



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
David Basler; District Clerk

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

Roll call finds Prudential Committee Treasurer, Lorinda Baker, absent from this evening's meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the March 9, 2022, Open Meeting.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To approve the March 9, 2022, minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

Chairman Steve Chiacchia read the Report of the Treasurer for the Month of March 2022.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

- The YTD revenue is higher than last year by \$37,901.
- Income is down by \$16,655 as repairs (+12,997), meter replacement (+15,843), pump station maintenance (+5,702), chemicals (+4,794), professional engineering (+3,901) and electricity (+5,109) are all higher than last year.
- Results vs. budget will need monitoring as there is \$16,665 remaining for operations and \$9,719 remaining for utilities. Insurance/retirement is under by \$ 15,799 and could provide some cushion for the last 3 months of the fiscal year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Operating expenses have \$8,536 remaining for the last quarter.

DISTRICT:

- Expenses are well under budget at this point.

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

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

Report of the Fire Chief

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:

March continued to be a slower month in terms of emergency response. Active members utilize this “downtime” to develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities required to provide safe, effective and efficient emergency services to our community. One member was added to the roster in March.

OPERATIONS:

- 18-Emergency Incidents
- 16-Non-Emergency Service Calls

TRAINING:

Two members successfully completed Ice Rescue Technician training from the Mass Fire Academy, hosted by the Easthampton Fire Department.

Department: Ladder Company Operations.

Duty Crew: EMS primary & secondary evaluations, rope rescue, confined space rescue, wildland fires, emergency scene size-up and ground ladders.

EVENTS:

- None

FIRE PREVENTION/INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Members conducted two smoke & carbon monoxide alarm inspections.
- Ten open burning permits were issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

No news to report.

Questions from the Board:

Rick Pobieglo revisited from past discussions the test for cancer for firefighters and where that stands today. Chief Turner has said the test is very expensive but because a Bill is in the Senate to offer this testing to firefighters he'd like to wait to see if it passes.

Open burning expires May 1st.

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

Report of the Water Superintendent

Nicole Newberry read the report of the Water Superintendent for March 2022.

STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS:

- Nicole Dewberry has received her permanent In-Full T-1 and D-2 licenses.
 - (The Board congratulates Nicole on this achievement)
- A leak was repaired at 57-59 Ruggles Street.
- Monthly bacteria and chlorine samples are complete and came back clean.
- Winter routine maintenance at the pump station is almost complete.
- Bob Parrott adjusted the pH chart, so it records accurately and rewired the control box, so the alarm shuts off the well pumps and chemical feed pumps when there is high chlorine or high pH.
- Winter meter readings were done a little later due to Rich helping with general operations. Rich and Mary Ann have been doing more work than usual.
- Annual Statistics Report is submitted to the DEP.
- The DEP approved the chemical addition retrofit permit for the addition of chlorine. This permit came with a to-do-list of several items.
- Chris Connolly and I worked Sunday to turn on Well #1. Chris McClure visited and is happy with the installation of the new chlorine injection system. J

- The ventilation system at the pump station vents into the attic. Because the chlorine is housed here the air quality is not good. Chris McClure suggests possible hiring of HVAC people to put in vents that would be directed to the outside.

JOB LISTING:

- The job for the secondary operator is now listed on several websites and will soon appear in two newspapers. So far there have been 10 applicants.
- The position is currently advertised as either part time at 25 hours per week or full time which would be 30 hours per week including benefits.

The Board plans to stop by the Water Department office to review the top applicants of the 10 that Nicole received.

Nicole has mentioned all the help that Chris Connolly has been providing and is requesting if there is some type of bonus he could be presented with to show appreciation for all his hard work. The Board has agreed to pay him 2 weeks compensation.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To present Chris Connolly with 2 weeks compensation for all his help in these last few months. Approved. 3-0-0

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Water Superintendent for February 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:

- None

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 6:57 p.m. and go into Executive session. Approved 3-0-0

Executive Session. At 7:03 p.m. Chairman Chiacchia called for a roll-call vote to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with the Three Rivers Water Superintendent: Nicole Dewberry.

Roll Call Vote: Chiacchia, yes; Pobieglo, yes; Czech, Yes

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Stephen Chiacchia, Chairman

Date: _____

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