

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FIRE DISTRICT NO.1

144 NEWTON STREET

SOUTH HADLEY, MA. 01075

Minutes September 12, 2023

Location: Fire district Headquarters, 144 Newton Street,

Call to order 4:30, the meeting was recorded

Attendance: Bruce Perron, Ken Beliveau, John Wojciechowski, Chief Authier, Kari Scytowski

Chiefs' Report August 2023

Fire: 50

EMS: 204

As of 9-11-2023

Fire:477

EMS: 1699

Total: 2146

As of 9-11-22 YTD

Fire: 376+ (71)

EMS: 1687 (+12)

TOTAL: 2,063(+83)

Inspections July 2023

Business: 7

Smoke/CO 19

Lock Box: 4

August 2023

Business: 7

Smoke/CO: 16

Lock Box:2

The Chief was asked about any updates on the radio shack. Final figures are not in but could be projected just under \$70,000.00

Clerk/Treasurer Report

The unemployment bill has been paid in the amount of \$9,010.62. The town has picked Tuesday March 5th for the Presidential primary and more information is coming. The Tax classification hearing tentative for December 5th at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes for 8-11-2023 John moved to accept Ken 2nd Unanimous vote

- Presentation by John Garrish of VR fox and Associates (consulting firm that works with Hampshire county insurance Trust for their dental program). He noted that there are two plans, one for retirees and one for active employees. He explained that after research they wanted to move to Delta plans. He stated they got there renewal with less than 60 days notice. John was asked if we had to change, he said "the retirees had to change." The active network could have stayed but would have a 20% less and a smaller network.
- Prudential clerk stipend discussion tabled for legal input.
- Discussion of bonding for Asst./Clerk Treasurer- Needs to be in place, she is already on of the accounts. C/T will make it a priority tomorrow.
- John moved to appoint Shauna Condon as the Assistant Clerk Treasurer and needs to be bonded within the next 24 hours, Ken 2nd Unanimous vote. C/T asked to work with board members separately for a recommended description of work duties
- Meeting recessed for disruptive attendee removal and then reconvened.

- Prior meeting questions; At the last meeting an attendee listed two questions which were not addressed at that meeting. Both were on the agenda for this meeting, one was referred to MGL30A Sec 20ssg(public participation). The second was in reference of some people being allowed to speak and others asked to hold to the end for public comment. This question was not clarified satisfactorily for the attendee because of “lack of clarity and the lack of communication.” Attendee volunteered to supply examples of other acceptable methods applied in other boards. Appreciation for his coming input was issued.
- 24/48 hours: There is a municipal law seminar coming up, after review it doesn’t appear to apply to us. There is also an ethics seminar coming up possibly in October, more info needed.
- Public questions; Asst. Clerk appointment was questioned if a newly created job. The job has always been there and referred to by different headings and the board gave it the title. The job description is a work in progress. Agenda item of camera issue covered again due to questions this week. Attendee questioned Kari if anyone had requested a special meeting. Kari responded that no petition had been received. Chief complimented by attendee about radio shack information. Occupancy number questioned, guesstimate about 79
- Next meeting date 10-3-2023
- Motion to adjourn John moved to adjourn, Ken 2nd Unanimous 6:03pm