

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE



TURNERS FALLS FIRE DISTRICT

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Prudential and Water Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Jan 3, 2024

Time of Meeting: 5 PM

Location: Turners Falls Fire Department
226 Millers Falls Road
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Present at meeting:

Kenneth McCance, Prudential Committee Chair
Leon Ambo, Prudential Committee
Todd Brunelle, Fire Chief
Eduard Bublik, District Accountant
Bruce Merriam, Water Commissioner, Chair
Ed Pelis, Water Commissioner
Jeffrey Hildreth, Water Superintendent
Suzanne Leh, Water Clerk

Water Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The Water Commissioners meeting of the Turners Falls Fire District (TFFD) was called to order at 5 PM on January 3, 2024 at the Turners Falls, District Office.

A. Review and Acceptance of prior minutes: The Minutes from 12/6/23 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Water Superintendent Report:

Water Treated:

Dec: 14.8 Million Gallons

Consumption:

Dec: 520,000 Gallons/day

1. The Montague Center interconnections were reactivated on December 8th but were shut off on January 2nd. They consumed 52,000 gallons.
2. Backflow testing has been completed.
3. The hydrant meter for the Farren Demo has been returned, and approximately 1 million gallons were utilized.
4. On December 16th, there was an accident on Turners Falls Rd. The vehicle landed on a water main, damaging the insulation and tie rod. This issue was promptly fixed and covered by the driver's insurance company.
5. We have a new water customer on Turners Falls Rd who will be connecting to our water system.
6. Austin Felix has been enrolled in his D1 training.
7. Gage Garcia will start on Monday, January 8th. His starting salary has been set at \$22 per hour.

Water Clerk Report:

The billed late charges totaled \$5240
90% of all water bills have been collected

Accountant Report:

Accounts Payable Expenses for the month of December:

Water Dept: \$18,531

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Accountant Report:

Coastal Billing: Total Dec receipts \$17,140

Accounts Payable Expenses for the month of December:

Fire Dept: \$6,554

Water Dept: \$18,531

General Gov't: \$80,789

Chiefs Report:

1. Total Runs December =117

Fire = 27

EMS = 90

Transports = 33

Mutual Aid = 3 Given 1 Received

Overlapping Calls = 20 (17.09%)

2. Fire prevention

Inspection fees collected \$1100.00

3 - 26F Smoke/Co inspections

2 - Inspections of new oil tank installations

15 Liquor license Inspections

3 - Fire Life safety inspections on commercial properties

3 - Assisted residents with installation of smoke/co detectors

3. Training – Special Recognition-Capt. Dana completed an Elevator response binder documenting buildings with elevators, their type and lock out tag out locations. This will assist response crews during elevator emergency/response calls

4. Child Passenger Safety Seat program: 5 car seat installs and checks. Certification in good standing for 2 years. A total of 6 car seat installations and inspections occurred throughout November.

5. **EMS:** Completed 117 CQ Inspections on EMS incident reports. Began transition to new EMS reporting software as required by MA.

Our new ambulance is still in the production phase.

One of the fire engines has a fuel leak, and it is currently being examined.

The fire department is still seeking one more hire. There are two promising applications under consideration. We will be posting another advertisement to attract more applicants.

Prudential committee Report

Montague Center currently holds approximately \$5000 in outstanding bills payable to us for our ambulance service. The Prudential Committee is presently engaged in negotiations with Montague Center to finalize an agreement regarding these outstanding payments and future billing.

A letter was sent to Town Hall by Sam Lovejoy, a Prudential Committee Member of Montague Center, regarding the Emergency Service Zone Plan. The letter addressed the consolidation of the Emergency Service Zone Plan between The Turners Falls Fire District and Montague Center, which would entail our obligation to provide service to Montague Center.

This initiative aims to ensure that we can be compensated for unreimbursed costs incurred from providing services outside our district. There is a state grant to conduct an assessment involving two parties to review concerns and find resolutions between us as an independent service provider and parties outside our district.

Next meeting will be scheduled for Feb 7th 2024.

Agenda for next meeting

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of last District meeting minutes
- 3) Old Business
- 4) Department report – Fire/Water
- 5) Accountant report
- 6) New Business
- 7) Adjournment

F. Meeting Adjourned at: 5:54 PM

G. Meeting Minutes submitted by: Eduard Bublik, District Accountant