



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

Prudential Committee Minutes

June 20, 2024

Chairman Norman Czech called a meeting of the Prudential Committee to order at 6:35 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Chairman
Andrea Sullivan; Prudential Committee Clerk
Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer

Sherrie Bellefleur; Three Rivers Recording Secretary
Guy Bellefleur; District Clerk

Roll Call

Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman, Steve Nodurf; Three Rivers Fire Chief, Nicole Dewberry; Three Rivers Water Superintendent were not present at this evening's meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

The Prudential Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 15, 2024, meeting.

MOTION (SULLIVAN; CZECH): To approve the May 15, 2024, minutes to the meeting. 2-0-0

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

Lorinda Baker presented the report of the treasurer for May 2024.

May 2024

Water Department:

- Income for May 2024 was \$28,915.22 (this is an increase of \$3,78835 from May of 2023)
- Expenses for May 2024 was \$22,666.67 (this is a decrease of \$6,225.78 from May of 2023)
- Net Income for May 2024 was \$6,248.55 (an increase of \$12,474.33 over May of 2023)
- Fiscal YTD Income July 2023 – May 2024 was \$502,741.41 (an increase of \$61,816.63 over July 2022 – May 2023)
- Fiscal YTD Net Income is \$80,390.51 for July 2023 – May 2024 (\$44,456.40 higher than July 2022 – May 2023)
- Office & Postage and Meters are slightly over budget.

Fire Department:

- No issues

District:

- No issues

MOTION (SULLIVAN; CZECH): To accept the Treasurers Report for May 2024. Approved. 2-0-0

MOTION (SULLIVAN; CZECH): To accept the Treasurers Warrant for May 2024. Approved. 2-0-0

Report of the Fire Chief

Fire Chief Steve Nodurf was not present but left his May 2024 Report of the Fire Chief for the Board to review.

Administration:

- EMS Upgrade Project
- Ongoing work with the Budget
- Capital Growth Plan including a needs assessment
- Ongoing Mentoring with Dave Mottor
- Meeting with DFS regarding Youth Firesetting Programs
- Lithium-Ion Batteries Seminar at DFS Springfield
- Minds, Lives and Motivation of Mass Attackers Seminar UMASS Amherst
- Meeting with Brycer Compliance Engine
- Developing SOG for Medical Calls and MVC
- Meeting with Dave Mottor, Ryan Pease and Mike Andrews

Fire Prevention/Education:

- Hampden Charter School of Science Lecture/Demonstration (Chicopee)
- Oil Burner Inspection Occupancy Inspections with the Building Commissioner and Board of Health
- Walk through inspections of 3161 High Street with Building Inspector and Assistant Chief Sigovich Inspection (alarms) at Palmer Police Department
- 6 26F Pre-Sale Inspections
- Stop the Bleed program at Statehouse
- Stop the Bleed program at TRFD HQ
- Hampden Charter School of Science Lecture/Demonstration (West Springfield)
- Memorial Day Parade

Operations:

- 27-emergency incidents
- Review and Update of Inspection Forms
- Department attended the wake of a former Palmer Police Department Employee
- The antenna on E1 was replaced. It was hitting the overhead door
- Pump testing was performed on E1 and E2 both units passed
- Replaced flags at cemeteries

Training:

- Monson Recruit Drills
- Ladder drills with a 24' ladder
- Don/Doff drills
- Hydrant tagging drills
- Driver Training

Events:

- None listed

MOTION (SULLIVAN; CZECH): To accept the report of the Fire Chief left by Steve Nodurf for May 2024. Approved 2-0-0

Report of the Water Superintendent

Nicole Dewberry was not present at this evening's meeting. The Report of the Water Superintendent was postponed.

Board Members Comments:

Andrea Sullivan questioned a couple of articles, one being a letter requesting 4 bullet proof vests for the fire personnel. This came after an incident on Maple and High Street where the police were involved being a possible gun incident. Chairman Czech feels this should be tabled until the next monthly meeting. Ms. Sullivan voiced that there are other avenues that could be taken with this, like raising the money by having a fundraiser.

A discussion took place on the fire department waiting for approval to move ahead with a new fire truck. They are frustrated that they have to keep waiting for the truck because of all of the water department projects. Chairman Czech feels that the district should not be expected to pay for new water tanks and new fire trucks all in one year. A letter was dropped off by Lucas to the Board on this subject. The Board did not like the way the letter was worded. Ms. Sullivan states that they should be presented with quotes or documents showing back up to what is wanted. There is a lot of talk but there is no paperwork, figures or numbers and why isn't Lucas at the meeting to back up his letter.

Ms. Sullivan asked with all of the calls that the fire department went to in May how many times the rescue vehicle (non-ambulance) attend these calls. Ms. Hoy says it has gone to numerous calls. Does it influence what vehicle is taken based on the personnel and their training? The answer to that was yes it matters.

New Business:

July's monthly meeting will be postponed until August. Chairman Czech will be on vacation in July. August 21st will be the next monthly meeting at 6:30 pm.

Set a date for a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the Prudential Committee. The election forms will be available beginning Monday June 24th due by July 15th by 5:00 pm then the election will be August 20th. This position will be for a term of 2 years.

Some discussion took place on the meter readings and the transition to the new billing software. Also, in the future paying the bills online may be available.

Letters will be going out soon to residents that agreed to a payment plan but have not honored the payment plan.

Ms. Sullivan has been posting on the Three Rivers Social Media page recently and has had a gentleman contact her about a fire hydrant on East Street in Three Rivers. The Water Department has to order parts for that hydrant.

Again, the subject was brought up about the pump at Chudy's and Capone water filling up their trucks with our water. Many residents want to know if they have to pay for this water. Yes, they have to pay but if anyone has questions all they need to do is call the water department and all of their questions will be answered.

Old Business:

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

MOTION (SULLIVAN; CZECH): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:32 pm. Approved 2-0-0

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Norman Czech, Chairman

Date: _____

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