



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
Richard Pobiegló; Prudential Committee Clerk

Christopher Connolly; Water Superintendent
Scott Turner; Fire Chief
David Basler; District Clerk
Sherrie Bellefleur; District Recording Secretary

Absent from tonight's meeting was Lorinda Baker; District Treasurer.
Stephen Chiacchia; Vice Chairman was in attendance but late in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the November 13, 2019 Open Meeting.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CZECH): To approve the November 13, 2019 minutes to the Open Meeting. 2-0-0

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

None

Report of the Fire Chief

Three Rivers Fire Chief Scott Turner presented his report.

Calls and Activity for the month of November 2019:

Operations Calls/Incidents:

- **13 incidents:** 1- Fires; 3 Rescue & EMS; 1 Hazardous Condition (no fire); 3 Service call; 2 Good Intent Call; 3 False alarm & false call.

Training:

- **Department:** Engine Company Operations; Rope Rescue and Driver Training.
- **Duty Crew:** Dispatch; Driver Training, and Saws.

Events:

- A.L.I.C.E. Drill at Palmer High School.

Fire Prevention:

- 3 Pre-sale home inspections.
- 1 Furnace inspection.

Administration:

- Meetings: Western MA Fire Chiefs, reorganization meetings with officer candidates.

Chairman inquired about the brakes on Engine 1. Chief reported that it turned out to be bearings and not the brakes. The bearings were replaced and now Engine 1 is back in service. The Engine had been in already for front in work and the bearing issue was not noticed. Chief is not using this company any longer and plans to use another that will have a preventative maintenance plan scheduled on a regular basis called On Scene LLC out of Rhode Island.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CZECH): To accept the report of the Fire Chief as read by the Fire Chief Scott Turner. 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:

- A letter was received from Bondsville and Three Rivers Water Department has prepared a first draft of the Bondsville inter-district water purchase agreement.
- Currently seeking the aid of a municipal attorney to review the agreement. Pobieglo has been given the name of an attorney that already does a lot of work for the City of Springfield. He will bring the name to the committee to discuss.

District Records Overflow:

- An archive has been created to back up all the files. Files to keep are on the computer and on a portable hard drive. Documents that are past the point of keeping have already been taken care of with ProShred.

New Water Department Business:

- 11/18/19 Bob Parrot of New England Instrumentation came to the Three Rivers Water Department to calibrate the master flow meters located in the pump station.
- 12/9/2019 Toomey Water Services completed the 2nd round of backflow testing for the year.
- TRWD has put in a request for a quote on a rate study with Mark Abrahams from the Mark Abrahams Group. Mark has provided a letter of proposed work that is available for review. The price given was \$8,000 which seems very steep. Chairman asked if Chris feels we need to go up on the rates so soon after just increasing the rates. Chris feels if were going to finance the Capital Improvement plan, we may need to go up at least within the next decade.
- Chris put together a rough draft of the new budgets for next year and handed that over to the committee to review. One item included was electric for \$48,000 that was discussed briefly.

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

New Business:

Letter from Bondsville is new business but talked about under the Report of the Water Superintendent.

Old Business:

Vice Chairman Chiacchia is now in attendance. The board brought him up to date with what he's missed in this evenings meeting then the Code of Conduct prepared by Dave Basler was distributed for signatures by the committee.

MOTION (CHIACCHIA; POBIEGLO) Adopt the Code of Conduct for the Three Rivers Water & Fire Prudential Committee submitted by District Clerk David Basler. 3-0-0

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

Pobieglo would like to discuss an item possibly in executive session or just at the next monthly meeting. After a short discussion of how exactly to handle approaching the concerns Pobieglo has, it was determined that he would meet one on one with the Chief Turner to discuss and possibly work out a plan.

Board Members Comments:

Chiacchia did announce that the Finance Committee will have to hold a meeting which means all department heads will need to continue to put their budget together.

MOTION (POBIEGLO; CHIACCHIA): To adjourn from the Open Meeting at 7:03 p.m. Approved 3-0-0

Submitted by:

Sherrie Bellefleur, District Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved as to Form and Content:

Norman Czech, Chairman

Date: _____