

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: April 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: Ambulance Director Kurt Schenker

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

MINUTES: No minutes were approved.

UNCOLLECTABLE: Ambulance abatements of \$57,139.98 for February and \$62,379.24 for March were approved, 3 – 0 vote.

DEPT BUSINESS

BUDGET

After a review by Treasurer Walton, the FY13 budget is set at \$3,480,992.70. This will be funded by 52,080.00 from the SAFER grant, 689,500.00 from Ambulance receipts, 394,920.00 from free cash for a total to be raised by taxation of \$2,344,492.70

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Chief Authier was seeking approval of spending \$450 to replace the locksets in FD headquarters per an earlier discussion. This is a ‘middle of the road’ replacement, not the low end of rekeying old locks or the high end of replacing all the doors, but just replacing existing locksets with new ones.

K. Taugher moved and R. Miner seconded the motion to authorize the \$450 to Holyoke Lock Co. Motion passed 3 – 0.

FIRE DEPT OVERTIME

Chief Authier expressed concern that the FD overtime budget could be overspent before the end of the fiscal year. He had cancelled additional drills, but the demands of mutual aid (Brimfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke) and the fire on McKinley Ave (SH) had been recent demands that only exacerbated the expense of the tornado and October snow storm. K. Taugher asked that Chief Authier

contact the Treasurer to determine if we would have to schedule a special district meeting to transfer the funds to replenish the OT account, or if it was possible to reallocate the funds within the different salary accounts.

#### FEMA REIMBURSEMENT FOR OCTOBER SNOWSTORM

The FD has submitted a claim for \$25,000 to the local FEMA administrator, Gary Gaston.

#### PARTIAL RESCISION OF SUSPENSION

The Treasurer said that she needs a memo signed by the PC directing her to reimburse FF Choquette for the two days of suspension rescinded by the PC at the April 19, 2012 meeting. K. Taugher moved and R. Miner seconded the motion to have K. Taugher compose such a memo and obtain the signatures from the PC. Motion passed 3 – 0.

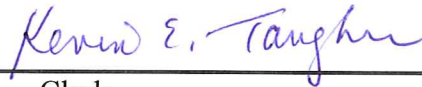
#### OPEN FORUM

Gordon McClafin asked to speak during the open forum session at the end of the meeting. While speaking, he approached the PC meeting table and pounded his fist on the table. K. Taugher said that Mr. McClafin was disrupting the meeting, and that behavior would not be tolerated. K. Taugher asked Chief Authier to remove Mr. McClafin from the meeting or to call the police and have them come to remove Mr. McClafin. Mr. McClafin left the meeting under the guidance of Chief Authier.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: K. Taugher moved and R. Miner seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:36 PM

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

  
Clerk

Approval: June 18, 2012 meeting