



Three Rivers Fire District
50 Springfield Street
Three Rivers, MA 01080

Prudential Committee Minutes

Vice Chairman Stephen Chiacchia called a meeting of the Prudential Committee to order at 6:40 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Chairman	Scott Turner; Fire Chief
Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman	Lorinda Baker, Treasurer
Richard Pobieglo; Prudential Committee Clerk	David Basler; District Clerk
Christopher Connolly; Water Superintendent	Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary

Chairman Norman Czech was present but outside of the meeting room for a short time at the start of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the December 11, 2019 Open Meeting.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CHIACCHIA): To approve the December 11, 2019 minutes to the Open Meeting. 2-0-0

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

November 2019 Financial Reports were handed out (missing from last month's meeting):

Review of December 2019 Financial Reports:

Treasurer Lorinda Baker presented the December 2019 Financial Statements.

December 2019:

Water Department:

Revenue for the first 6 months is \$18,666. Profit compared to 2018 is up \$19,287 (2019 has a \$5,600 loss compared to a loss of \$24,939 in 2018)

The first 6 months included the Hampden County Retirement payment of \$21,910 (water dept. share) for the entire fiscal year.

Fire Department:

Salaries currently remain under budget.

Extra duty is running at a pace to slightly exceed budget for the entire year.

Fire expenses are over budget; this will need to be increased in the next fiscal year budget.

District:

No issues currently.

District/Water:

A \$10,000 repayment of money loaned to the Water Department by the District is being made in January after the Hampden County & Workers Compensation premium payments are made.

Vice Chairman Chiacchia points out that overall Water Department is right on course with their budget while the Fire Department is just slightly under budget.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To accept the Report of the Treasurer for December 2019. 3-0-0

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To accept the Treasurers Warrant for December 2019. 3-0-0

Report of the Fire Chief

Three Rivers Fire Chief Scott Turner presented his report. Chief Turner handed in his budget for the new fiscal year.

Calls and Activity for the month of December 2019:

Operations Calls/Incidents:

- **10 incidents:** 1- Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition; 1 Medical assist, assist EMS crew; 2 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury; 2 Carbon monoxide incidents; 1 Lock-out; 1 False Alarm or false call; 1 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction 1 Smoke detector activation, no fire-unintentional.

Training:

- **Department:** Company Operations (Engine, Ladder, Rescue).
- **Duty Crew:** Dispatch; Driver Training, HazMat, Search and Rescue.

Events:

- Ladies Auxiliary; Breakfast with Santa.

Fire Prevention:

- 3 Pre-sale home inspections.
- Evacuation Drill at Palmer District Court.
- Annual bar inspections.

Administration:

- **Meetings:** N.I.C.E. meeting (Town of Palmer in regard to the abandoned buildings; derelict properties), Regional Dispatch meeting.
- **General:** Appointments of new officers and planning meetings.

Vice Chairman Chiacchia questioned the regional dispatch meeting, Chief starts saying Committee member Pobieglo was in attendance. The new Town Manager sees this as a very good idea. Palmer, Monson & Ware are on board. The state is willing to give out money for this project, including the entire infrastructure, radios, antennas, and repeaters. Fees would still need to be discussed.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Fire Chief as read by the Fire Chief Scott Turner. 3-0-0

Report of the Water Superintendent

Water Superintendent Chris Connolly presented his report.

Status of water systems:

- There are no distribution or treatment problems to report.
- Monthly and Quarterly water samples and chemical addition forms required by Mass DEP are all up to date.

District Records Overflow - Payroll:

- Accountant Stephen Marhelewicz was concerned with any payroll records being scanned in due to confidentiality. Chiacchia feels the documents will need to be password protected.

Discuss Water Agreement with Bondsville & Three Rivers Water Department:

- A draft letter sales agreement to a municipal lawyer was the last discussion. Since then Chris has sent the draft letter out to 2 separate lawyers and have asked for a price. BBH Law in Concord MA; Jenny Kramer and Christine Pikula of the Law office of Ed Pikula. Pikula quoted a price of \$150/hour or \$750 total for approximately 5 hours. Chiacchia says Pikula is a very qualified lawyer that does work for the city of Springfield. We do not need an attorney on retainer at this time but can use one for this one task.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To use the Law Office of Ed Pikula to engage legal services for the purpose of reviewing the water agreement with Bondsville. Approved. 3-0-0

New Water Department Business:

- A hydrant on Bourne Street that was hit by a car has been rebuilt and is back in working order.
- First quarter water bills have been sent out on January 2nd.

- Rich K. has begun gathering the 1st round of meter readings. These readings are the calendar year readings for the annual statistics to the state of Massachusetts.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Water Superintendent as read by Chris Connolly. Approved. 3-0-0

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Richard Pobieglo congratulated Fire Chief Scott Turner and Water Superintendent Chris Connolly on the great job they are doing in their departments. Financially things look great and everything is currently running the way things should be run. Pobieglo is very proud of them both.

Discuss and/or take action on any business unknown/unavailable prior to the posting of this agenda:

Board Members Comments:

Financial numbers look good according to Chiacchia.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Approved 3-0-0

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Norman Czech, Chairman

Date: _____

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