

## **Fire District #1 Prudential Committee**

### ***Open Session April 9, 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
- 12/19/2014 regular meeting as presented
- RM- 2<sup>ND</sup>
- UA

### **District Clerk Report**

Monica Walton said that she had a request from the town clerk for 85 absentee ballots for the district election. After a 3 way conversation with Atty. Beauregard and the state it was decided that letters would be sent out asking the person to confirm it is an absentee ballot for the district and not the town that they were requesting. Those that responded would be sent a ballot.

Discussion on the payment history to the town clerk for the work and time associated with the district elections. Monica Walton said that research showed that from 2005-2009 the town clerk was paid \$150 dollars for the services rendered to the district. It also showed a payment in 2011 for \$100 made to the current town clerk. There was no further discussion except for Monica Walton suggesting that the town clerk be paid like a 1099.

### **Report on Warrant**

An article was to be added for fixing the elected officials salaries before appropriating the funds. The annual budget report did not match the changed wording of an article, an addendum would be needed.

- GS- Motion to approve the warrant for Fire District 1
- RM- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- UA

### **Ambulance Director's Report**

Captain Schenker reported that Medi-comps were looking to schedule a date to meet to discuss the ambulance billing. The board agreed on May 13, 2014.

- GS- Motion to adjust the ambulance receipts for 3/31/2014 in the amount of \$63,689.54
- RM- 2<sup>nd</sup>

RM- asked a follow up question about handling the calls from AMR and any potential payment agreement for transports that don't pay the district.

Captain Schenker reported no progress. Chief Authier said he would be glad Holyoke and AMR that we are no longer taking those calls.

### **Chief's Report**

The generator project was set to be completed on April 11, 2014. They were running a test on Friday.

Tighe & Bond was working on a couple of ideas for the roof from ventilation vies. Vent fan vs. Roof fan.

Town Interactions- Chief reported that a dual exercise with District 2 was performed on emergency readiness in the schools. Chief said it went well and that the schools are well ahead of the curve as far as having a plan in place.

Meeting with Town Administrator to discuss the permitting process for underground storage tanks. The town is willing to turn the process over including the fees to the district.

GS- asked Chief specifically what TA Sullivan was proposing in the meeting when the Chief told the PC that he hadn't actually attended the meeting or sent anyone from the FD to attend the meeting because he and LT. Houle were at a funeral for a firefighter killed in the line of duty in Boston.

GS- asked why our inspection officer wasn't at the meeting and Chief responded that he was with him at the funeral. GS then asked if this was a paid day off to attend the funeral and the Chief responded yes. GS then asked where in the district handbook did it say that FF were given paid time off to attend funerals outside of their immediate family. Chief didn't have a valid response except to say that he made that decision. GS then asked how many other FF went to the funeral and were any other FF called in on overtime to cover those FF shifts so they could attend. Chief said no one was paid overtime to cover shifts and the others that attended did so on their own time. However Chief did not proved proof this was the case. GS mentioned that he thought it was rude to miss the meeting and not send a representative from the district since the meeting was originally set to address the Chief's concerns around incorrectly issued permits in the past. GS noted that Chief Keefe from District 2 was in attendance.

KT- is asking for a discussion around the possible division of accountabilities for permitting.

GS- then asked how someone could have been promoted to Lt. when the handbook that Chief Authier wrote and every FF signed clearly states that all testing firms for promotion require the approval of the PC. Chief did not have an immediate response and KT asked that he have an answer for the PC at our next meeting.

The P/S budget was on track and expenses were on track

## Inspections List

KT- asked for an updated inspection list by property. Chief was not able to provide such a list. KT asked when we should expect to have it and Chief replied June. This is well over 1 year from the original request for such information.

Chief said that there may be potential issues with issuing one day beer and wine licenses but he was working on it and would report back.

## New Business

The association agreed to pay half of the adopt a tiger along with D2. The statue is to be placed at Buttery Brook.

GS- Motion to endorse the use of Leaping Wells Reservoir for the Lions Club fishing derby to be held on May 17, 2014.

Next Meeting is May 13, 2014

- GS- Motion to adjourn
- RM- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- UA

Meeting adjourned 8pm

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Sheehan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Sheehan  
Prudential Committee, Clerk