

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Open Session January 15, 2013

Call to order at 6pm

Approval of the December 20, 2012 meeting minutes

- GS- Motion
- RM- 2nd
- Unanimous Affirmative vote

Signing of the warrants

Ambulance Directors Report

KS- began to seek an individual abatement at the request of the individual's attorney. KT stopped the conversation because of concerns about HIPPA. KT asked that before this moved forward the committee is provided with clarity in regards to the open meeting law in relation to HIPPA and ambulance abatements.

KS- requested an adjustment to ambulance receipts in the amount of \$51,869.75

- GS- Motion
- RM- 2nd
- Unanimous affirmative

Treasurer's Report

MW- presented 3 separate reports in regards to the budget for FY 2014. Reports contained 0, 1, 2, & 3% increases but were not broken out by position. It was noted that a monthly car expense was not in MW salary but a separate line item.

Discussion of wages and salaries for the fire dept.

Wages- \$1,452,320.60 + overtime +3% increase would result in a Fire Tax increase that most of the committee was not comfortable with. Free cash was not verified but estimated to be around 758k

Conversation continued on the budget and other ways we may be able to cut items or consolidate some of the accounts.

KT- noted that he estimated an 11k increase in revenue for every 1 cent increase in the Fire tax and that 5 cents represented about a 2.5% increase.

GS- commented that although the districts are not bound by 2.5% like the town is, he would not consider the board good stewards of tax payer dollars if we went above the 2.5%. There seemed to be agreement among the other committee members.

Fire Chief's Report

Update on the generator project- Chief said that he spoke with T&B about the RFP and they said there were some additional things on the front end that still needed to be done and they estimated the cost for them to do them would be about 1500.00

KT- suggested running it by District Counsel

Pre- Planning-Chief presented MGL pertaining to the Chief's authority in regards to the inspection process. Wanted the board to be aware that this is the law he is referring to when he doesn't receive cooperation from potential inspection sites.

Inspections report- 295 total inspections in 2012. Chief said that a more detailed report is being developed.

New Business

MW- reminded us that we received a letter in regards to the Landfill expansion because we are considered an abutter

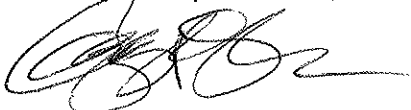
Chief mentioned possible concerns he had about flammable solids and proper licensure and possible violations

Chief also presented the committee with a copy of the town's response to the Chief's COA investigation

Motion to adjourn

- GS- Motion
- RM -2nd
- Unanimous affirmative, meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Sheehan', written over a horizontal line.

Greg Sheehan, Clerk