

# **Meeting of the Coventry Fire District, Anthony Fire Department Board of Directors**

**October 21, 2009 – Wednesday**

**Open meeting: 7:10 pm**

**Board Members in attendance: Gary Cote - Chairman, Shirley Matthews Co-Chairman, TJ Matola and Edward Webster**

**Legal Council – Chris Pacino**

**Chief – Paul Labbadia**

**Clerk – Robin Leroux**

## **1. Board of Directors update and discussion:**

**Gary cote thanked our legal council for handling the closing on the property next door at no cost to the district. The proceeds have been received and put in the special account for capital improvements only, under the direction of Chief Labbadia.**

**Gary Cote read the report from the Tax collector – collections to date are \$1,679,974.40 plus interest of \$59,831.18.18 for a total of \$1,739,805.58. This is just over 76% of budget. The 4th quarter is due 10/31/09. We have \$47,554.50 in Coventry Credit Union as of October 22, 2009.**

**Gary Cote read a letter from a tax payer that wanted a refund check instead of a credit on her next year taxes. The tax collector had told her we can only issue credits; we are not set up to issue refund checks. Chris Pacino will look into our legal obligation.**

**Shirley Matthews asked Chief Labbadia how we handle people who seem to need our assistance excessively. Do we bill them? The Chief said if the person is not hurt we do not bill them, and if they seem to need additional care he will notify human services to help take the burden off the fire department.**

**TJ Matola asked Chief Labbadia how the capital improvements are coming. The fire alarm is almost complete. We probably won't be able to do the roof this year with winter coming. Chief Labbadia thinks it will be more beneficial to go with a truss roof than lay down another flat roof. We have or will get any building permits that are needed for any work that is done.**

#### **Public Comment and Discussion:**

**Dale Hartman presented the fire department with a beautiful plaque in her husband Joe's honor. The fire department will display it with a picture. She also asked what the procedure was for mutual aide. Districts cover for each other when equipment is out on a call.**

**Ed Webster made a motion to move to executive session at 7:34pm.**

**Shirley Matthews seconded the motion and all members approved Gary Cote, Ed Webster, TJ Matola and Shirley Matthews**

## **Executive Session**

**Open meeting resumed at 8:55 pm**

**The Board voted on 4 issues during executive session.**

**Motion was made by Ed Webster and seconded by Shirley Matthews to seal the Executive Session. All members were in favor – Gary Cote, Shirley Matthews, Ed Webster, TJ Matola.**

**TJ Matola made a motion for adjournment and it was seconded by Ed Webster. All members were in favor. Gary Cote, Shirley Matthews, TJ Matola, Ed Webster. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Robin Leroux**

**Clerk, Board of Directors AFD**