



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  
Richard Pobieglo; Prudential Committee Vice Chairman  
Andrea Sullivan; Prudential Committee Clerk

Scott Turner; Three Rivers Fire Chief  
Lorinda Baker; Three Rivers District Treasurer  
Nicole Dewberry; Three Rivers Water Superintendent  
Sherrie Bellefleur; Three Rivers Recording Secretary

## **Roll Call**

Guy Bellefleur: Three Rivers District Clerk is not present at this evening's meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the November 2, 2022, Meeting.

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To approve the November 2, 2022, minutes to the Meeting. 3-0-0**

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the November 23, 2022, Executive Session.

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To approve the November 23, 2022, Executive Session. 3-0-0**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Report of the Treasurer**

Lorinda Baker: District Treasurer presented the Report of the Treasurer for November 2022. Also passed out for the record was the October 2022 report that was not yet available at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **Water Department:**

- Revenue for November was \$42,184 higher than the previous year. The timing of the October bills resulted in lower October and higher November revenues
- YTD revenue is \$28,023 below last year.
- November Engineering Expenses of \$11,153.75 were incurred on the Tanks Project. The bill was paid from the Engineering budget; however, a special District meeting will be necessary if grant funding is not secured soon.

## **Fire Department:**

- No unusual items for November.

## **District:**

- Insurance is \$3,609 over budget. Other areas are significantly under budget so far to offset the overage.

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To approve the report of the Treasurer for November 2022. Approved 3-0-0**

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To approve the Treasurers Warrant for November 2022. Approved 3-0-0**

### **Report of the Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Scott Turner has read his November 2022 Report of the Fire Chief.

### **Message from the Chief:**

Members continue improving the services this department provides to our community, through updated fire prevention programs and emergency response methodology.

### **Operations:**

- **Emergency Incident response:** The department was dispatched to 26 emergency incidents for the month. These incidents include 2 Fires, 11 Rescue & EMS incidents, 1 Service Calls, 6 Good Intent calls and 6 False Alarm & False Calls.
- **Service Calls:** 20. These calls include fire safety inspections, smoke & CO alarm installations, open burning regulations, assisting town agencies and fire safety code inquiries.

### **Apparatus and Equipment:**

- Car 2; 2005 Chevy Tahoe is out of service 8/27, Engine 2; 1995 KME is reserve 10/01, Rescue 1; 2001 American LaFrance is Out of Service 11/15, and all the rest is in service.

### **Fire Prevention:**

- 11 pre-sale home inspection.
- Annual Bar Inspections

### **Training:**

- Water Rescue
- Pump and Hydraulics

### **Events:**

- Veterans Day Ceremony

Vice Chairman Richard Pobiegló inquired with Chief Turner the procedure when the department shows up at an emergency call. The procedure according to Chief Turner is all dependent upon the call. If Three Rivers is responding to another agency call, then Three Rivers stays with the vehicle until instructions are given. Mr. Pobiegló is specifically speaking of 2 incidents, one being on Ruggles Street that was witnessed by Mr. Pobiegló himself with no fire personnel exiting the vehicle at all while the vehicle ran for a full hour. The incident is brought up only thinking in the lines of wasting money. Chief Turner assures Mr. Pobiegló he will look into this call.

The second incident Mr. Pobiegló states was the fire call a time ago involving Mr. Topor. This discussion already took place and resulted in Mr. Topor providing no evidence on this complaint. The best result on this incident is for Mr. Topor to attend a meeting so this can be resolved. Mr. Pobiegló will try and get Mr. Topor to attend the next meeting.

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Fire Chief Scott Turner for November 2022. Approved 3-0-0**

### **Report of the Water Superintendent**

Nicole Newberry presented the Report of the Water Superintendent for November 2022.

### **Status of water systems:**

- Rich and Mac did tasks while Ms. Dewberry was away consisting of repairing a wooden fence at the pump station to making sure there was not any standing water in the pits at the tanks or the pit at well #3. They vacuumed the trucks and did a few other things to wrap up the warm season.
- Hydrant flushing is complete for the fall.
- Ms. Dewberry attended the town's community development meeting.
- Ms. Dewberry and Mack attended a leak detection class given by the Mass Rural Water Association.
- Ms. Dewberry attended an online Zoom course for customer affordability, given by the Mass Water Works Association. Last year we had one resident who applied and qualified. It seems from the meeting that there is enough federal money remaining that they'll likely continue the program for another year.

- In reference to the customer affordability program there can be information included in the next round of bills if obtained in time before the billing goes out. Also included could be information about an app that will give customers the opportunity to complete a water service line inventory in their homes. Within the next 2 years we will be required by the EPA and DEP to document several pieces of information about all the service lines in our distribution system. If customers provide information through that app, then it should help us to save on time since it will be quite a large project for our small staff to visit each home. Ms. Dewberry requested possible purchase of a laptop or more so a tablet that can be used to take a photo when going into the house.

**Update on Tank Project:**

- DEP’s deadline for themselves to issue project approval certificates to applicants such as us for State Revolving Fund Projects is December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Engineer bill has been paid.

**Thorndike Water:**

- Revise their water purchase agreement? Trying to set up a meeting with Thorndike but so far there has been no response back to Chairman Norman Czech. This is still a work in progress.

**Annual Wage Review:**

- Reviewing wage rates will be discussed at the January 2023 meeting.

A letter was discussed that came from Jerry Skowronek about his water bill and the increase he received. This property is a duplex with one water meter. Mary Ann Duguay sent a response to Mr. Skowronek with a copy of our billing rates.

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To accept the report of the Water Superintendent for November 2022. Approved. 3-0-0**

**Board Members Comments:**

None

**New Business:**

- **Cell Tower Project**
  - Nicole Dewberry called on the insurance and was able to clear that up. There will be no increase, but Chairman Czech did say if the contract can be reworded the way Ms. Dewberry would like then she can move forward, but also maybe his attendance at the January 2023 meeting would be beneficial. A copy of the contract would need to be reviewed by the board, but he should also come to the next monthly meeting.

**Old Business:**

None

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

Andrea Sullivan with Nicole went back to the meeting discussed earlier with the Development Block Grant, saying she likes Ms. Dewberry’s idea about relocating the water fill from Chudy’s to the Kmart property.

**MOTION (SULLIVAN; POBIEGLO): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:14 pm. Approved 3-0-0**

Submitted by:

Approved as to Form and Content:

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Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

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Norman Czech, Chairman

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