

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

Minutes January 12, 2023

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Meeting time: 4:30 pm. Bruce Perron announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Attendance: Bruce Perron, Ken Beliveau, John Wojciechowski, Terie Fleury

Review and Approve Minutes

No minutes.

Ambulance Report

**December**

Collections \$119,595.94

11 D2 intercepts: \$4,125.00

Total is roughly \$124,000

Ambulance calls are up approximately 250 calls from last year. Currently at 2,498, last year was 2,275.

Chief's Report

**December**

39 fire calls

196 EMS calls

2022 so far:

555 fire, 2,498 ambulance calls

3,053 altogether.

Compared to 2021:

522 fire calls, 2251 EMS calls

Up 280 calls.

**As of January 10<sup>th</sup>**

13 fire

EMS 64

**Inspections for December 2022**

7 businesses

16 smoke/CO

1 lockbox

10 oil burners

#### Ambulance Adjustment

John motions to make ambulance adjustment for December 2022 in the amount of \$312,346.00. Ken seconds. Unanimous.

#### Clerk / Treasurers Report

Terie has been working on completing a census report for the federal government.

She explains that a Softright glitch was discovered, which requires their engineers to try to fix the problem.

She is working to gather the election materials and validate the dates, find poll workers, and a warden. She is also gathering budget materials for the Prudential Committee and Water Commissioners.

She heard from Tom Scanlon that his fees will be going up at least \$2,000.

She notes that free cash was approved.

#### Managed Solution Software Proposal for IT

Terie reported that her email was hacked. This was discovered when the hacker attempted to get Bartholomew to transfer almost \$400,000.00, and Bartholomew questioned it. The IT individual came in and looked at her system. They changed her password. He assured her that everything is safe now. The IT person gave Terie a managed solution software proposal that would provide extra security for a monthly cost to IT Solutions. This will be investigated and further discussed.

#### Update Concerning Dry Hydrant

No update.

#### Chief Position

Tabled.

#### Route 202 Sign Easement

Advised by legal counsel that the easement is okay as stated. Bruce suggests that they go back to the LLC and ask them if they would allow the district to be held harmless and indemnify the district in addition to naming the district as an insured. He states the rest of the lease looks okay besides this small addition.

#### FY24 Preliminary Budget

Fire Department Salaries are going to go up 2%, per contract. There is also a wage re-opener. Utilities are looking for good right now, but the Chief is concerned about gas shortages.

Fire Prevention might go up slightly.

Fuel will likely see an increase.

Verizon Cell Phone Tower Contract  
Tabled.

New Business  
No new business.

Bruce clarifies that the next date they picked out for the meeting is Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

Questions from the floor and subsequent discussion.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:05pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shauna Condon, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer