

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Open Session November 18, 2013

Call to order @6:30pm

Members present- Kevin Taugher, Ray Miner & Greg Sheehan

1. Ambulance Director's Report

- Captain Schenker briefed the committee on a potential meeting with Comstar to discuss their reporting capabilities if we were to consider a change in vendor. Committee asked Captain Schenker if we could meet on December 4 at 6pm. All agreed. That meeting was then changed to 6:30pm at the request of the Chair.
- KT- asked for an updated report on ambulance receipt collectables this report was unable to be produced as requested.
- GS- motion to adjust the ambulance receipt collectables for October 2013 in the amount of \$80,705.20
RM- 2nd
Unanimous Affirmative

2. Chief's Report

- There was no written report from the Chief to the committee. The committee was told by the chief that there were no extraordinary events to report.
- There was no fire inspections report for the month of October.
- KT – asked when we might expect a master inspections report that the committee has been requesting from the Chief and Captain Stark (the day inspections Captain). Chief deferred to FF Simmons, the new day inspector. FF Simmons said that he was starting from scratch on such a report. There was a little confusion because the committee was under the impression that the Chief and the day Captain, Captain Stark who was specifically promoted to handle such tasks over a year ago were well into the completion of such a report. Some concerns among members about what work was actually being completed during that time period remained. The bottom line was that after a year of requests there still was not a comprehensive inspection report for the district.
- Generator report- Chief did have generator contracts for the committee to sign so work could begin. Attorney Beauregard who was present at the meeting felt the committee was ok to sign the presented contracts.
- GS- motion to approve the presented generator agreement between Summer Electric and SHFD1.
Rm- 2ND
Unanimous Affirmative

3. District Clerk's Report

- There was a brief discussion around the town clerk's reimbursement for services provided during elections.
- KT- asked if a discussion with the town clerk had taken place and Monica said it had not. Monica said she wanted to be on the same page as District 2 in how the town clerk was going to be compensated. Item was tabled until the next meeting.
- The committee was presented with an invoice from Attorney Beauregard for approval. GS- motion to approve District Counsel invoice for \$400 for services rendered.

RM- 2nd

Unanimous Affirmative

4. New Business

- Captain Schenker said that he wanted to get on the agenda for January to discuss a service zone plan for the ambulance service. He explained that there was one created a few years ago but it had never been approved by the Select board. Captain Schenker said he believes that we should rewrite the plan taking a lead position with District 2 since District 1 provides the higher level of service. Captain Schenker was just expressing that this was something that had come up the day before the meeting and that he was going to be working on it and hoped to have something for the committee to review at our January meeting.

5. Discussion of Discipline and Appellate Rights of Firefighters (Attorney Beauregard)

- KT- asked how does Atty. Beauregard's previous opinion of the Strong Chief's statute corresponded with the District Handbook
- MB- (Mark Beauregard)- said that he didn't think that the handbook was clear from a process standpoint and it definitely needed work
- KT- asked if someone can prevent someone from coming before the board.

Discussion continued about what the process may have been before the bylaws were changed and any confusion that currently existed.

- MB- thought that the quick fix to this issue would be to change the bylaws and rewrite the handbook to include a clear appellate process.

GS- made a motion to go into executive session at 7:47pm

GS- yea

RM- yea

KT- yea

The Committee came back into general session at 7:57

- GS- asked Attorney Beauregard if contract employees should have to pay for their own attorney's when seeking legal advice not approved by the committee. Counsel represents the district, so shouldn't all legal requests come with approval of at least the Chair.
- Attorney Beauregard suggested that this might be a good idea going forward. That this would make clear to all those involved that any future requests have gone through an approved process.

- GS- made a motion that all requests to district counsel get prior approval by the Chair of the Prudential Committee.

RM- 2ND

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- GS- motion that the Prudential Committee policy continue the appeals of the disciplinary process for appealing disciplinary action to the Prudential Committee with amendments to the handbook to follow.

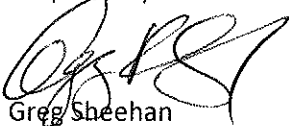
RM- 2nd

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Next meeting is 12/19/2013 at 6:30 pm

GS- motion to adjourn- 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted



Greg Sheehan

Prudential Committee, Clerk