

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT #1**  
**144 Newton Street**  
**South Hadley, MA 01075**

Date: May 17, 2017

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Call to Order: 6:30

Members Present: Kevin Taugher, Chairman  
Bruce Perron, Member  
Michael Wozniak, Clerk

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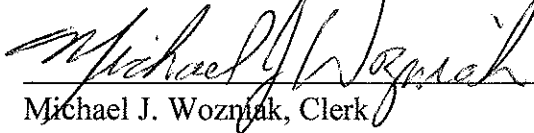
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- Sign warrants authorizing payroll and expenses
- Motion made by Kevin Taugher, seconded by Michael Wozniak to instruct the Fire Chief to seek detailed bids from Pierce and other vendors for a new multi-function fire truck and to additionally obtain bids to ensure that the floor will accommodate the load on any new fire truck that may be purchased. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- A discussion took place regarding a report submitted by Odyssey Advisors which explains that FD1 has a potential exposure of \$6,573,819 in its OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) account. Our current account balance is approximately \$300,000. Kevin Taugher will contact Jeff Cyr to confirm that the Water Commissioners will be able to attend a meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be at the fire station, or alternatively at the water department offices if a PowerPoint presentation will be offered. Kevin will contact Monica Walton to confirm the meeting with Odyssey.
- Motion made by Michael Wozniak, seconded by Bruce Perron to add an "attestation clause" to all warrants including payroll and expenses. This clause is to read: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest that all of the information submitted in this document is true and accurate, and complies with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations." These clauses are to be signed by the Fire Chief and the Clerk/Treasurer as appropriate. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- Motion made by Michael Wozniak, seconded by Bruce Perron to accept the Ambulance Adjustment of \$146,383.30 for April 2017. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- Motion made that we enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the South Hadley District 1 Professional Fire Fighters Association because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the district. This is in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 30A, Section 18(A) (Exception #3) and return to open session at the conclusion of Executive Session. The roll call vote is as follows: Michael Wozniak, Aye, Bruce Perron, Aye and Kevin Taugher, Aye. Time entering executive session: 7:51 p.m.

Time returning to open session: 8:18 p.m.

- An orientation session was held for new prudential member Michael Wozniak to address questions that he had regarding overall fire department operations. One issue remained unresolved that involved changing the FD1 election from April to September to coincide with Town elections. This will require a legal review by FD1 counsel to ascertain what steps have to be taken to accomplish this goal. Kevin Taugher is to follow up with Mark Beaugard on this issue.
- Motion made by Michael Wozniak, seconded by Kevin Taugher to investigate actions required regarding District vote to amend By-laws. Motion passed by a vote of 2-1. Bruce Perron opposed.
- Motion made by Bruce Perron, seconded by Michael Wozniak to accept the lease agreements for AT&T cell towers as submitted by Water Superintendent, Jeffery Cyr. Unanimous affirmative vote. All 6 copies were signed by all three Prudential Committee members.
- A discussion took place regarding the questions submitted by Chief Authier on 4/18/17 as they pertain to the position of Fire Chief. It was decided by all that this item should be tabled and addressed as a future agenda item.
- Motion made by Bruce Perron, seconded by Michael Wozniak to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous affirmative vote. Meeting adjourned at: 8:58 p.m.

  
Michael J. Wozniak, Clerk