

Minutes

Coventry Fire District

Board of Engineers with District Officers & Planning and Advisory Committee

March 6th, 2006

6:30 p.m.

Ch. Mruk opened meeting at 6:35 p.m. there were 13 members present.

Previous meeting minutes were read by clerk John Golomb.

Mr. Gary Cote motions accept minutes as read, seconded by Mr. Dominic Terraciano and motions passes unanimously.

Ch. Mruk informs the body of the committee on fire department alarm procedures and matters, and the SOP's to date, along with emergency response. Dep. Ch. R. Warren informs on work done by the committee and having a card directing system.

Mr. Cote questioned some aspects of the work. Mr. Terraciano inquired on information of the work. Ms. H. Murphy inquired on insurance coverage for the safety guide lines. Ch. Mruk and Dep. Ch. Warren answered all questions.

Ch. Mruk reported that the new UHF broadcast system will be on line according to the time table. A new repeater is now installed in the station. Portables will be available.

Mr. Cote discussed Federal Grants available for the above systems.

Ch. Mruk reported that the CFD tower will be used in the system. Mr. Terraciano inquired about the cost of the above. Ch. Mruk estimated the cost at between ten and twelve thousand dollars and is anticipating help from the Federal Grants.

Ch. Mruk stated that we will have the radio equipment in time, He also reported on Tax Collections being good.

Ch. Mruk reported being behind in district inspections. There are 4 places that need updating. The State Fire Marshall will assist the district with no cost to the district. A café applied for an extension before the Board of Appeals.

Ch. Mruk reported on smoke detector inspections which produced \$5,000. in income.

Ch. Mruk reported on the heavy sick leave within the district and requested input from members on their thoughts.

Mr. Gary Cote and Mr. D. Terraciano expressed their felling on the usage of the sick leaves. Other members also related on various sick leave times given in other places. In conclusion, 9 days per year was suggested as a fair offer.

Special District Meeting Discussion

Ch Mruk reported on his inquiry with the R.I. Attorney General's office on the petition for the special meeting. His answer was to seek legal advice.

Mr. Gary Cote suggested to seek an advisory opinion from the State Board of Ethics. Ch. Mruk to submit same.

Dep. Ch. R. Warren questioned the ramifications on the meeting call. Ch. Mruk states that the charter and by-laws do not state such action.

Mr. Gary Cote pointed out that the by-laws require a 2/3 majority vote is needed to change the by-laws.

Ch. Mruk stated that the special meeting will be called after the answer from the State Board of Ethics is received.

Mr. Gary Cote motions to adjourn the meeting.

Scinded by Ms. Joanne Leroux and motion to adjourn passes unanimously at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Golomb, Clerk