

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2010 6:00 pm

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

ATTENDANCE:
Prudential Committee: Edward Wall, Chairman
Raymond Miner

INTERIM CHIEF: Brian McClaflin

TREASURER: Meg St. Martin

OTHERS: Gordon McClaflin Jr., Kurt Schenker, Monica Walton, Gene Os, Jim
Beauregard, Pauline McClaflin, Denis Hogan

MINUTES: The minutes of October 6, 2010 and October 21, 2010 were tabled until
next meeting for all three board members to be present.

WARRANTS: Payroll and Bill Warrants were signed and approved by all attending
board members.

AMBULANCE
UNCOLLECTABLE: Ambulance un-collectable for the month of September and October were
approved and signed by all attending members.

DEPT. BUSINESS: Chief McClaflin updated the Prudential Board: The department has hired
four new call firefighters. Chief McClaflin is looking into getting them
gear. The current gear is over 10 years old and out of code.

The new windows are in and will be installed by the department over the
next couple weeks. Also, looking into new lights and motion sensors for
the department.

CFM communications is almost ready to install the new console in the
alarm room. It should be ready in the middle of December. Transition and
training should be easy and smooth.

There was a garage fire today. Fire District 2 was called in for back up and
Holyoke was called for station coverage. Both Ambulances were also out
at the same time.

CHIEF PROCESS: Ed Wall received an update from Barry regarding the hiring of the new Chief. The Department received 45 applications. The candidates have been narrowed down to nine. These nine will go through the next step of the assessment center.
Gordon McClaflin asked how many final candidates are from the Department? Ed Wall did not have the answer but guessed there were three.

GORDON McCLAFLIN: Ed spoke first: Mark Beauregard made the recommendations that the Prudential Board listen to what Gordon has to say but does not comment on anything.
Ed made the following reminders:

The current sick policy states 1 year with proper documentation.

The Board of Engineers is being advised to hold a disciplinary meeting regarding the current issue. Gordon is to be invited to this meeting.

If Gordon is not satisfied with the outcome of the meeting then he may appeal to the Prudential Board.

Gordon McClaflin: why have I already had two executive meeting with the Prudential Board if they are the appeals board?

Ed: to talk about sick time.

Gordon: That's all that was discussed?

Ed: Gordon now has the floor

Gordon: I am here to speak about the meeting on October 6, 2010. I have been an employee of the district for 28 years and am very hurt that I was not allowed to speak at the October 6, 2010 meeting. I held my hand up for more than five minutes and was never called on. I also had a question about the chief's testing. I feel that my rights were violated. I would like an approved copy of the minutes of October 6, 2010. Ed Wall: you may have a copy but they are not approved. Gordon: Meg called and left a message on my machine that there was a change in the minutes of October 6, 2010. I am an honest man and always have been. Once you tell a lie many more will follow. Gordon thanked the board and left.

BY LAW COMMITTEE: The ad for the committee was in the Town Reminder. The district received one letter of interest from Kevin Taugher. Meg will run the ad one more time. Jeff Cyr verbally showed interest on being on the committee. Meg will contact him and ask him to submit a letter of interest.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Ed Wall made a motion to appoint Kevin Taugher to the By-Law committee. Raymond Miner seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Ed Wall made a motion to appoint Meg St. Martin to the By-Law committee. Raymond Miner seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Ed Wall made a motion to appoint Kurt Schenker to the By-Law committee. Raymond Miner seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

OPEN MEETING

LAWS: Ed reminded everyone of the new open meeting laws.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN: Edward Wall made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Ray Miner.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Raymond Hopfe, Clerk