

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2012: Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fire District # 1 headquarters

ATTENDANCE: Ray Hopfe, Ray Miner, Kevin Taugher Prudential Committee

CHIEF: Robert Authier

TREASURER: Monica Walton

OTHERS: FD No. 1 Firefighter Scott Walsh

WARRANTS: Warrants presented by the district treasurer were approved by signature.

MINUTES: Minutes of December 15, 2011 meeting accepted as written, 2-0 with one abstention. K. Taugher said he was abstaining as he did not attend the meeting, it was held before his appointment.

UNCOLLECTABLE: Motion by K. Taugher seconded by R. Miner to approve ambulance abatements of \$51,565.70. Motion passed 3 – 0.

DEPT BUSINESS:

Appeal of suspension by FF Michele Choquette.

FF Choquette was offered executive session or open session review, and she opted for open session.

Documents reviewed:

1. Chief Authier to FF Choquette of January 13, 2012: Suspension Notification
2. Chief Authier to All full-time FF of February 9, 2011: Policy Notification on mandatory drills
3. EMAIL FF Choquette to Chief Authier of January 11, 2012: RE: Sick Leave
4. EMAIL response to above of Chief Authier to FF Choquette of January 11, 2012
5. EMAIL response to above of FF Choquette to Chief Authier of January 11, 2012
6. EMAIL FF Walsh to Chief Authier of January 12, 2012: Subject: Choquette
7. SHFD No. 1 "Handbook for FT and PT Firefighters" September 2011 edition

Discussion:

Chief Authier stated his position for the suspension based upon the correspondence no. 1

FF Choquette said she knew of another FF who did not submit a Doctor's note and wasn't disciplined. FF Choquette stated, "I am not dishonest" and "I have not violated any rules."

K. Taugher asked for clarification on dates, to confirm that January 6th was a sick day and January 10th was the drill date.

FF Walsh stated that he had spoken with FF Choquette (correspondence no. 6) and that FF Choquette told him that she would come to the drill.

K. Taugher moved that the discussion be tabled until no earlier than the next regularly scheduled PC meeting, February 16, 2012.

K. Taugher said to FF Choquette that if any discussion of the suspension were scheduled to take place, it would happen at a posted meeting of the PC and that she would receive at least 48 hours' notice from Chief Authier.

Commendation

Chief Authier identified FF/Medic W. O'Rourke and FF/Medic B. Morris actions responding to an injured basketball player were noted to Chief Authier as having done a great job immobilizing the injured player that may have avoided serious damage to the player's nervous system.

K. Taugher moved and R. Miner seconded a motion for Chief Authier to send a commendation letter to both FF/Medics and place a copy of the commendation in their personnel file. Motion passed 3-0.

Budget Discussion

K. Taugher asked about timing of the FY12 budget review and FY13 budget planning. Treasurer Walton and Chief Authier will prepare documents for the next meeting

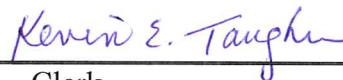
Next Meeting

Ray Hopfe told the PC that a co-meeting with the Water Commissioners of WD No. 1 would be held on February 16, the same night as the PC meeting. We will come to order at 6:00 p.m. at FD No. 1 headquarters, go into recess to attend the WC meeting at WD headquarters, and then return to session at FD headquarters.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Ray Miner moved and K. Taugher seconded the motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 PM

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE



Clerk

Approval: June 18, 2012 meeting