

Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Open Session March 20, 2014

Call to order @ 7:00pm

Members present- Kevin Taugher, Ray Miner & Greg Sheehan

- Signing of the Warrant

Approval of the minutes

- GS- Motion to approve the minutes of the
 - 12/4/2013
 - 1/16/2014
 - 1/30/2014
 - 2/6/2014
 - 2/18/2014
 - 3/3/2014
 - 3/5/2014 regular meeting as presented
 - RM- 2ND with amendment to the 1/30/2014 meeting minutes
 - UA
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- GS- motion to approve the minutes from
 - 1/30/2014
 - 3/3/2014
 - 3/5/2014 Executive Session dates as presented
 - RM- 2nd
 - UA

District Clerk Report

Discussion of Town Clerk reimbursement for elections. KT wants the District Clerk to get an idea of payment based on historical reimbursements for services rendered.

District Clerk report on the annual district meeting warrant. There were questions around article 12 wording. The wording should reflect what we want to do= buy a new ambulance.

Discussion about adding a separate article to specifically address elected officials salaries. KT thought we could add an article much like the town does to fix the salaries and then appropriate the funds.

- GS- motion to fix the salaries of elected officials in a separate article at District meeting.
- RM- 2nd
- UA

Ambulance Director's Report

Capt. Schenker presented the report. P/S seems to be on track with the budget. Capt. Schenker also mentioned that we have been taking more calls from Holyoke. This presents a problem because most of the patients don't have valid addresses or speak English so billing for those services provided has been difficult. Capt. Schenker suggested that we attempt to limit or stop that by trying to get a payment agreement in place with Holyoke, rather than us having to chase the money.

Chief's Report

Capt. Schenker presented the Chief's report because Chief Authier was absent due to illness.

It was reported that we have taken ownership of the Chevy Tahoe from District 2

It was reported that Jason Houle was promoted to Lieutenant. GS asked how anyone could have been promoted when the handbook that both Capt. Schenker and Chief Authier co-wrote clearly states that all testing firms require the approval of the Prudential Committee. Capt. Schenker did not have an answer. It was suggested that Capt. Schenker alert Chief Authier of this oversight and expect it to be revisited in the near future.

There were some recent air brake repairs done on Engine 1

An inspection report was submitted. It is a good start. FF Simmons is making some headway- originally Capt. Stark was in charge of all inspections for over a year's time. The Prudential Committee was told that inspection reports were being created but when FF Simmons took over the duties there was not an existing reports process in place. This resulted in FF Simmons having to start from scratch.

KT asked KS to look into the new electronic permitting process that the town is using so that the Fire Dept. isn't left out of the inspection process.

Correspondence regarding "Tiger's around town"

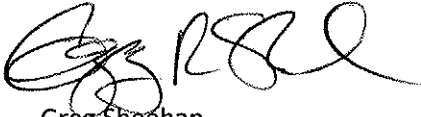
This is similar to the other efforts of surrounding communities like Easthampton with the "Bears" and Chicopee with the "C5's". KT was approached from the committee to see if the district may have an interest in doing something. The Prudential Committee was in agreement that this was not something that was going to be taken out of the budget to accomplish. It was suggested to Capt. Schenker to see if perhaps the FF Association may want to get involved in.

Next meeting set for 4/9/2014 at 7pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Sheehan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Greg Sheehan

Prudential Committee, Clerk