



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

Prudential Committee Minutes

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Pobieglyo; Prudential Committee Chairman
Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman
Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Clerk
Scott Turner; Fire Chief

Chris Connolly; Water Superintendent
Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer
David Basler; District Clerk
Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reorganization of Board

Stephen Chiacchia made the motion to nominate Norman Czech as our new Prudential Committee Chairman, Richard Pobieglyo as Prudential Committee Clerk.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To nominate Norman Czech as our new Prudential Committee Chairman and Richard Pobieglyo as our Prudential Committee Clerk. 3-0-0

Norman Czech made the motion to nominate Stephen Chiacchia as our Prudential Committee Vice Chairman.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To nominate Stephen Chiacchia as our Prudential Committee Vice Chairman. 3-0-0

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 8, 2019 Open Meeting.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CHIACCHIA): To approve the May 8, 2019 minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0

Public Comment:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Report of the Treasurer

Review of May 2019 Financial Reports:

Treasurer Lorinda Baker presented the May 2019 Financial Statements.

May 2019:

Water Department:

- Water revenue was up \$21,430, a slight loss of \$485 for the month.
- Year to date profit is \$17,516 vs a profit of \$3,803 last year.

Fire Department:

- Under budget for the month.

District:

- No issues currently.

Stephen Chiacchia did point out that there is a financial issue related to the fire station's new heating system, it went somewhat over budget. Chiacchia is going to recommend transferring \$2,500 out of our reserve account. The Prudential Committee has the authority to transfer money out of that account. The motion to perform this transfer will be made during the Report of the Fire Chief.

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

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

Report of the Fire Chief

Calls and Activity for the month of May 2019:

Fire Chief; Scott Turner presented his Report of the Fire Chief.

Operations Calls/Incidents:

- **13 incidents:**
 - 6 Rescue & EMS; 1 Hazardous Condition (no fire); 1 Service Calls; 3 Good Intent Call; 2 False Alarm/False Call; 7 Assist the Public (non-emergency).

Training:

- **Department:** Chief and Training Officer conducted new member orientation and training on *I am responding, House Watch and Water Supply from Hydrant.*
- **Duty Crew:** Foam use, driver training, hydrant, rope rescue and vehicle extrication.

Events:

- Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Mock MVA at Palmer High School.
- Artisan Fair with Ladies Auxiliary.

Administration:

- **Meetings:**
 - Legislative meetings in Washington D.C. (w/Congressman Neal, Congressman McGovern and Senator Warren).
 - With Palmer Ambulance Service regarding EMS response.

Fire Prevention:

- 3 Pre-Sale Home Inspections; 1 Oil Furnace Inspection; 1 New Construction Inspection at Pathfinder H.S. Plumbing Shop; 1 Fire Drill at Pathfinder.

New Command Vehicle:

- The new command vehicle has been delayed and will not be ready for at least 2 more weeks.

Heating System Update:

The new heating system is in total \$5,000 over budget. Stephen Chiacchia would like to file a motion to transfer \$2,500 from the reserve account now and then another transfer in July (in the new fiscal year's budget) of \$2,500 from the reserve account.

The new heating system has been completed. It has been agreed that when it gets to be the prime heating season, and the furnace will then be in full use, any issues or anything wrong with the operations of the system will then be taken care of. The system is in fact under a warranty also.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To transfer \$2,500 from the reserve account to the Fire Department for the heating system update. 3-0-0

Status of Old Vehicles:

- The blue truck will be cut up on Saturday (6/15/2019) and then taken away.
- The red truck had a buyer interested but never followed through with Chief Turner, so another interested person will submit a bid and hopefully will take it away.

Station Spring Clean-up:

- Clean-up is always ongoing.

District Records:

- Chief informs the Board that the records are ready to go whenever they are. The board has agreed to inform Water Superintendent Chris to purchase a scanner which will enable them to scan in the overflow of district records. Chris will look at the scanners that Stephen has at his office to get an idea of what they may purchase.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Fire Chief. 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 and have been submitted.

District Records Overflow:

- The board has agreed to inform W.S. Connolly to purchase a scanner which will enable him to scan in the overflow of district records. This was discussed at the end of the *Report of the Fire Chief*.

Discuss Water Agreement with Bondsville & Thorndike:

- W.S. Connolly has spoken to Bob Flagg about extending their Main. Chiacchia suggests our engineer look at the site with Connolly to find out exactly what we must do. Bondsville has contacted Pobieгло various times to stress that they would like to get started with the connection.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To instruct the Water Superintendent to contact the engineer McClure within the next day or two to arrange a meeting. 3-0-0

Spring Clean-up:

Ongoing.

- The hydrants are continuing to be painted.
- Backflow testing was completed and all devices in operation have passed.
- May 30th the Three Rivers Water Department M36 Water Audit took place. This is our 2nd year participating. The DEP sponsors an engineering firm to come in, which was Weston and Sampson.
- Past Due water bills are approximately down to \$40,000 to still collect. Pobieгло asks what plans the Water Department has to collect this remaining \$40,000. Chiacchia assures the Board that what is owed is approximately only 10% of our Annual Revenue. The Water Department has been actively working on collecting past due dept. They have been shutting off water to past due residents.

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

New / Old:

Recording Secretary Sherrie Bellefleur requested the regular monthly meeting for July be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month as opposed to the 2nd Wednesday due to vacation that she has planned. The Board discussed this and did not see any issues with moving the next meeting to the 3rd Wednesday which would be July 17, 2019.

The May 21st election consisted of 27 people that voted. Stephen Chiacchia received 27 votes and Dave Basler received 26 votes.

Public Comment:

None

MOTION (CHACCHIA; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:11 p.m. Approved 3-0-0

Submitted by:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved as to Form and Content:

Norman Czech, Chairman

Date: _____