business

None

Public Budget questions comments.

Comments by Chairman Bruce Perron

Comments by Ken

Comments by John

Motion to adjourn at 5:27 pm by John second by Ken unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted
Kenneth F. Beliveau, Clerk