

**Coventry Fire District  
AFD Board of Directors**

**September 12, 2007**

**Meeting of the Coventry Fire District board of directors**

**Board members in attendance**

**Gary Cote, Edward Webster, Pat Lefebvre, Shirley Matthews, Domenic Terracciano**

**Clerk:**

**Keith Calci**

**Minutes of the meeting:**

**7:20 Meeting Started**

**1. Board of Directors update & discussion**

**Mr. Cote read a letter of thanks from the Hopkins Hill fire district for the respect paid to their fallen firefighter Americo Depatrillo.**

**Mr. Cote read a letter send from Local 3240 to all board members requesting a meeting with the district board and the union reps, the union stated a meeting was requested in writing several weeks ago but the request had gone unanswered.**

**Mr. Cote read a letter addressed to the district board from Nicholas Romeo in regards to missing equipment at the Mapledale school storage building. Mr. Cote stated in agreement between Mr. Romeo**

and himself they decided to table the issue until next meeting, giving the board a chance to digest the information.

Mr. Cote read the Tax collectors report, collections to date - \$1,380,491.34, money in the tax collection bank account - \$15,602.06

Mr. Cote read defibulator account - \$ 1,650.00

Mr. Cote read the treasurers report as of 8/31/07, Income \$ 1,586,356.96, Expenses \$ 1,574,089.76. Current funds available as of 9/10/07 \$92,346.61, bills due \$32,120, pension payments due \$28,078,00, balance of \$ 32,147.72 not including accounting for payroll.

A question from the floor about what support services was in the budget, Mr. Cote explained that from it such things as the arbitrators fees, a financial consultant and such items.

Mr. Cote stated Masters & Servants LTD accident and illness insurance went up from \$ 36,000 to \$ 87,000. With the persistent work of Charlotte Carrageen the district was able to get the amount knocked down to \$ 57,000.

Mr. Terracciano spoke about the meeting they had with the committee form to create job requirements for the Chief position, he stated they were progressing very well and should be able finish up with one more meeting and have a complete list of requirements for the board very soon.

Mr. Cote spoke of a sewer assessment bill the district received. Mr. Webster will check on this because the district should be exempt from this fee.

Mrs. Matthews suggested we should put the fuel oil out to bid. After

discussion Mr. Cote made a motion to place an ad for fuel oil bid, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Lefebvre, Mr. Terracciano were all in favor.

Mrs. Matthews questioned if we have a log book for the trucks being fueled up. Chief Warren explained that there is and the trucks are fueled when they are between 3/4 and 1/2 tank.

## **2. Acting Lt. Romeo letter & discussion**

This was addressed during Section 1 of the meeting after the letter was read

## **3. Public comment**

Mr. Webster asked if the commercial property owners are allowed to vote. Chief Warren explained that only if they live within the district, they have to be taxable inhabitants.

Question from floor about the break in and investigation about the Mapledale school needing to be brought into executive session. Mr. Cote explained that is part of the reason to delay the discussion on the matter, he will find out.

Mr. Budziak asked how much is charged to get your car washed. He stated he saw firefighters washing their cars and parking in no parking areas. Chief Warren explained that he lets firefighters work on personal vehicles after all station work is done, and he will take care of the parking issue. Chief Warren stated there has never been a problem getting the truck out the door because of someone parking in front of a bay door. Mrs. Lefebvre stated at the next meeting she

would like to have a resolution to the issue.

Firefighter Richard Gamlin spoke about the fact that firefighters have done so much other work outside their job description that would otherwise have cost the department money if they hired someone, this far outweighs the cost of a few gallons of water.

Capt. St.Jean asked about there has been any research done on switching rescue recovery companies to be able to generate more income. Mr. Cote stated we are looking into it but have not yet changed companies. Mr. Cote asked Mrs. Leroux to get back in touch with Comstar.

Mrs. Matthews stated VFIS would like to come back and review the department.

**4. Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a) - Personnel also pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2 & 42-46-9 Collective Bargaining Exception & Grievance.**

**5. Mr. Cote makes a motion convene executive session per Section 3 above, Mr. Webster seconds the motion, Mrs. Lefebvre, Mr. Terracciano, Mrs. Matthews were all in favor.**

**Executive session @ 8:20 pm.**

**6. Adjourn Executive session, return to open meeting @ 10:15 pm.**

Mr. Cote stated during executive session the board voted to send firefighter Carlow for a MRI of his knee for further evaluation.

## **7 . Adjourn open meeting**

**Mr. Webster makes a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Terracciano, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Lefebvre, Mr. Cote were all in favor.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 pm.**

**Submitted,**

**Keith Calci**

**Clerk, Board of Directors**