

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

Minutes July 13, 2022

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Present: Bruce Perron (Chair), Ken Beliveau (Clerk) John Wojciechowski (Member),
Capt Tom Stark, Terie Fleury (Treasurer). and Town Residents.

Call to Order 5:00 pm, Meeting was recorded

Minutes

Motion to approved minutes from May 26, 2021, June 29, 2021, April 13, 2022, April 28,
2022, May 4, 2022, May 10, 2022, and June 8, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes listed by John second by Bruce. Motion passed
unanimous.

Dry Hydrant System Proposal

Steve Blaney and Bruce Barthelette live on River Road. There are no hydrants in the
immediate area. They would like to have the Fire District investigate installing a dry
hydrant in the area. There are 50 plus houses in the area that would benefit from this
system. The closest hydrant is about a mile away

Discussion on the project.

Ken was appointed to be the Fire District liaison with Bruce Blaney for the Dry Hydrant
Project.

Chiefs Report

June Calls

Fire – 59

EMS – 229

Calls up to July 12, 2022

Fire – 280

EMS – 1266

Compared to July 12, 2021

Fire – 225

EMS - 1167

Hired two new personnel, FF/Medic Chris Newton and FF/EMT-B Aaron Gallespie
started July 1, 2022

Lt Roy is on light duty and FF/Medic Morley is on sick leave

Ambulance Report

New ambulance, a year to year and half for a delivery.

Comstar server attack has been repaired and normal billing has resumed.

Clerk / Treasurers Report

Working on the final warrants for fiscal year 2022

Working on fiscal year 2023 warrants.

Re-organizing the Clerk / Treasures office with a part time 20 hour a week daytime position. Have eliminated the part time evening position, but if the person would like to work per diem time can made available.

The hours worked by the assistant to the treasure has worked so far this in fiscal year 2023 will have a 4% per hour raise. The per diem amount will also reflect the 4% raise.

Two new firefighters have been brought on.

Question by Bruce what is the comparison of pay between Water Department and Clerk / Treasurers office, Terrie will have to look up correct numbers.

Question by Bruce what is the reasoning for the reorganization of the Clerk / Treasurer's Office – work load has increased and to have someone during the day helps with the work flow in the office.

Question from floor on new hire, was person terminated, answer no. The position changed from an evening position to a day position. The evening position could not work during the new day.

Discussion

Clerk / Treasurer will get info to answer questions on why workload for the office has increased

Question on how many applicants for the new part time position, there were 3-4 narrowed down to 2.

Open Meeting Complaint

Deadline was missed by chair to respond, chair responded and sent the information to the state.

Towns and District work in different ways, Towns have restrictions and rules and regulations they must abide by. Towns need to post special meeting 14 days prior to the meeting, Districts need to post a special meeting 7 days prior to the meeting. Chapter 48 Section 66 of Fire Districts Fire Department states that a special meeting shall post 7 days in advance reinforced by Chapter 41 Section 166.

Prudential Committee Schedule

Chair would like to divide the responsibility of responding to the public on questions raised to the Prudential Committee with the rest of the members.

Discussion

Any changes that a member of the public feels should be done with the Fire District should be sent in writing to the Fire District Prudential Board for review and put on to a meetings agenda for discussion.

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn 6:08 pm.

Motion carried unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth F. Beliveau, Clerk