

## **Board meeting Coventry Fire District, Anthony Station**

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**Wednesday December 5, 2012**

**7:00 P.M. meeting called to order**

**Board members in attendance Gary Cote-chair, Shirley Matthews-co-chair, Peter Pankowicz, and Louis Cote. Also present Chief Paul Labbadia, Deputy Chief Robert Warren and Treasurer Tom Lacolle.**

**Motion to approve the minutes from the October 10,2012 meeting was made by Louis Cote and seconded by Peter Pankowicz. All in favor, motion carries.**

**Gary read the tax report prepared by Jeanne Lukowicz. Taxes collected to date \$1,775,511.28. Total back taxes collected \$355,819.29. Total interest collected \$96,491.20 (all as of 11130/2012). Total back taxes collected (as of 11130/2012) \$412,963.16**

**Gary thanked the union employees, on behalf of the district taxpayers, for the concessions they made to help balance the 2013 budget. They now have a 3 year agreement and will go back to a 3 man minimum (3yrs).**

**Pay raises also have been reduced, 0 1 st year and 1 for the next two years. Louis Cote, Peter**

**Pankowicz and Shirley Matthews also expressed their thanks to the men.**

**The Chief went over the budget to explain the net tax levy of\$2, 113,268.15 and how it breaks down.**

**Gary suggested that we be more aggressive with delinquent tax mailings.**

**Joann put information in the Times to find the sites with the budget. State of RI web site and the Coventry**

**Patch will both have the budget available.**

**Gary suggested he would like some of the funds from rescue recovery to be put into a separate account for**

**future new equipment purchases. Tom said any excess monies should be used to pay down our line of**

**credit. The chief said we have to take care of the deficit. We need a new cash flow, to get the deficit down**

**to zero, try not to exceed the amount collected.**

**Gary asked Jean the policy for tax sale by state law 1 fiscal year behind**

**Outstanding back taxes are winding down.**

**The Chief asked if we could take out a mortgage or home equity loan versus the line of credit? Tom will**

**look into this. Gary asked him to check with CCU**

**7:50 P.M. Motion to adjourn made by Louis Cote seconded by Peter Pankowicz, all in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Shirley Matthews**