



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
Chris Connolly; Water Superintendent

Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer
David Basler; District Clerk
Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary

Absent from tonight's meeting was Richard Pobieglo; Prudential Committee Clerk and Scott Turner; Three Rivers Fire Chief.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the September 11, 2019 Open Meeting.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To approve the September 11, 2019 minutes to the Open Meeting. 2-0-0

Public Comment

A question was asked in reference to whether the District has approved up to 3 full-time fire fighters that happened to be present at the station during a day that a district resident stopped in. The district assured the resident there is an amount of \$25,000 budgeted for daytime duty officer, but it is not enough to account for 3 full timers. The discussion will take place with Chief Turner when he returns, and he will explain to the resident in next month's meeting who and why there may have been 3 people in the office on this day.

The Committee also answered the question that was asked about raising the rates for water to Capones Pool Water. This was discussed at a previous meeting and yes, the rates were increased.

Committee Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

Review of September 2019 Financial Reports:

Treasurer Lorinda Baker presented the September 2019 Financial Statements.

September 2019:

Water Department:

For the quarter July – September 2019 the revenue was \$1,074 over what it was in 2018.

Net Income in September of 2019 increased by approximately \$2,000 from September of 2018.

Fire Department: No issues currently.

District: No issues currently.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To accept the Report of the Treasurer for September 2019. 2-0-0

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To accept the Treasurers Warrant for September 2019. 2-0-0

Report of the Fire Chief

Calls and Activity for the month of September 2019:

Prudential Committee Chairman Norman Czech presented the "Report of the Fire Chief".

Operations Calls/Incidents:

- **16 incidents:** 1 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat-no fire; 8 Rescue & EMS; 4 Service call; 1 Good intent call; 2 False alarm & False call.

Training:

- **Department:** Engine Company Operations.
- **Duty Crew:** Dispatch, Emergency Reporting System, Radio Communications, CPR.

Events:

- Daycare Truck Wash (Learning Factory Annual Fire Truck Wash).
- Emergency First Responder Meeting.

Administration:

- **Meetings:** Palmer Neighborhood Improvement Through Enforcement (NICE).
- **General:** Pump Test Engine 201 & 202.

Fire Prevention:

- 4 Pre-Sale Home Inspections.
- 1 Senior SAFE detector installation.

Engine 1 Repair:

- Cost of repairs to Engine 1 were emailed to Czech. The engine was already out for the primer repair but also needed additional work done to the left tie rod end, front spring pins and bushings. Chairman Czech told Chief to be sure to repair anything that could be a safety issue. Chief did not think he'd have enough money in his budget for these repairs. The repairs could cost \$1,200 + labor (\$3,000 not including primer work). Chiacchia says what's budgeted is \$28,000 under firefighting tools & equip and misc. equip., a different line item but if there is surplus a transfer can take place. There is also \$8,000 in the fire apparatus maintenance budget. The truck is back the primer works and everything feels better with the truck after all the work has been done on it.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; CZECH): To accept the report of the Fire Chief. 2-0-0

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.

Discuss Water Agreement with Bondsville & Three Rivers Water Department:

- An email trail is being kept by Chris. There is progress happening but at this time there is nothing that we need to do.

District Records Overflow: Steve Marhelewicz and Chris are looking at what was relevant to hang on to and then shredding what is not needed any longer.

New Water Department Business:

- TRWD replaced a leaking hydrant on High Street on 9/18/19.
 - TRWD conducted a sanitary survey with the MassDEP on 9/30/2019, a report for the survey will be available in the coming weeks.
 - Liquid Engineering was to come to clean and inspect the storage tanks on Baptist Hill on 10/9/2019 but got rained out. They plan to come on 10/10/2019 instead.
- Chris did bring up the solar deal that is going in at Burgundy Brook. This will be dual use, being used for solar and agriculture. If it is outside of our zone 1 basically need abide by any of the rules that anyone else would under their regulations. Chris feels at this time there isn't anything to be concerned with. Zone 1 is 400 ft. and zone 2 is anything inside Three Rivers outside of that zone 1. It is kind of a blanket rule for anybody outside.

- A question asked; will the hydrant on Bourne Street be replaced? Superintendent Connolly says the hydrant only needs a new stem, the hydrant is okay. He's currently looking for a replacement stem.

MOTION (CHACCHIA; CZECH): To accept the report of the Water Superintendent as read by Chris Connolly. Approved. 2-0-0

New Business:

The water customer list for the Town of Palmer was provided to Robert Leroux; Town of Palmer Assessor without names, addresses only. Stephen Chiacchia did say he was thanked for providing this list.

Vacation time for part time district employees was discussed. This will be tabled until the next meeting until some research on this subject has been completed.

Old Business:

Code of Conduct submitted by Dave Basler was discussed. There is no penalty under anything in this Code of Conduct. Attorney General doesn't review unless there is a penalty which in turns seems to read as the AG will not need to approve the Code of Conduct. They do not review bylaws unless it imposes a penalty.

Basler states a possible missed posting of the bylaws. We may have used the wrong procedure on our bylaws back in October 2016. Czech plans to make contact with the appropriate people to clarify this. This will be revisited in the next months meeting.

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

None

Board Members Comments:

None

MOTION (CHACCHIA; CZECH): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Approved 2-0-0

Submitted by:

 Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved as to Form and Content:

 Norman Czech, Chairman

Date: _____