

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

Minutes February 23, 2022

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Present: John Wojciechowski (chair), Ken Beliveau (clerk) Bruce Perron (member), Bob Authier (fire chief), Terie Fleury (treasurer), Kari Scytowski

Call to Order 4:30pm, Meeting was recorded

Minutes: Motion to approved minutes from September 29, 2021 meeting
Motion by Bruce, second by Ken approved. Approved unanimous.

Ambulance Adjustments

Motion to approve Ambulance adjustments for January 2022, of \$208,020.13 by Bruce, second by Ken.

Motion approved unanimous

New Ambulance Discussion

Capt. Stark on vacation

Discussion

John will contact Westfield Fire mechanic for information

Appropriate \$90,000.00 in budget for this year, \$350,000.00 total for a new ambulance.

Gasoline vs Diesel

Clerk / Treasurers Report

Audit adjustments received and entered

Enters for end of year 2022 and beginning of year 2023

Water surplus numbers provide to Water Commission

Free cash information being worked on

Retro check completed, FD members were asked to review their retro checks

Semiannual meeting on 2/24/2022 with Bartholomew for stabilization accounts for OPEB

Halfway through reports for Gateway, Massachusetts State Site, to report information for free cash

Election paperwork has been turned into the Town Clerk

Uncontested race for Prudential Committee

Uncontested race for Water Commissioners

No one running for moderator position, Fire District Clerk Treasurer to act as moderator if no one is selected for moderator's position.

Discussion on T-Mobile, no activation as of now

Discussion on credit card bill, need to provide backup receipt with any charge on credit card

Chiefs Annual Compensation

Discussion

No raise since 2020

Bob Authier has been Fire Chief since 2011

Motion to re-instate holiday pay for fire chief and for a 4.5% raise from January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022. Motion by Bruce, second by Ken, approved unanimous

Discussion on 53 pay periods vs 52 pay periods of fiscal year

Discussion on how a Moderator operates during a Meeting

Budget Development

Discussion and review of new additions not in last work sheet

Motion to combine line 57, Legal and line 58, Legal Union Negotiations on budget sheet into just line 57 Legal, line 58 will stay and become "0". Motion by Bruce, second Ken, Motion approved unanimous.

New Business

Applied for by Capt. Houle and Ryan Moore between District 1 and District 2 for American Rescue Plan Money, applied for 3 of the 5 areas, \$45,054.24 for the sick time during COVID, \$7,500.00 for PPE, and \$120,000.00 COVID essential workers pay. Didn't fit into the other 2 areas.

Awarded by Governor Baker State Safe Program \$3,822.00 for student awareness of fire awareness safe program and awarded \$2,395.00 senior safe program.

Bruce attended the Water Commission meeting last night, question by them on recording of Prudential Board Meetings.

Discussion

Next meeting March 16, 2022

Motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm, Motion by Bruce, second by Ken, unanimous.