

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

May 17, 2016

Call to order: 6:30 pm

Session is being recorded.


Members present: Ray Miner, Kevin Taugher, Bruce Perron

- Signing of warrants
- Review and approval of minutes of May 4, 2016
- Fred Sullivan from SH&Q present for executive session
- Roll call vote to enter into executive session--- In compliance with the Provisions of Chapter 30A, section 18(a) (exception #3) and return to open session at the conclusion of executive session. RM aye, KT aye, BP aye
- Discuss collective bargaining with South Hadley District 1 Fire Fighters Association.
- Return to open session 6:53 pm
- Thank you from board to Fred for attending
- Date arranged for next meeting June 14, 2016. Meeting regular 6:30pm and 7:00pm for special to request \$30,000.00 for legal fees.
- KT move to approve memorandum agreement between South Hadley Fire District #1 and South Hadley District #1 Professional Fire Fighters Association.
RM second, unam
- Treasure's cash reconciliation report from Monica passed out to be reviewed for questions.
- Final OPEB report, KT asked for valid # for investments rather than arbitrary
- Ambulance Report: Kurt Schenker working with new collection agency COMSTAR. KT move to make adjustment of \$158,666.44 for ambulance receipts for April. 2nd RM, unam. Notify company amount adjusted away.

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- Comstar contract collection discount. Kurt recommends come to us case by case. Report to credit bureau for purpose of collection. Kurt has authority to sign contract.
- Chief reports he met with the captains and discussed the assessment center for the fire fighters and concluded to go with company who presented in the past, Municipal Recourses. Chief checked with Mike Beueguard who confirmed it was the same standard language. Chief signed agreement to get ball rolling because of time frame for group. Possibly early July for assessment center start. The result will be a list of potential hires, pending further testing i.e. Physicals. We are losing two and need to replace. We have 10 internals taking the test. Our goal is to hire 2 paramedics. One call fire fighter already signed up for paramedic school. KT questioned cost between overtime costs compared to hire cost. Chief will expand projection from last meeting. Effective call fire fighter pool is down to 14. KT moved for Chief to hire 2 more to go from 17 to 19, 2nd BP unam.
- Monica questioned grants termination KT thinks 2015 but not sure. Check for next meeting.
- Rm opens discussion on Chief's contract. KT suggests we talk to Fred Sullivan for language, KT not prepared to talk about it, also thinks executive session would be better.
- Bid opening for John Deer Gator and trailer, three bids received one \$150.00, two \$175.00, three \$250.00. BP motion to approve sale, 2nd KT, unam. Subject to Douglas Persey, of 45 North Main st South Hadley Ma., still wanting it. Chief will confirm.
- New Business: BP approached by resident and questioned if committee would be open to discuss a mutual ladder truck. Committee would need an official inquiry by FD2 Prudential Committee to consider any conversation.
- Agenda items for future meetings:
 - Bids for air conditioning
 - Grant date resolution
 - EEOC
 - Impact over time if 2 FF weren't replaced

Motion to adjourn, unam RM,KT,BP, 7:34pm



Bruce Perron, PC clerk