

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Open Session February 21, 2013

Call to order @6pm

Members present- Kevin Taugher, Ray Miner & Greg Sheehan

Signing of the Warrants

Approval of the 1/15/2013 minutes

- Motion- Ray Miner
- 2nd- Greg Sheehan
- Unanimous Affirmative

Approval of the February 6, 2013 minutes

- Motion- Ray Miner
- 2nd- Greg Sheehan
- 2- yea
- Kevin Taugher abstained

Ambulance Report

KT- reiterated his concerns about the trends in the ambulance payables and tracking those trends. The committee is still not receiving the level of detail in the ambulance reports that we have been asking for, for quite some time.

Chief had mentioned that he based the ambulance budget on the average collected receipts which he said was about 54k per month.

- Motion to adjust ambulance receipts in the amount of \$61,693.89 made by Greg Sheehan
- 2nd- Ray Miner
- Unanimous Affirmative

Budget Discussion

KT- commented on the recent changes to the fire dept. portion of the retirement contribution

KT- presented a spreadsheet on the history of free cash. There appears to be a trend in turn backs to free cash. He said he felt comfortable the district could take additional free cash to backfill the retirement contribution.

The committee went through the budget looking for additional areas that could be cut. We also discussed the tax rate impact and trying to hit a moving target of about 54k. KT presented a chart in declining values and the impact of a rising fore tax.

After some adjustments were made, coupled with some conservative assumptions we appear to be fully solvent. Figured the budget increase for FY14 to be an increase of about 3.1%

- Greg Sheehan made a motion to approve the FY14 budget for the fire district at \$3,590,241.55
- 2nd- Ray Miner
- Unanimous Affirmative Vote

New Business

KT- passed out the latest Open Meeting Law because of drastic changes that were made in 2010 in regards to what information meeting notices must contain. He also a recent example of a violation by the Board of Health in Holyoke as reasons why we need to be so detailed in our agenda postings. It was also mentioned that the meeting minutes should reflect any attachments that are included with the agenda.

KT- gave a vision for how he sees the future budget process going-

Monica Walton presents her offices budget

Chief Authier- presents the rest of the Fire budget with a stronger handle on the process

Chief had a packet from the water department that needed Prudential Committee signatures. KT responded that this should have been on the agenda as correspondence but because it was not we as a committee could only read the correspondence but not vote on it

Next meeting scheduled for March 19@6pm

- Motion to adjourn made by Ray Miner
- 2nd- Greg Sheehan
- Unanimous Affirmative vote

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Greg Sheehan'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Ray Miner'.