



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 6:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Chiacchia; Prudential Committee Chairman
Norman Czech; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman
Richard Pobieglo; Prudential Committee Clerk

Scott Turner; Three Rivers Fire Chief
Chris Connolly; Three Rivers Water Superintendent
Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer
David Basler; District Clerk

Absent from this evening's meeting was Recording Secretary; Sherrie Bellefleur. Chairman Steve Chiacchia is recording the meeting to enable completion of the minutes by Bellefleur.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the October 26, 2021, Open Meeting.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To approve the October 26, 2021, minutes to the Open Meeting. 3-0-0

The Committee Agreed to Table the approval of November 10, 2021 minutes from the Open Meeting to enable the committee to corroborate times noted in the Report of the Fire Chief.

Public Comment

Michael Matthieu asked Fire Chief Turner if he has been in contact with Granby Fire to set up training in their burn building. Bondsville Fire had been there 3 weeks ago according to Matthieu. Chief Turner has contact information but has not called them yet.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: None but will be coming up very soon.

Fitness Review Committee: None.

Report of the Treasurer

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

Water Department:

- November 2021 revenue was \$ 7,461 higher than it was in November of 2020.
- YTD revenue was \$ 39,057 higher than prior YTD.
- Net income YTD is \$68,975 which is \$1,511 higher than prior year.
- Water Department has spent \$9,390 more in meter replacements than in 2020.
- Meter replacements are also \$ 8,878 over budget.

Fire Department:

- Nothing unusual to report for October.

District:

- Nothing unusual to report for October.

Chairman expresses thanks for all the water meter replacements.

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

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

Report of the Fire Chief

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

Calls & Activity

Operations Calls/Incidents:

Emergency/non-emergency incidents:

15 emergency incidents

5 non-emergency public service (install detectors and/or batteries, install lock box for resident, assist resident remove flag from tree).

Training:

Department: Ground ladders, SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), water supply, hose line deployment, fire attack.

Duty Crew: Incident command, compressed natural gas, fire attack, ground ladders, PPE, chimney fires, data entry in Emergency Reporting software for Inspections and Code Enforcement, commercial building fires, Fire Prevention Officer – Basic, ongoing recruit training.

Events:

- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Parade for Palmer Girls Soccer.

Fire Prevention:

- 5-Presale Home Inspections

Administration:

- Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association

District Clerk Pobiegló questioned the Chief Turner on the procedure with the “red light”. Can an out-of-town firefighter use the light when coming to a fire in Three Rivers if they are still outside of Three Rivers? Chief states the permit for the “red light” is Massachusetts wide but he tells his crew to leave the light off until they get into Palmer. Pobiegló then asked about speeding. He went on to say that he was approached by a vehicle that came into his lane on Saturday December 4th at approximately 1:00 pm. What Pobiegló saw was the vehicle was riding the car in front of his back end and came out into Pobiegló’s lane. He described the vehicle as being a smaller pickup truck with the red lights on, also noted is the driver was an older gentlemen. Pobiegló asked Chief to please let the crew know when responding to a fire safety comes first.

A 2nd question was if Three Rivers was toned out three times for the same call. Chief was not aware of this happening.

3rd question was of all the crew that got paid the town rate can their attendance records be given to Pobiegló for the last 6 months. He is primarily looking for the in-town crew. Chief clarified that all in-town and out of town firefighters pay is of the same nature which is now hourly except for the Officers they are not paid hourly. Richard says he has been requesting this since October 13th, but Chief says what was asked for was the roster. Chairman Chiacchia added that any confidential information cannot be given out.

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

Report of the Water Superintendent

Water Superintendent Chris Connolly read his report of November 2021.

Status of water systems:

- Up to date with all monthly and quarterly samples.

New Water Department Business:

- Installation of the Well #1 chlorine injection system has been completed, currently awaiting clean samples and registration approval from DEP to place it back into operation.
- On 11/15 Karl Lagrant electric assisted in installing a new electrical service line at the Baptist Hill storage tanks. The previous electrical service was torn down when a tree took down the electrical pole it was mounted to. The new service line runs in an underground conduit and is protected from future storms.
- On 12/7 Ryan Toomey complete our second round of backflow test for the year.

Chairman Chiacchia asked Water Superintendent to talk more about the chlorine and if this will ever stop. Connolly says the chlorine will most like be ongoing indefinitely. In the future the question can be asked to the DEP if we can possibly only do the chlorination during the summer months or during emergencies, but as of right now until the whole new system is up and running this is not the time to ask to stop the process of chlorinating the water.

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

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

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

- None

Board Members Comments:

- Richard Pobieгло adds he feels everyone seems to be doing a good job.
- David Basler is almost finished with the Code of Conduct.

MOTION (CZECH; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 6:51 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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