



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

# Prudential Committee Minutes

Chairman Stephen Chiacchia called a meeting of the Prudential Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Chairman  
Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman  
Richard Pobieglo; Prudential Committee Clerk  
Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer  
David Basler; District Clerk

Scott Turner; Three Rivers Fire Chief  
Chris Connolly; Three Rivers Water Superintendent  
Nicole Newberry; Water Department  
Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 12, 2022, Open Meeting.

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To approve the January 12, 2022, minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee: This meeting took place January 22, 2022, report to follow.

## **Report of the Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Scott Turner read the report of the Fire Chief for January 2022.

## **OPERATIONS:**

- 24-Emergency Incidents
- 30-Non-Emergency Service Calls

## **TRAINING:**

**Department:** Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Arson awareness for First Responders.

**Duty Crew:** Ground ladders, alarm types and response, rope rescue, pumping & hydraulics, hoseline deployment, forcible entry, fire prevention officer.

## **EVENTS:**

- Met with Rep from Boy Scouts of America for TRFD Explorer Program.
- Buckets of salt/sand mixture delivered for Sand for Seniors.

## **FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION:**

- Commercial building smoke and carbon monoxide placement inspection (AAGO Movers).
- 1-Certificate of Occupancy inspection
- 1-Oil tank installation inspection
- 13-Permits issued for open burning.

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meetings: Palmer Building Inspector. Palmer Police Chief. MA Fire Chiefs. Finance Committee. Western MA Fire Chiefs.
- Other: Submit continuation of Operations Plan (COOP) to the Town of Palmer.

### **STATUS OF EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET:**

- Chief Turner handed out a list to the Board for just this Fiscal Year so far that consisted of expenses for the apparatus maintenance. The Rescue vehicle needed a new starter and 2 sets of batteries (2000 yr. making this a 22-year-old vehicle). Engine 1 needed some attention with the warning lights and 2 tires were replaced (Engine 1 was purchased in 2000). Engine 2 needed a battery, starter, and exhaust and muffler (purchased from Easthampton and is a 1996 yr.). Car 2 had a bigger issue consisting of the brakes, all the brakes needed to be changed, also finding one of the brake lines with a hole in it. Car 2 also had issue in the past with fumes, but Chief has said that was corrected some time back. The District Accountant had given Chief Turner some numbers that he was over on the apparatus maintenance. Chief had a figure of \$873 over but Steve Marhelewicz had \$623 over. Steve Chiacchia asked Chief Turner for a list of his equipment assets. This was added to the agenda because of the age of the equipment/apparatus and thoughts about replacing this will need to begin to be thought of. This in combination with the American Rescue Plan and the funds that might be available. If we can leverage our funds with some grant money with very low interest USDA money, we want to be proactive in this area. A short discussion then took place about grants in the past and if the Town of Palmer had a person that writes Grants.

Rick Pobiegló asked for an updated roster and attendance. Chief has told Rick that he has already given him that at a previous meeting.

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Fire Chief Scott Turner for January 2022. Approved 3-0-0**

### **Report of the Treasurer**

Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer passed out December 2021 report from last month's meeting and January 2022.

#### **WATER DEPARTMENT:**

- Revenue for January was \$5,642 above last January.
- YTD Revenue is \$51,500 higher.
- Net income is below prior year by \$8,422 as repairs (+22,960) and meter replacement (+15,844) are up significantly.
- Repairs (+12,306) and meter replacement (+15,330) are both over budget.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- No unusual items.

#### **DISTRICT:**

- Spending is significantly under budget.
- Water hydrant payment (\$22,000) is upcoming.

#### **PROJECTS:**

- Mack restoration project has \$988.21 remaining.
- Heating systems (\$755) and Command vehicle (\$767) were closed out

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To accept the Report of the Treasurer for January 2022. 3-0-0**

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To approve the Treasurers Warrant for January 2022. 3-0-0**

### **Report of the Water Superintendent**

Nicole Newberry read the report of the Water Department for January 2022.

#### **Status of water systems:**

- The emergency application for licenses is pending a reply from DEP. Therefore, Chris Connolly's licenses remain the primary for Three Rivers. However, a revised staffing plan has been submitted to DEP which notes that these emergency licenses are pending.
- Well #1 remains off. Approval is pending from DEP regarding Chris McClure's engineering plan for the addition of chlorine.
- The chlorine and pH sensors are somewhat sporadic. There are several steps to yet to take to resolve this, and the related parts are on order. The actual dosage of chemicals into the system remains correct and is confirmable by secondary testing.
- Monthly bacteria and chlorine samples are complete for the month of February.

- Beginning research on the deed/easement at Chudy's. Nicole received a phone call from the engineer asking about this. She has not said anything yet. Steve Chiacchia can give Nicole some background on this.

**Vacations:**

- Rich will take vacation time from Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mary Ann will likely take vacation time during the month of March.

**Job Listing:**

- Revisions to job posting for possible hire was handed to the Board after Nicole being asked to draft one up at last months monthly meeting.

Chairman Steve Chiacchia thanked Nicole for composing the letter to USDA that was in reference to the storage tank restoration. All the Prudential Committee members have had a chance to look at it and plan to sign it but will get back to Nicole on this.

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To submit to the USDA the letter for the grant on storage tank restoration. Approved. 3-0-0**

No action will be taken on the job at the water department yet. Nothing has been advertised yet. The Board thinks Nicole has done a very good job and thanks her.

Rick Pobieglo asked Nicole if we are still using Chris's license. Because the transition is still in indeterminate state it appears that Chris's license is still being the one in Three Rivers still. The DEP knows what is going on.

Norman Czech thanks Chris for continuing to help when needed. The Board greatly appreciates it.

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Water Superintendent for January 2022 as read by Nicole Dewberry. Approved. 3-0-0**

**New Business:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- None

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

- None

**Board Members Comments:**

Rick Pobieglo wants to Congratulate Michael Skoczylas and Matthew Lemieux for becoming members of the Bondsville Fire Department. He thanks them for their service here. Thank you to all Firefighters for their service to their communities.

**MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:01 p.m. Approved 3-0-0**

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

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Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

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Stephen Chiacchia, Chairman

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