

# **Coventry Fire District/AFD Board of Directors**

**May 14, 2008**

**Meeting of the Coventry Fire District Board of Directors**

**571 Washington Street, Coventry, RI 02816**

**Board Members in attendance**

**Gary Cote, Patricia Lefebvre, Shirley Matthews, Ed Webster, TJ Matola**

**Clerk Keith Calci was not present. Pat Lefebvre took the minutes in Mr. Calci's absence.**

**Minutes of the Meeting:**

**7:30 pm meeting started**

## **1.Board of Directors Update and Discussion**

**Gary Cote-Chief Labaddia was sworn in on Saturday, May 3rd. The chief's family was present for the ceremony. Pins were given to the firefighters for their respective years of service. Professional pictures were taken by Attorney Capaldi's daughter and those pictures will be donated to the station.**

**Gary Cote-The tax collector's report for collections to date was \$1,559,501.11. Collections for the first two quarters were approximately \$984,000. The third quarter collection is due July 31, 2008. Balance in the Coventry Credit Union is \$201, 576.15.**

**Gary Cote-The treasurer's report as of 4/30/08 is available online for all to review.**

**Gary Cote-Regarding the sale of the house next door, the prior interested party was able to legally get out of the contract. Julie Liddy (sp?) of the Coventry Housing Authority is trying to secure funding from the federal agency in order to buy the house. Ms. Liddy will be meeting with Attorney Arthur Capaldi to draft a sales agreement. Gary has been told that we should have more definitive information by June 1, 2008.**

**Shirley-Makes a motion that the monthly board meetings for July and August be cancelled and meetings resume second Wednesday of September. Seconded by Pat Lefebvre. All in favor.**

## **2. Chief's Report**

**Chief Labbadia- a. All chemicals at Clariant and school will be removed by EPA/DEM at no cost to the district. The chief was told that the chemicals fortunately are not extremely**

**hazardous.**

**b. The truck was painted and it looks terrific. Lettering on the truck identifies the station and also reads “Fire Marshall”. The truck will be used for details.**

**c. Until the house next door is sold, the chief will be using it for training.**

**d. The yellow ladder truck fortunately passed its yearly inspection. Chief alerted the board that any repairs on the yellow ladder truck would be costly and spoke of the possible need for a replacement.**

**e. Sixteen buildings need to switch over their boxes to radio. It will happen over the next six months.**

**f. Impact fee for new construction could be a source of revenue. Gary Cote noted that we would use the town’s valuation to determine the fee. Gary also said that other towns have a fee that is ten percent of what the town charges. ACTION: TJ Matola will inquire into the language that East Greenwich uses regarding impact fees.**

**g. Among the chief’s top priorities for station repairs are the heating system and the roof on the second floor.**

### **3. Public Comment**

**NONE**

#### **4. Adjournment**

**Shirley Matthews makes motion to adjourn. Seconded by TJ Matola.  
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

**Submitted,**

**Pat Lefebvre**

**Board Member**