

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Open Session February 6, 2014

Call to order @ 6:45pm at Water Department Conference Room

Prudential Committee Members present- Kevin Taugher, Ray Miner & Greg Sheehan

Water Commissioners present- Bill Schenker, Dave Daly, and John Mikazewicz

- Chief Authier reviewed the budget with the group. The numbers at this point were self-explanatory.
- KT- mentioned that there was still work to be done because we still did not have a Free Cash # from Monica
- KT- presented in a slide show the PC concerns around the ambulance receipts. His analysis showed that we are only collecting about 49% of allowed billings. This indicates that the ambulance is not a profit center for the district as some in the public may believe. The PC continues to monitor the billing trends and wanted the Commissioners to know it is a high concern for the PC.
- Bill Schenker said that if the trends continue that way then the district residents may have to decide if it is a service that they want to continue and at what cost.
- KT- said that a 1 cent increase in the Fire Tax rate generates about \$10,700 in revenue, something to keep in mind.
- Jeff Cyr, the Water Department Superintendent presented his budget. In his budget he modeled a 3% increase for personnel services.
- Discussion ensued about what amount the pay increase should be. The Water Commissioners said that last year's increase of 1% was less than CPI and if they could give a better increase without having to steal from Peter to pay Paul then they wanted to do that.
- GS- asked if there had ever been a year when the Fire Dept. and Water Dept. didn't give the same amount in merit increases. It was mentioned that there may have been a year a long time ago but for the most part both Departments received the same amounts.
- GS- Motion to recess and reconvene into Open Session back at the Fire Station
- RM- 2nd
- UA

Recess at 7:28pm

Back into Open Session at 7:43pm

Next meeting date set for February 18, 2014 @ 7pm.

- KT asked Capt. Schenker if we could negotiate a better reimbursement rate with the insurance companies in regards to ambulance billing.
- Capt. Schenker said that he would call to inquire

Clerk was asked when we might expect to have the Free Cash #. She said she was hoping for the end of the month.

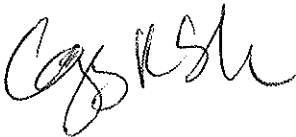
- GS- suggested that maybe it was more than that. He also asked why this is taking so long when most communities have that number by September. Why are we just getting to these 8 months after the end of the FY?
- Monica She said she had made some errors with her new accounting software that has created this issue.
- KT- said that we are at a standstill. We need to make the numbers work without exposing the district to unnecessary risk.

Net meeting scheduled for March 3, 2014 @7pm to approve the budget.

- GS- Motion to adjourn
- RM-2nd
- UA

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Sheehan', written in a cursive style.

Greg Sheehan

Prudential Committee, Clerk