



WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, 31 January, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present

<i>Chairman John Humble</i>	<i>WCS Mays III</i>
<i>Robert Hevey</i>	<i>Glenn Underwood</i>
<i>Richard Holt</i>	<i>Chief Quattrini</i>
<i>Robert Guastini</i>	<i>Deputy Chief Guastini</i>
Members Excused	<i>Cheryl Wilcox</i>
<i>Jonathan Farnum</i>	<i>David D'Agastino</i>

- 1. *Call to Order and Attendance*** – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 2. *Confirmation of required meeting posting and quorum*** – The Chairman confirmed that a quorum is present and the meeting was posted in all required locations.
- 3. *Gorham & Gorham, Inc. proposal review*** – David D'Agastino of Gorham & Gorham explains that his firm represents several fire departments and municipalities in labor matters. They have a practical approach to legal problems. They offer a competitive rate and are accessible and involved in the community. They offer a flat rate of \$450 per month except in litigation. They can be available for regular monthly meetings. He states that attorneys share information and can have access to archived files if needed, typically transitions are seamless. Attorney D'Agostino will be the principal attorney but other attorneys from the firm can fill in if needed. He and the firm have experience in writing and rewriting Charters and By-laws.
- 4. *Continuation of 2013-2014 budget preparation*** – the electric bill at the pump house is discussed. The Chief will investigate to see if it is running correctly. There is discussion of the hourly rate for day and night staff. The Chairman suggests the same rate of pay for night staff as daytime fill ins. Mr. Mays and Mr. Underwood are not in favor of pay decrease. If given the choice of one other weekend fill in, the Chief chooses to add to Saturday. Members agree that revenue from taxes isn't expected to increase.

Radio Maintenance Fund change from \$1,250 to \$2,500

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Legal from \$7,000 to \$5,000

Hose test \$2,200

Interest on delinquent taxes \$11,000

Interest \$250

Smoke Detectors \$1,000

Blue Prints \$50

911 Signs \$250

Surplus applied \$9,000

Tax rate is 1.42 now, to 1.48.

5. *New Business – n/a*

6. *Open Forum – n/a*

7. *Schedule next meeting* – the next meeting will be held on February 13, 2013.

8. *Adjournment* – a motion is made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Hevey to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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