

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Open Session February 6, 2013

Call to order 6:01pm

Members present- Greg Sheehan, Ray Miner, Kevin Taugher was excused

MW- passed out some updated numbers that reflected changes that she made to the budget, in particular the retirement contribution. She originally had the Fire dept. contribution 65% and the water dept. 35%. After questions from the water superintendent MW noted that the calculation was incorrect and should be more reflective of a 76% Fire Dept., 24% Water Dept. split.

The result is an est. additional 45k to the Fire Dept. budget.

GS- asked if this est. was correct or could it be more or less. MW confirmed this was a correct and final number.

MW – informed the Committee that free cash has been certified at \$834,142

Discussion ensued about how we could make up the 45k shortfall. Should we use free cash, consider raising the rate a little more or the combination of both.

GS- recommended no decisions be made this evening. Since we have planned to have another meeting before finalizing the budget lets revisit this at the February 21 meeting when all member are present.

MW said she could reduce her budget by 10k because she forgot that the Water Dept. pays a portion of her salary. It now appears we need to make up 35k.

GS- suggested MW send the Chair an email with this new information and a copy of her spreadsheet with an update on the retirement contribution.

Ambulance Director's Report

Request for abatement discussion was about to transpire when GS suggested that if we were going to be discussing a specific person in an open meeting that perhaps an executive session could be scheduled. Although there was correspondence from District Counsel that seemed to indicate it would be ok to discuss in open meeting GS was not comfortable doing so without having fully read all correspondence on the matter.

MW- then shared her displeasure with the current agenda process and that the Chair was being ridiculous with his attention to detail. That all this was not necessary to have our meeting. We didn't have to have an agenda that outlined Treasurer's report, Ambulance director's report, Fire Chief's report; New business etc., all we needed was to post a meeting saying we were discussing the business of the district.

GS- responded that although HE could appreciate MW frustration, GS was in agreement with the Chair that our agendas need to be more detailed for the public with some specificity to our meeting discussions. GS also suggested that MW take her concerns up with the Chair and not use his absence as a platform to bash processes.

Request for abatement was withdrawn in light of a settlement and the Ambulance director now having the ability to bill the patient directly for the remaining balance.

Chief presented a dashboard as part of his validation for ambulance estimates.

Motion to adjourn

- RM- motion
- GS-2nd
- UA- meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Greg Sheehan', written in a cursive style.

Greg Sheehan, Clerk