

Fire District #1 Meeting Minutes from 5/17/2012

Meeting opened at 6pm

- Ray Minor made a request for nominations for Chairman, he then nominated Kevin Taugher. Nomination 2nd by Greg Sheehan- Unanimous vote yes
- Ray Minor then nominated Greg Sheehan for Clerk, 2nd by Kevin Taugher, unanimous yes.
- Chair then signed notice of meeting for July 2011-June 2012

Request from Chief Authier to abate \$56,998.45 for uncollectable ambulance receipts. Explanation for the amount was explained as the difference in the amount billed and the amount the insurance companies actually pay.

Kevin Taugher asked if we could possibly explore the process of abatements and the effects on the districts.

- ***Motion to abate made by Greg Sheehan, 2nd by Ray Minor, motion unanimously approved.***

Request for abatement for Thomas Lukasik, a call fireman that was hurt at a drill.

- ***Motion made by Greg Sheehan, 2nd by Ray minor, motion unanimously approved.***

Chief Authier presented an update on fire dept

T&B working on specs to have additional power back up in the future in case of extended power loss in the future. Probably looking at an RFP

Kevin Taugher asked if we could get an estimate from T&B on the spec estimate by June 2012

Chief explained that the purchase of new pagers and radios for operation of the ambulance and fire was underway; Kevin Taugher requested an account breakout for expenditures

Chief said he was using a company from Chicopee to help assess the needs for new pagers and radios; the dept has used them in the past.

The Ladder truck passed state inspection in May; however a more in depth inspection a few weeks later by 5star found that the brakes needed to be done at a cost of about 5k.

TSM- inspected the ladder and found some deficiencies in the equipment. Costs at the time were unknown at time of meeting. The truck can still be used, it just won't be certified.

Kevin Taugher had questions about the budget from a P/S standpoint, Chief reference the October storm as well as mutual aide to Brimfield and Holyoke as putting the most pressure on the overtime budget.

New Business

HCOG-Review of Health insurance has projected saving of about 47k vs. GIC plan

Kevin Taugher requested a motion to fulfill the obligations of 32b and accept the report

- Motion made by Greg Sheehan
- 2nd Ray Minor
- Unanimous affirmative

Old Business

Ray Minor asked if we wanted to change the date of our June meeting since he was traveling throughout the summer and would not be available until September. Was decided that the date did not need to be changed.

- ***Motion to adjourn made at 6:48pm by Greg Sheehan and 2nd by Ray Minor***