

# WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2013 – 7:00 pm, Summit Station

1110 Victory Highway, Greene, RI

## MINUTES

### Members Present

Board of Directors: Chairman John Humble, Robert Hevey, Richard Holt, Jonathan Farnum, Robert Guastini

District Officials: Moderator WCS Mays, III, Treasurer Glenn Underwood, Tax Collector Joan Smith, Clerk Cheryl Wilcox, Chief Quattrinni

Senator Nicholas Kettle, Representative Chippendale

**Call to Order: Moderator, WCS Mays III** – the Moderator called the meeting to order. The Tax Collector states there are 65 voters present. The Moderator states that there is a quorum present. The Moderator reviews Emergency Evacuation Procedure.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Boy Scout Troop 39

**Invocation:** Reverend Robert Auld, Summit Baptist Church

**Call to Meeting: District Clerk, Cheryl Wilcox** - A motion is made by Chuck Smith, 203 Weaver Hill Road to waive the reading of the call to meeting. Motion seconded by John Koszela, Jr, 1315 Victory Highway, Greene. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Stenographic Report on file with District Clerk – a motion is made by Randy Crowe, seconded by Nicholas Gorham, 7042 Flat River Road to dispense the reading of the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting. 1 negative vote. 64 voted aye. Motion carried.

**Reports:** District Treasurer's Report, Glenn Underwood; District Tax Collector's, Joan Smith; Board of Director's Report, Chairman, John Humble; Chief's Report, Chief Steven Quattrinni; Charter/By-Laws Committee; Chairman Robert Hevey. A motion is made by Robert Mann, 5150 Flat River Road and seconded by Chuck Smith, 203 Weaver Hill Road to accept all reports as printed. Discussion: Kent Novak, 246 Camp Westwood Road questions the sale of 4" hose in the Treasurers Report. Sean Doyle, 411 Carr's Trail questions if discussion should be limited to accepting reports as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**District's Counsel's Comments:** J. William W. Harsch, Esq. -

**Old Business:** None

**New Business: Resolutions including the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (3/1/13-2/28/14)**  
**Motion made by John Humble and seconded by Nicholas Gorham to pass RESOLUTION 1:** That all actions taken by the Officers and Board of Directors of the Western Coventry Fire District during the fiscal year ending February 28, 2013 be ratified. 64 aye. 1 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by John Humble and seconded by Chuck Smith to pass **RESOLUTION 2:** To enter into a three year, \$250,000 lease-to-own purchase agreement requiring three equal payments from Rescue Recovery Funds for a rescue vehicle with the first payment due upon receipt of the vehicle. 63 aye. 2 nay. Motion carried.

**Motion made by John Humble and seconded by Chuck Smith RESOLUTION 3:** To purchase Rescue Supplies in direct support of EMS operations for the rescue vehicle (\$6,500), Heart Monitor Annual Maintenance (\$1,500), Lucas CPR Machine Annual Certification (\$1,550), a Chain Saw (\$500), 3 Portable Radios (\$2,574), and a Command Vehicle (\$12,000) for a total of \$24,624 of Rescue Recovery Funds. 63 aye. 2 nay. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Glenn Underwood and seconded by Nicholas Gorham RESOLUTION 4:** To provide funds from the Rescue Recovery Fund for the purpose of repairing the Summit Station fire suppression sprinkler system for an amount not to exceed \$2,000. 63 aye. 2 nay. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Glenn Underwood and seconded by Michael Collins RESOLUTION 5:** That a Western Coventry Fire District operating budget of \$556,482.13 be adopted for fiscal year March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014. 63 aye. 2 nay. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Robert Hevey and seconded by Earl Randall RESOLUTION 6:** That the revised WCFD By-Laws be adopted. Discussion: question of Mission Statement within the By-laws and description of fiscal year. Motion to move the questions by Mr. Farnum and seconded by Mr. Guastini. 64 aye. 1 nay. Motion carried. Vote on original motion for Resolution #6, 62 aye. 3 oppose.

*Election of Officers: Moderator, WCS Mays III - Moderator, Treasurer, Tax Collector & Clerk-Four (4) positions each having terms dictated by the WCFD By-Laws are open with one (1) candidate applying for each position. Therefore, these four candidates are unopposed. Board of Directors – Two (2) Board of Director positions each having a term dictated by the WCFD By-Laws are open with two (2) candidates applying. Therefore, these two candidates are unopposed.*

A motion is made by Earl Randall and seconded by Nicholas Gorham for the Clerk to case a single ballot for election of officers. 64 aye. 1 nay. Motion carried.

*Oath: District Officials and Department Members administered by Senator Kettle and/or Representative Chippendale* – pinning of Department Members was waived due to the fact that they were out on a call.

*Adjournment* – a motion is made by Michael Collins, seconded by Sean Doyle to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.