

Insurance Committee

January 25, 2008

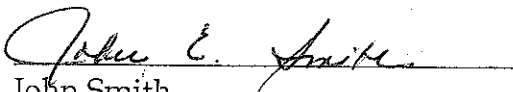
A meeting of the Insurance Committee was held on January 25, 2008 at 8:00 am in the Purchasing Office's conference room. The following people were in attendance: City: John Smith, Ron Messier, Roald Erling, Glenn Klocko, Robin Manuele, Diane Ferguson, and Dick Lacey, Webster: Fred Moreno and Dom Perno. Tony Malavenda and Roger Spear entered the meeting at a later time which is noted in the minutes.

Agenda item # 1 - The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am and Dick Lacey brought up an issue contained within the Webster contract. He wanted to know if the City could change the section entitled Authorized Payment Level which states that payment cannot exceed \$10,000 per claim or it needs written approval of the employer. Dick felt this amount was too low and would require a delay if Council approval was needed. Dom said they would he would come back to the Committee with different wording for their approval. *Dick Lacey left the meeting at 8:11 am.*

Fred discussed the Claim Comparison report as of 1/15/08. There are two claims valued over \$25,000 for this fiscal year to date. Fred had Snow Plow Safety training on Jan. 24 and has scheduled several training sessions for the Board of Education during the February break. John mentioned an officer working at the Pine St./Mountain Rd./Middle St. intersection was not wearing a safety vest and it was difficult to see him. *Tony Malavenda entered the meeting at 8:20 am.* Fred commended Peter Fusco, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for the BOE, saying that he gets things done and has really provided a new awareness for safety. *Roger Spear entered the meeting at 8:33 am.* Dom wanted the Committee to be aware that the State has been doing spot checks at municipalities to see that safety committees and OSHA logs are in place and check on the reporting of paid claims and recoveries. John asked about implementing some kind of recognition program to recognize those departments who have reduced their workers' comp. injuries. Diane said she would look into it. John brought up the list of doctors under the Medical Care Plan and was unhappy about a certain physician who has restricted privileges that is on the medical plan. Dom suggested that John speak with Beverly from Webster to address his concerns and questions. *Dom and Fred left the meeting at 8:45 am.*

Agenda item # 2 - Glenn received a proposal from AON to do a medical claims audit. The last one was done in 1999; 50 claims were reviewed and it cost \$16,000. This proposal would review 200 claims for \$48,000 - \$53,000. Both Glenn and the Committee members felt the audit needs to be done but that the price was a little high and they wanted to get other prices.

On another issue, John felt the Martin Luther King Day insurance issue was a little bit embarrassing to the City and wondered if the BOE could speak to their colleagues and develop a policy to allow certain non-profit organizations who use City/BOE space to have the insurance fee waived or paid for by the City. Tony said they would look into this. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.



John Smith

Insurance Committee Chairman