

February 7, 2007

Annual meeting of Anthony fire district board of directors

Board members Attendance:

Gary Cote

Edward Webster

Pat Lohrer Lefebvre

Shirley Matthews

Clerk:

Antonio Neves

7:10pm meeting started

Gary Cote: Before opening the meeting for public discussion, the Board will not discuss Chief Beckman or the merger, the Board will entertain any ideas from the audience that will help the district.

7:14pm Edward Webster: We need to move forward and forget about the past.

Shirley Matthews: Agree

7:15pm Gary Cote: agenda item #2 public comment and discussion.

Robert Carlow: the firefighters would like permission from the board members to hang awards received from the boot drive in the day room.

Gary Cote, Edward Webster, Pat Lohrer Lefebvre, Shirley Matthews agree to let the fire fighters hang the awards in the day room and applaud the firefighters for the good work.

Gary Cote: asked the firefighters if the Board can join them in the boot drive.

Robert Carlow: sure.

7:20pm Gary Cote: update tax exempt status per Pat Lohrer Lefebvre

Pat Lohrer Lefebvre: I've done research with other fire departments and the town on exemptions, at the age of 65 the tax payer gets 8,000 off the tax rate and a tax freeze, for disability the same rate as the elderly applied you will need a letter from the doctor stating that you are fully disabled.

Gary Cote: Can you please research more

Pat Lohrer Lefebvre: how will we discuss this?

Gary Cote: when you have done the research present to the board a plan for discussion, meet with the tax assessor and tax planner. The person requesting the tax exemption will have to provide more proof for consideration. The board will attend a meeting, informally with Hopkins hill, to see how they run there district for ideas and see how they may apply to our district.

7:31pm Cote: chair will accept motion for executive session under RI Gen. Laws Chapter 134 Section 42-46-5 (a)- (1); for personnel issues pursuant under RI Gen. Laws Chapter 134 Section 42-46-5 (a)- (2); collective bargaining/ litigation

Edward Webster: motion to move to executive session

Gary Cote: second

Shirley Matthews: second

Cote: all in favor?

Board members: aye

Audience: What's the status on the rental property?

Gary Cote: one of the tenants is currently being evicted and one tenant will pay the balance owed to the district and would like advance notice to move

Audience: How do we add to the agenda?

Gary Cote: 8:00pm Sunday night before the meeting

Audience: Written copies of the exceptions?

Gary Cote: Written copies for the elderly exception can be provided by the secretary as for the disability exception was done on a case by case basis and we as the board are currently working on it.

7:37pm-7:52pm Break

7:54pm -1010pm executive session regarding personnel matters and collective bargaining and litigation. Board members held a vote to have Attorney Arthur Capaldi and Gary Cote represent the board in arbitration with the firefighter union. Board members also held a vote to have Attorney Arthur Capaldi extend the date of arbitration meeting.

10:15pm Gary Cote: return to public meeting

Gary Cote: motion to seal minutes of executive meeting

Edward Webster: motion to closes minutes of executive meeting

Shirley Matthews: seconds

Gary Cote: all in favor?

Gary Cote: yes

Edward Webster: yes

Shirley Matthews: yes

10:00pm Gary Cote: motion to adjourn meeting

Webster: second

Shirley Matthews: seconds

Gary Cote: all in favor?

Gary Cote: yes

Edward Webster: yes

Shirley Matthews: yes