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## **DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 20, 2024**

Present: James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Melanie Roucoulet, Daniel Filiault, Tom Murray, Richard Olsted

Public:, Tony Pagliaro, Bob Bishop, Frank Barnes, James Peltier, Marion Bergan, Cody Doyle, Robert Collins, Brittany Polito, Tom Irwin, Don Davis, Todd Logan, Charlotte Crane, Matt Martinez, Karen Peltier, Dr. Henry Rose

- Dan Filiault, Chaiman of the Prudential Committee for the Dalton Fire District thanked everyone for attending the meeting, stating that he called this meeting after discussion with Jim Driscoll to discuss the duties of the Commissioners and those of the Prudential Committee. Filiault stated that the sole purpose of the meeting is to discuss the roles of the board members and not to discuss a forensic audit that was sent out to residents via email.
  - A member of the public questioned if the public will have the opportunity to learn the outcome of a the forensic audit discussion? The Chairs response was that it will be a discussion to have with the Board of Commissioners.
- James Driscoll previously spoke to Filiault about having this meeting when Filiault joined the Prudential Committee to make sure that both the Prudential Committee and the Water Commissioners agree on duties of each board are. Also to see if the Prudential Committee would like to change the way that things are divided or keep them the way they are. The Prudential Committee is responsible for final approval of the budget and financial oversight.
- Tom Murray of the Prudential Committee agrees that as posted in Article 9 of the Charter and section 4 of the Bylaws that the Prudential Committee overseas the Budget (Financial) aspect of the district and The Water Commissioners are responsible for the day to day operations of the Fire District.
- Richard Olsted of the Prudential Committee states that in all his time in the fire district The Prudential Committee has overseen the budget and Commissioners are day to day operations and that all has worked out great for many years.
- Driscoll states that since they are all in agreement with operating the same as stated in Article 9 of the Charter, section 4 of the bylaws, he looks forward to continuing working with the Prudential Committee.
- Michael Kubicki of the Board of Water Commissioners also feels there has been a great relationship between both boards. Kubicki states that many times he has approached the Prudential Committee for advice on ideas or thoughts that he had.

- Todd Logan of 28 Curtis Ave asked Filiault if the Prudential Committee is parallel to the financial committee, wouldn't they have concern regarding the \$183,000 deficit. Dan Filiault stated that they are aware of the deficit and if asked for assistance from The Water Commissioners than they would get involved, but no action is needed as of right now.
- Tony Pagliarlo of 617 Old Windsor Rd thanked the board for clarification of the day-to-day operations of the district. Pagliarlo asked if a notion of progressive discipline policy has been implemented by the Board of Water Commissioners? Filiault recommended attending the next Commissioners meeting on the last Tuesday of every month.
- Don Davis of Kirchner Rd has questions regarding the bylaws that are published on The Fire District website, he states that he believes there has been issues within the past few years relating to The Fire District. Davis believes that the Prudential Committee should be in charge of the district. Filiault explains that the Prudential Committee is compared to the CEO's of the district and The Commissioners run the district for the Prudential Committee. The Chair of the Prudential Committee states that himself, Driscoll and a third party would be getting together in the fall to go over the bylaws and see if any changes need to be made.
- Driscoll corrects the residents regarding the bylaws that it was left out when read that the monies are collected through the treasurer's office.
- James Peltier of 30 Flansburg Ave asks if The Prudential Committee has any say if disciplinary actions. Also, Peltier asks if someone is head of the Commissioners and who they should call to put in complaints against them. Filiault and Murray both of the Prudential Committee recommend since they are elected officials that you would contact the state.
- Davis comments that from what he reads that The Prudential Committee is in charge, according to the Charter and Bylaws. Filiault recommends that the Chair of the Commissioners contacts the attorney to investigate that,
- Peltier asks if all meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners and The Prudential Committee open to the public unless executive session as posted on the fire department door, Chair Filiault states yes.
- Henry Rose asks the board if Mr. Peltiers questions will be asked answered at a Tuesday night commission meeting. Filiault states that it is up to the commissioners as they are the ones running those meetings.
- Logan reads that the Prudential Committee should also be involved in any Real Estate purchase according to the bylaws.
- Davis asks the Prudential committee if they were aware that back in 2022 the commissioners looked into possibly purchasing a new fire station. Tom Murray states that the only time he heard about it was when he was approached by Tom Irwin.
- Peltier asks Filiault if Cam Cachat is able to speak, Filiault states that if Cachat choses to speak than he will.
- Cam Cachat Board of water commissioner states that everything the board has ever done has always been open for the town, no residents ever show up and it is not up to The Commissioners to get the residents involved, they need to show up if interested.

- Daniel Filiault Chair of the Prudential Committee closes the meeting at 10:38am.

Respectfully submitted,

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