

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2010 6:00 pm

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

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

TREASURER: Margaret St. Martin

OTHERS: Mark Beauregard, Bob Blasko, Dennis Hogan, Jim B., Brian McClafin, Scott Walsh, Brian Morris, Kurt Schenker, Jim Pula, Bob Blaney, Tom Stark, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McClafin Sr., Monica Walton

APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM CHIEF: Ed Wall read the letter from Mark Beauregard regarding the By-laws and the appointment of an interim Chief. See letter.

Ed Wall asked the board members if they had any questions about the interpretation of the By-laws. Raymond Hopfe asked what will happen if we appoint Brian McClafin and Gordon McClafin comes back to work? Mark Beauregard feels that the issue between Brian and Gordon is a separate issue and it should not affect the appointment of a Chief. Ed Wall says there is no official conflict between them in the Fire Department and that it is a personal issue outside of the Fire Department. Raymond Hopfe stated he is still not comfortable with appointing Brian and that he does not have a problem with either Brian or Gordon and is just watching out for the best interest of the district.

Ray Hopfe asked Brian McClafin if there are any pending court dates as he heard there was at the end of the month. Brian McClafin said there was nothing that he was aware and that there is no longer a restraining order out. Brian McClafin stated that he was exonerated of any wrong doing.

Raymond Miner suggests that James Beauregard becomes interim Chief. He was the only one who stepped up and took the test. James appreciates the confidence in him from Raymond Miner but that there is a change of command in place and that that needs to be followed.

Thomas Stark asked how long the interim Chief position is. Ed Wall was unsure but that the new interim Chief and Barry Del Castilho should get working on that right away. Tom then asked what was going on with the captain's exam. He feels that there are two individuals losing out because they have not had the opportunity to take the exam and that there are now two appointed captains. Ed Wall stated that as soon as an interim Chief is appoint that the Chief and Barry would hopefully get started on that right away and that a date for the captain's exam would be in place very soon.

Bob Blaney asked if a Captain can refuse taking the interim Chiefs position. The By-law states that the senior Captain should take the place in absence of a Chief. Mark Beauregard says he believes Bob is referring to the day to day operation and that this is not the case. Currently the District is without a Chief. Ed Wall did speak with the senior Captain and he did not want the position as he maybe retiring soon.

Kurt Schenker made a statement to the Prudential Board if you follow one By-law you better follow all the By-laws. He also suggests that someone calls the Attorney General's office about how the By-laws should be read.

***SEE INSERTION

INTERIM CHIEF
MOTION:

Edward Wall made a motion to appoint Brian McClafflin as interim Chief along with the change of pay from Captain's rate to Chief rate. Motion seconded by Raymond Miner. Edward Wall- yes, Raymond Miner-yes, Raymond Hopfe-
obstante from vote. Motion carried.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Raymond Hopfe, Clerk