

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2010 6:00 pm

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

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

Treasurer/Clerk: Meg St. Martin

Fire Chief: Bill Judd

OTHERS: Kurt Schenker, Jim B, Dennis Hogan, Brian Mc, Gene O, Jackie McClafin and guest.

REORGANIZE BOARD: after a short discussion it was decided that Ed Wall would remain Chairman, Raymond Miner, Member Raymond Hopfe, Clerk

MINUTES: The minutes of April 22, 2010 were reviewed and approved by all attending board members.

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

UNCOLLECTABLES: Ambulance uncollectable were signed and approved by all attending board members.

CHIEF/CAPTAIN
HIRING: The captains exam is being delayed 2-3 months. There are four employees that will be taking the captains exam. The by-law states that once a captain retires and there is no one to replace him then a senior Firefighter would be offered the interim position.

There were two employees that were originally interested in the chief's position both of those employees have withdrawn. The board will repost for the chief's position. Anyone interested will have to notify Barry by noon Wednesday May 26, 2010. The test will be 50 days from then.

It was also discussed; what will happen if no one takes or passes the test? Ed Wall stated the he and Brian McClafin had a conversation and that Brian would be willing to fill in as interim chief however the by-laws will need to be checked. It was thought by Kurt Schenker that the by-laws stated the interim position would go to the senior captain.

Jackie McClafin (Gordon's wife) spoke up against Brian McClafin as interim Chief due to the circumstances between Brian and Gordon.

Gene Os question why the Prudential Committee would not look for a chief externally. Due to the By-laws they cannot hire outside the department. Gene then

asked “So you would hire someone unqualified.” Ed Wall stated due to the by-laws there is nothing that can be done about that and Ed also stated that he felt there are at least a couple firefighters that are qualify for the chief’s position.

DUBOIS

AMBULANCE CALL: Kurt Schenker address the board in regards to the Dubois ambulance bill. Kurt recommended that a sum of money should be abated from the bill. See letter. Raymond Hopfe made motion to abate \$300.00 from the bill Raymond Miner seconded. Motion carried. Kurt will send a letter and/or call the Dubois’s to inform them of the decision.

Kurt recommended that the board put together a subcommittee in regards to ambulance abatements. Meg will check with the auditors about such a committee and Ed will talk to Mark B. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

FEDERAL GRANT: Last two employees were hired under the federal grant. Call firefighter Wesley O’Rourke and Michelle Choquette. Both started working days on May 10. The will start working on their shifts sometime next week.

WEB-SITE: Chief Judd stated that Brian Morris was interested in being the point person for the web-site. He would also be willing to do this on his regular time. Gene Os also stated he would be interested in the position and he would do it on his regular time. Monica Walton was also interested. Monica was also recommended by Jeff Cyr and Dennis Hogan. Other mentions were that there should be a backup person. The structure of duties and additional salary for the position will be discussed further. Gene Os will set up training with Virtual Town Hall. Monica, Gene and whoever else is interested in the training is welcome to come. Training will most likely be held early June.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN: Raymond Hopfe made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Raymond Miner. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Raymond Hopfe, Clerk