



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

Prudential Committee Minutes

Chairman Stephen Chiacchia called a meeting of the Prudential Committee to order at 6:32 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Chairman
Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman
Richard Pobiegló; Prudential Committee Clerk
Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary

Scott Turner; Three Rivers Fire Chief
Chris Connolly; Three Rivers Water Superintendent
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 October 13, 2021, Open Meeting.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CZECH): To approve the October 13, 2021, minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0

The Committee Agreed to Table the approval of October 26, 2021, minutes to the Open Meeting to enable more time for them to be reviewed.

Public Comment

District Clerk David Basler spoke to congratulate the four (4) firefighters that were recently certified as swift water rescue technicians.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: None but will be coming up very soon. Lorinda Baker will be in touch with Jessie Pobiegló.

Fitness Review Committee: None.

Report of the Treasurer

Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer read the Report of the Treasurer for October 2021.

Water Department:

- October 2021 revenue was \$ 2,250 higher than it was in 2020. Profit dropped \$1,800 as repairs and meter replacements were higher.
- YTD revenue is up \$ 31,596. Profit is up only \$1,641 as the early payment of Hampden County Retirement (\$25,348), higher repairs (\$11,074), and meter replacements (\$4,765) offset the revenue gains.

Fire Department:

- Nothing unusual to report for October.

District:

- Nothing unusual to report for October.

Note: The Water Department repaid \$50,000 of the balance due to the district.

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

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

Report of the Fire Chief

Fire Chief Scott Turner read the report of the Fire Chief for October 2021.

Calls & Activity

Operations Calls/Incidents:

- **emergency/non-emergency incidents:**
16 emergency incidents

Training:

EMS: Patient Care Reports, Spinal Immobilization, Patient Assessment.

Fire: Hydrant Drills, Ground Ladders, Deck Gun Operations, Hose Deployment, Hose Clamp Use, Dispatching.

Events:

- Pathfinder Dance – Provided Warming Fires

Fire Prevention:

- 7-Presale Home Inspections
- 1-Food Truck Inspection
- Annual Bar Inspections with Building Inspector
- Palmer/Monson Family Network Firetruck Wash and Fire Safety Program
- Learning Factory Fire Safety Program

Administration:

- Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association

Chairman Chiacchia asked a question on the Food Truck Inspections. If the food truck is going to be at an event in Three Rivers, it needs to be inspected in Three Rivers. If the event is in Palmer, then Palmer does the inspection. Each time an inspection happens it cost the food truck vendor money. Can inspections be coordinated so the vendor only pays for one inspection? Chief Turner will look into this for the Chairman.

District Clerk Pobiegló questioned the Fire Chief on the calls in the weekly fire log that goes to the Journal. Chief gets his report from a Reporting System. Follow-up inquiry on the Carbon Monoxide call from 10/11/21 was requested. Chief did obtain the report from the Police Department. The call came in at 16:32 but the Three Rivers Fire Department was not dispatched out until 16:44. The call was not dispatched out right away because when the call came in the homeowner stated that he felt it was probably a dead battery, so the call was listed as Priority 1 which is low priority. The arrival time at the Fire Station was 16:47, then at the home at 17:02. The entire incident lasted under 30 minutes according to Chief Turner. A short discussion took place about the call time leaving Pobiegló feeling there is a discrepancy and with his top concern being safety. Pobiegló asked if the crew can start working a 2nd or 3rd shift just so they are in town. Turner can look into 2nd shift, but 3rd shift is not doable because the station does not have sleeping quarters. Chief reiterates that the average response time during the 3rd shift, from dispatch to arrival is 5 minutes.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Fire Chief Scott Turner for October 2021. Approved 2-0-1

Report of the Water Superintendent

Water Superintendent Chris Connolly read his report of October 2021.

Status of water systems:

- Up to date with all monthly and quarterly samples.

New Water Department Business:

- 10/20 Tom Gregoire Excavations assisted TRWD with repairing a leaking service line on Ruggles Street
- 11/8 Tom Gregoire Excavations assisted TRWD with repairing a leaking service line at 2206 Main Street
- TRWD has completed our fall flushing programs, this will help with descaling water mains and removing sedimentation. They have also been going around to antifreeze the hydrants to be well prepared for the winter months.

WS Connolly spoke some of his budget and expenses on parts that needed replacing and primarily due to the continuing meter replacement project. Even with a higher budget Chris feels he should be able to stay within his budget.

Vice Chairman Czech asked Chris if he's had any correspondence with the DEP regarding the chlorine. Chris's response was he has not spoken to the DEP recently except about getting Well #1 up and going. We are still waiting on a couple of parts. Czech feels it would be good to be able to do away with the chlorine in the cold months.

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

New Business:

- Richard Pobiegló asked Fire Chief Turner for a list of the whole fire department roster to include names, address, and their attendance. Chief will email that list to Richard in the next few days.

Old Business:

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

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Board Members Comments:

- Richard Pobiegló had a comment on the way the last meeting (10/26/2021) was run. Richard felt himself, Michael Matthieu and Matthew Lemieux were set up. They were "shut-off" and not allowed to talk after being put on the fitness review committee. Michael Matthieu was told the committee had heard enough when he stood to speak. Richard feels the gentleman volunteered his time to look into thing but when he stood to speak, he was told to sit down. The feeling is it was poor judgement on running a meeting according to Pobiegló. Safety is the top priority and Pobiegló feels it is not going to be.
- Pobiegló asked Mr. Matthieu if he wanted to speak at this time but he refused. Chairman Chiacchia assured Mr. Matthieu that he did give him another opportunity to speak but he had to give other individuals a chance to speak this evening being that there were so many in attendance wanting to speak. Chiacchia apologized to Michael Matthieu if he was offended but that was the way the meeting was run. Chairman thanked all for attending this evening, it was a great meeting, and he will see us in 1 month. Congratulations to all the Veterans and Happy Veterans Day and everyone have a Happy Safe Thanksgiving.
- Michael Matthieu did ask if there is any way the announcement of the monthly Prudential Committee Meetings could be put in the Journal. Not the Agenda to the meeting, just the announcement that there will be a meeting. He feels that there are many residents that do not have computers to look this up on the Town of Palmer website. This will be looked into.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:06 p.m. Approved 3-0-0

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Stephen Chiacchia, Chairman

Date: _____

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