



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

Prudential Committee Minutes

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Chairman
Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman
Richard Pobieglo; Prudential Committee Clerk
Chris Connolly; Three Rivers Water Superintendent

Scott Turner; Three Rivers Fire Chief
Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary
Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer
David Basler; District Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the April 14, 2021 Open Meeting.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CHIACCHIA): To approve the April 14, 2021 minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

Lorinda Baker read her Report of the Treasurer for April 2021.

April 2021:

Water Department: Revenue for April 2021 is down \$ 28,456 vs April 2020 as the hydrant payment will be made in May 2021 (last year it was made in April).

Actual results are \$31,317 better than budget. Maintenance and repair expenses running much lower than budgeted thus far.

Fire Department: Operating expenses are \$20,000 below budget through April.

Salaries are trending close to the budget for the year.

District: Expenses well under budget through April. \$ 22,000 for hydrant charge will be paid in May. Amount increased from \$21,000 to \$22,000 in FY'21 budget.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To accept the Report of the Treasurer for April 2021. 3-0-0

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To approve the Treasurers Warrant for April 2021. 3-0-0

Report of the Fire Chief

Three Rivers Fire Chief Scott Turner presented his report of April 2021.

Calls and Activity for the month of April 2021:

Operations Calls/Incidents:

- o **emergency/non-emergency incidents:** 18 Incidents.

Training:

- **Department:** CPR refreshers, ropes, water rescue training. Palmer Ambulance brought an ambulance for the department to go through and know where everything is located and how to use the equipment (this is done annually), and rapid intervention.
- **Duty Crew:** Engine and ladder company operations, scene size up, initial attack, repelling and sending (rope rescue), refreshed on the brush truck, water supply and delay, fire officer strategy impact, incident command 700 training (completed by most of the crew).

Events:

Funeral for Homer Dubois, retired Ludlow Fire Chief.
Old Mill Pond Elementary had a school bus evacuation drill.

Fire Prevention:

- 8 Open Burning Permits. (open burning closed at the end of the month).
- 1 Elevator Inspection at Palmer Police Department.

Administration:

- **Meetings:** Western Mass Fire Chiefs and Hampden County Fire Chiefs.
- A new radio frequency and system that went online in April.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CHIACCHIA): To accept the report of the Fire Chief for April 2021 as read by the Fire Chief Scott Turner. 3-0-0

Report of the Water Superintendent

Water Superintendent Chris Connolly presented his report of April 2021.

Status of water systems:

- Up to date with all monthly and quarterly samples.

New Water Department Business:

- On 5/4/21 Jay Matuszewski with Mass Rural Water Association came to Three Rivers to help conduct leak detection. This assessment helped locate a few areas with minor leaks we will be addressing in the near future.
 - A leak was detected on Bourne St from a hydrant that was knocked down awhile back.
- TRWD has completed the spring flushing program, hydrant flushing removes sediment buildup on water mains and ensures proper operation of fire hydrants when they are needed most.
- TRWD has completed the 1st round of backflow testing for calendar year 2021.
- The invoice from Morrison Construction was discussed.
 - Work that was done on Main Street last March 2020 began to fail. DPW rules and regulations are that if a patch does not last a full year the contractor is required to repave and bring it back up to where it should be (sinking was taking place). In March there was a charge for a cold patch (being that it was done in March) Chris feels it would be fair to at least pay for the hot pavement that was used on that job, being \$542.00 plus labor.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To allow the Water Superintendent to contact Mr. Morrison and negotiate a settlement to pay no more than \$999.00. Approved. 3-0-0

- The Abatement request from 2009 High Street was discussed. A request to have their bills abated from years 2020 & 2021 for the reason of lack of usage. Owners only had one tenant living there. An abatement is not usually given because apartments are not occupied. Abatements are usually offered for excess water not for underuse of water.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO): Table the Abatement request by Green Apple Manor Co., LLC 2009 High Street, Three Rivers. Approved. 3-0-0

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CHIACCHIA): To accept the report of the Water Superintendent for April 2021 as read by Chris Connolly. Approved. 3-0-0

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Bruce Charwick was present tonight. Owner of 4 family property at 2001-2004 Park Avenue, borders next door, 1723 Springfield Street. There was a water issue at the location of Springfield Street. The owner is concerned that a trench was dug without his consent and that the property was not repaired properly once the job was completed. Richard Pobieglo has volunteered to go to the location and inspect. After a discussion, the Board has instructed WS Connolly to set up a landscaper to go to repair the property without making the property owner wait a full month until next regular monthly meeting.

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

None

Board Members Comments:

None

MOTION (CHIAACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:04 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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