

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2010 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Fire Headquarters, 144 Newton Street, So. Hadley

ATTENDANCE:

Prudential Committee: Edward Wall, Chairman
Raymond Hopfe, Clerk
Raymond Miner

Fire Chief: Bill Judd

OTHERS: Gordon McClaflin, Jackie McClaflin, Bob Blasko, Barry Del Castilho, Dennis Hogan, Jim B., Brian McClaflin, Scott Walsh, Brian Morris, Tom Fusari, Kurt Schenker, Jim Pula, Monica Walton

APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM CHIEF:

The meeting was opened. Ed Wall stated that this meeting is only to discuss the two items on the agenda and that the public is welcome to speak at the end.

Once the Chief exam results were complete it became evident that there are no longer any candidates for the Chiefs position.

The By-laws are not clear about what happens in this situation nor has the district ever been in such a situation. Ed Wall asked Mark Beauregard to interpret the By-laws and advise the Prudential Board on how they should proceed. Ed Wall said that Mark Beauregard interpretation of the By-law is that the Prudential Committee should appoint an interim Chief. Mark Beauregard also spoke with Chief Judd about how he interprets the By-law. Chief Judd agreed with Mark Beauregard interpretation. Ed Wall then spoke with all the Captain's one on one and together in a meeting to see who was willing to take the position as interim chief. Brian McClaflin stepped up and said he would.

Raymond Hopfe wanted Mark Beauregard's interpretation explained and verified. Due to the fact that Mark Beauregard was not at the meeting and his interpretation was not addressed to the board in writing Raymond Hopfe was not comfortable with appointing an interim chief. Ed Wall felt if the whole board was not willing to vote in the motion that it should be tabled until verification of the By-law.

Raymond Miner stated that he has never seen a copy of the By-laws and that someone needed to be in charge of the department.

Ed Wall asked Barry Del Castilho for his opinion of the By-law. He stated that he is not an attorney but logically he felt the Prudential Board would have the authority to appoint an interim Chief.

The appointment of interim Chief was tabled. There was a meeting set for Monday August 2, 2010 at 6:00pm as long as Mark Beauregard can make it.

AMBULANCE
COORDINATOR:

Kurt Schenker asked the board for the authority to sign all ambulance correspondences. The board was fine with it. The board has left it in the hands of Barry Del Castilho and Kurt to further discuss.

EXPANSION OF
CONSULTANT
CONTRACT:

Ed Wall felt that do to the current situation with the Chief it is important expand Barry Del Castilho contract. Ed Wall feels that the department is in need of some guidance and leadership, especially on the administration side. Ed Wall stated that Barry would take over/assist:

Any continuing circumstances with the Brian & Gordon McClafin issue

The ongoing project of the web-site

Basic administration issues

Advising the Prudential Board

Barry Del Castilho addressed the board with a letter discussing his cost and what would be his responsibilities. Barry would also like to work with department heads. See attached.

Brian Morris asked Ed Wall What the cost of Barry Del Castilho's contract is. Ed Wall told Brian he can ask for that information once the minutes are done. At this point the discussion became heated and the meeting was abruptly ended.

Ed Wall made a motion to expand Barry Del Castilho's contract with the proposal he submitted today. Seconded by Ray Miner. All approved Motion carried

MOTION TO
ADJOURN:

Raymond Hopfe made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Raymond Miner. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Raymond Hopfe, Clerk