

**January 31, 2007**

**Annual meeting of Anthony fire district board of directors**

**Board members Attendance:**

**Gary Cote**

**Edward Webster**

**Pat Lohrer Lefebvre**

**Domenic Terracciano**

**Shirley Matthews**

**Clerk:**

**Antonio Neves**

**7:05pm meeting started**

**7:07pm Cote: Agenda item #1, open to public.**

**Audience: Does interim chief Beckman work Monday thru Friday?**

**Cote: The chief works 5 days a week with no set schedule as per the employment agreement issued to the chief. Chief was given grace not to work a regular schedule as long as he was available for 5 days and 5 nights.**

**Board and audience: discussion on fire chief's schedule and amount of pay.**

**Audience: is there a liability issue if the chief gets hurt in Cranston?**

**Board members: the district has no liability if the chief gets hurt on**

**call at Cranston.**

**Terracciano: is there an issue with chief Beckman's performance?**

**Audience: Majority no.**

**Lefebvre: the liability issue has been resolved and terms for hiring a new chief have been established.**

**Audience: what is the status of the bylaw and charter committee?**

**Cote: it was advertised and we have five names.**

**Lefebvre: the advertisement for the bylaw and charter committee have been advertised in the three local papers and we need to wait a few weeks to see how many people will apply.**

**Audience: open application?**

**Cote: still open, wait a few weeks, more people makes more boards.**

**Audience: what about a merger?**

**Board members: no formal discussions about merging, only informal**

**Audience: How did merger come up?**

**Board members: At the tax payers request.**

**Cote: At some point merger will be looked into.**

**Terracciano: we will wait and see if the merger will be good or bad for the district as time progresses.**

**Cote: we as a board are willing to look at anything presented to the board that will be good for the entire district; vote will be needed from the tax payers for merger.**

**Audience: we need to fix this district first.**

**Board members: agreed**

**7:39pm Cote: chair will accept motion for executive session under RI**

**Gen. Laws Chapter 134 Section 42-46-5 (a)- (1); subsection 42-46-4.**

**for personnel issues**

**Webster: motion to move to executive session**

**Terracciano: second**

**Cote: all in favor?**

**Board members: yes unanimously**

**7:40pm-7:59pm Break**

**8:01pm-10:45pm executive session regarding personnel matters and setting next week meeting for February 7, 2007**

**10:55pm Cote: return to public meeting**

**Cote: motion to close minutes of executive meeting**

**Ed: motion to closes minutes of executive meeting**

**Matthews: seconds**

**Cote: all in favor?**

**Board members: yes unanimously**

**11:00pm Cote: announces that the board has hired Attorney Arthur Capaldy as the legal representation for the board of directors.**