

## **Minutes**

**Coventry Fire District**

**Board of Engineers Meeting**

**October 23, 2005**

**Chief Stanley Mruk convened meeting at 10:10 a.m.**

**Clerk took roll call. Present were Chief S.J. Mruk, 1st Assist. Chief Joseph Hartman and 2nd Assist. Chief Robert Warren. Also in attendance were some taxpayers and firefighters.**

**Chief Mruk reviewed the minutes of the previous session and commented on tax rates and town valuations of taxable property. He plans to check with the East Greenwich Fire District on the state 5% limits.**

**2nd Assist. Chief r. Warren reported on 100% cotton uniform prices. He is still seeking quick reports on price quotes. Robert Carlow suggested he has discussion with the Union concerns on the uniforms.**

**Mr. Keith Calci questioned the uniform pricing and if bids were sought. Mr. Gary Cote adds to the idea and may save some money. Chief Mruk explained the process.**

### **Budget-Expenditures-Equipment**

**Mr. K. Calci suggested a bid process with purchases over \$5,000. Mr. R. Carlow questioned oil bid prices. Mr. G. Cote suggested the use of local taxpayer vendors to match the low prices. Chief Mruk will work on the issue with the Board Members.**

**Chief Mruk reviewed budget figures and is still awaiting final monetary figures. Taxes collected as of Set. 16th, 2005 were \$ 1,272,255. Uncollected taxes amount to \$359,647.**

**2nd Assist. Chief Warren discussed issues on taxes and equipment. Chief Mruk spoke on equipment upgrading.**

**Mr. G. Cote spoke on performance of firefighters and modern fire fighting practices. He spoke of grant possibilities on some items.**

**Chief Mruk, Board members and attendees spoke at length the air-pak concerns of changing to smaller sizes. Capt. L. St. Jean will lead the trading of some units with other departments.**

**There was a long discussion on legal fees and labor contracts.**

**Mr. G. Cote expressed his opinion on legal fees and solutions. He suggested placing questions on Union contract settlements with all three-district sectors and resolve issues without legal costs. Chief Mruk explained the position he must take. He will take the above matter under advisement.**

**Storm pumping was discussed. Staffing during the storm was also discussed. There were 45 water emergencies.**

**Mr. K. Calci expressed displeasure of storm operations.**

**Chief Mruk related on the work that was done.**

### **Personnel Status**

**Mr. G. cote expressed his thought on negotiations of settlement by all sectors and having respect by all.**

**Chief Mruk reported on the need for a Fire Marshall and Inspector. He has a qualified person but he is unable to take the position because of labor matters.**

**Robert Carlow requested a copy of Personnel Insurance Coverage. Chief Mruk will deliver the copy.**

**Mr. G. Cote questioned why the Station is locked up and no one visibly present at times. 2nd Assist. Chief Warren explained the reasons and solutions.**

**Chief Mruk adjourned the session 12:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**John Golomb, Clerk**