

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2011

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A meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at the Fire District # 1 Station at 144 Newton Street Thursday June 16, 2011. Chairman Raymond Hopfe called the meeting to order at 6PM.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman	Raymond Hopfe
Associate Member	Raymond Miner
Clerk	Edward Wall
Fire Chief	Robert Authier
Treasurer	Monica Walton

Sign Warrants

Accept Minutes –

Minute meetings April 26th, May 19th, May 28th

Motion: Edward Wall
Second: Ray Miner
All Passed Unanimously

Ambulance Abatements:

Abatements signed – see abatement documents for details.

Other Business:

Discussion of having only one signature on payroll warrants. Council advised at to have at least two prior to checks being issued.

Chief is unsure if Board of Engineers still exists after by-law change accepting Strong Chief. He conducted a ‘Staff Meeting’ which was not posted as he continues to need some kind of updating session with his top managers.

Discussed Handbook sick time policy. Chief is changing to current policy. See handbook for details.

AT&T proposal was tabled to unspecified future meeting.

Disabled child coverage was passed – see letter from M. Beauregard for details.

Town wrote letter to Amherst group informing them that we would not participate in regional dispatch. Primary reason told to the Chief was that the town assumed that the Districts had too many unanswered questions and that they weren’t in favor of it at this time.

Related to this the PD will perform EMD services as required by State law. The town received clarification on functions and will be allowed to perform EMD on a call and let next 911 call bump to Granby PD as back up if they did not have man power to handle it.

Report from Chief on Tornado response. Chief made decision to call back all available personnel in the event of a local emergency. 37 men/women responded and reported to station

Radio systems update – all system are OK

New ambulance was received and is in service – now labeled as Med 1

Coke Truck was stripped of equipment and deemed surplus equipment

Rescue Truck was deemed surplus equipment

Discussion of remaining payroll funds available and whether or not there was enough to fund through end of year. Chief supplied data and assessed the situation as adequate. Funds Identified were: Reg Amb fund - \$36,180; Reg OT fund - \$73,800; Reg Sal Fund - \$35,000; Amb OT fund - \$175,000

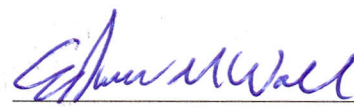
During motion to adjourn Ed Wall asked the chairman if there was any report from the Chief on the Paramedic Licensing issue that occurred in which each member of the Pru Comm was notified. Chairman Ray Hopfe referred question to the Chief who stated that there will be no written report to the Pru Comm. In a verbal response the Chief informed the Pru Comm that he handled it. Ed Wall asked the chief to provide details of the incident and the Chief declined citing that to go into details of who was involved there would need to be an executive session and those individuals would need to be notified in advance. Ed Wall stated that a written report without individual names but including what happened, what the consequences were to the District and what stop-gap measures that the Chief has put or will put in place. He stated that the ball was dropped from the top down and the Chief should have been prepared with a report to the people of the District through this open meeting as a measure of reassurance. He further stated that the liability of having an unlicensed Paramedic administering drugs and Paramedic techniques could be devastating to the District financially especially if there were any fatalities or serious injury on a call. Ed Wall again asked for a report from the Chief. The Chief again responded with "I handled it" Ed Wall stated "And that's it?" Chief responded "I handled it". Ed Wall stated that this response was unacceptable in his opinion and that it was up to the Chairman to follow up from here. Chairman Ray Hopfe responded "If the Chief said he handled it – then that is good enough for me". Member Ray Miner agreed that this response was good enough for him too.

Motion to Adjourn:
Second

Ed Wall
Raymond Miner
Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 730PM

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Edward G Wall, Clerk