



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

Prudential Committee Minutes

Chairman Richard Pobieglo called a meeting of the Prudential Committee to order at 6:34 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Pobieglo; 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.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the August 8, 2018 Open Meeting.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To approve the August 8, 2018 minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0

Public Comment:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Report of the Treasurer

Review of August 2018 Financial Statements:

Treasurer Lorinda Baker presented the August 2018 Financial Statements.

Water Department:

- Water revenue was \$39,771 as bills were sent out during the month.
- Net loss of \$4,703 for August as the annual property/liability insurance bill of \$13,853 was paid.
- YTD revenue is up \$9,298 however most of that was used for replacement meters (\$7,000).
- Checking account balance was \$17,682 on 8/31/2018.

Fire Department:

- \$4,790 of Personal Protection Gear was purchased in August.
- \$2,650 was spent on radio equipment for the Tahoe (to the radio portion of 2017 Article 9).

District:

- Annual property/liability insurance premium was paid in August. Insurance account over budget by \$2,822. Property Insurance up by \$2,539.
The property insurance increase is going to be investigated by the committee.

Stephen Marhelewicz provide the committee with Article 9 balances. The Articles Stephen suggest we close out to surplus are Article 9 2013 for \$1,109.14 and Article 9 2014 for \$1,483.18. There is also an Article 13 of 2012 for \$11,674.40 that is not on the sheet but should also be considered when closing out. To summarize, close out Articles 9-13, 9-14 to district surplus and 13-12 to water surplus.

MOTION (CZECH; CHIACCHIA): To close out Articles 9-13, 9-14 to district surplus and 13-12 to water surplus. 3-0-0

MOTION (CZECH; CHIACCHIA): To accept the report of the Treasurer. 3-0-0

Report of the Fire Chief

Calls and Activity for the month of August 2018:

Fire Chief; Scott Turner distributed the "**Report of the Fire Chief**" for the month of August 2018.

Operations Calls/Incidents:

13 ranging from cooking fire, motor vehicle accident with no injuries, public service, unauthorized burning, dispatched & cancelled in route, central station, malicious false alarm, bomb scare-no bomb, smoke detector activation due to malfunction, CO detector activation due to malfunction, smoke detector activation; no fire-unintentional, carbon monoxide detector activation; no CO and lightning strike with no fire.

Fire Prevention:

- 2 pre-sale home inspections.
- 3 tank truck inspections.
- 1 UST inspection.
- Review plans for marijuana dispensary on Chamber Road and residence on Burlingame Road.
- 1 station tour.

Training:

- Management & Leadership.
- Engine Co., operations.
- Rescue Co. operations.
- Fire Behavior.

Administration:

- Orientation for a new member
- 2 applications where requested and issued
- Preliminary development of strategies & tactics for small company emergency operations.
- Review policies & procedures.
- New company assignments for members based on training & qualifications.
- Continued development of Probationary Firefighter Training.
- Officer professional development plan.
- SCBA demonstration from SCOTT representatives.
- Inventory of Rescue Co. equipment.

The Committee thanked Chief Turner on a great job done on the Three Rivers Fire Department Chicken Barbeque. The event brought in over 1,000 attendees.

Securing the station and changing the locks are in progress currently. This has already been budgeted for.

Clean-up at the station is ongoing. Chairman Pobieglo suggests donating the old pull boxes to past and present fire department members and retirees by seniority, prior to disposing of them.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To allow offering the past and present fire department members and retirees a pull box handed out by seniority, prior to disposing of them. 3-0-0

Status of Heating System Committee: No updates to report. A meeting will be set up.

MOTION (CZECH; CHIACCHIA): To accept the report of the Fire Chief. 3-0-0

Report of the Water Superintendent

Water Superintendent Chris Connolly was present at this evenings meeting to give the Report of the Water Superintendent.

Report on current condition of water distribution system compliance with ACOP:

Everything in this area is current and operating fine. The Capital Improvement Plan has an extension until February of 2019, Engineer Chris McClure is working on this currently.

Daily readings, monthly readings and & quarterly water sample-status update including submission to lab and Mass DEP:

All quarterly water samples for August have been completed including submission to the lab and Mass DEP.

New Business:

September 6 and September 10 Nicole has passed her Distribution 1 and Treatment 1 exams. Those will be sent into the State and reviewed next month. The district will have another D1 and T1 operator working for us which is a very good thing. She will be transitioning to working on the weekends and maybe 3 days during the week.

There has been a request for an abatement from John Machnik at 245 Barker Street. Chris went to the property and observed where the leak was. There was a hose that let go in Mr. Machnik's back yard and since then repaired it. Looking at his current usage his bill was about 60,000 gallons over the minimum and he's always been a minimum user. Connolly's recommendation is to allow the abatement. A short discussion took place among the Committee resulting in allowing the abatement to take place.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To accept the recommendation by Chris Connolly to allow the abatement to John Machnik. Approved 3-0-0

A letter the was received by the Prudential Committee from Gerry Skowronek; DPW Director on a few topics. Skowronek feels the Three Rivers Water District and the Town of Palmer can come to an agreement on how billing is currently being accessed for the wastewater treatment plant and the use of the hydrant at Chudy's. The sewage plant and the DPW can use the town water to fill the sweeper trucks or for any needs that either department needs water to perform their jobs. Skowronek received a bill and states normally he's never received one. Connolly states that the district is going to let this bill go. As far as the letter goes, Gerry was looking to see if he could get a reduced rate for the sewage treatment plant. The bill that was received prior was \$65/quarter, this was before the meter replacement. In 13 months, usage was 590,000 gallons, 45,000/month which comes out to about a \$200/month bill. This was a loss for the district because the meter was not replaced until recently. The sewage treatment plant is using only 1% of the water used in the whole town. The discussion of the sewage treatment plant water rate is to be tabled at this time.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To table the sewage treatment plant water rate discussion. Approved 3-0-0

Chairman Pobieglo has talked to Bondsville and Thorndike to open the discussions again on connecting of the three districts. A discussion took place to try setting up a meeting to discuss working collaboratively.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): For Chairman Pobieglo to reach out to Bondsville and Thorndike to set up a meeting to discuss working collaboratively. 3-0-0

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

New / Old:

Steve Chiacchia asked to invite Nexamp in to discuss alternative energy options. This company develops solar energy then partner up with a consumer or municipality. Looking into this to try and save electricity for the district is the main goal. The Committee is all in favor to meet with Nexamp. Matthew Lemieux suggest contacting Thorndike Energy and keep things local, they are hydroelectric energy and they sell power.

Public Comment:

None

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CZECH): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:33 p.m. Approved 3-0-0

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Richard Pobieglo, Chairman

Date: _____

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