

COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 12, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 6:30 a.m. at the Anthony Fire Station, 571 Washington Street, Coventry, Rhode Island.

Chairman Frank Palin called the meeting to order.

The Agenda having been properly posted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Interim Chief Warren explained the emergency evacuation procedures.

The Board and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

The roll was called and the following Directors of the Board were present: Frank R. Palin, John Cook, Brenda Raposo, S Andrew B. Perra and Nicholas Ahart. Also present were Arthur M. Read, II, Esq., the District's Solicitor to the District, and David P. Krekorian CPA, MST, the District's Treasurer and Robert Warren, the District's Interim Chief.

The Chairman declared a quorum.

The Minutes of the December 22, 2015 Meeting of the Board not yet being prepared, It was unanimously MSV that the Minutes of that meeting not be approved until they are reduced to writing.

It was MOVED by Director Cook, SECONDED by Director Ahart that items ##11 and 12 on the Agenda be accelerated and heard.

There was discussion on the Motion.

There not being any further discussion the Question was Called and the Motion was passed on a three to two vote (with Directors Cook, Perra and Ahart in the affirmative and Directors Palin and Raposo in the negative).

The Agenda was amended.

Director Cook nominated Director Perra for the position of Chairman of the Board, seconded by Director Ahart.

Director Raposo nominated Director Palin for the position of Chairman of the Board, seconded by Director Palin.

There not being any further nominations, the nominations were closed and the question called.

On a roll call vote, Director Perra was elected Chairman of the Board by a three to two vote (with Directors Cook, Perra and Ahart in the affirmative and Directors Palin and Raposo in the negative).

Director Perra nominated Director Cook for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board, seconded by Director Ahart.

There not being any further nominations, the nominations were closed and the question called.

On a roll call vote, Director Cook was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board by a three to two vote (with Directors Cook, Perra and Ahart in the affirmative and Directors Palin and Raposo in the negative).

Chairman Perra then took the Chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer Krekorian then presented the Tax Collector's Report for Mr. Catalfamo (who was unable to attend) a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

It was unanimously MSV to accept the Tax Collector's Report.

Treasurer Krekorian then presented the Treasurer's Report for Mr. Catalfamo (who was unable to attend) a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

It was unanimously MSV to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file.

Interim Chief Warren then presented his report:

- There are surplus trucks and vehicles which should be sold.
- There isn't any acting Fire Marshall. He has spoken with the Chief of the Central Coventry Fire District about using their two Fire Marshalls. At present the State Fire Marshall handles the duties of our Fire Marshall.
- There is one firefighter out on injury.
- The heating system in the fire station is broken. The part has been ordered and repairs should be made shortly.
- It was unanimously MSV to accept the Chiefs Report.

The Chair then recognized Sen Leonidas P. Raptakis and Rep. Robert A. Nardolillo. Sen Raptakis addressed the Board about upcoming legislative issues which

might affect the District and distribute copies of recently proposed legislation for its review. A copy of the distribution is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

It was MOVED by Chairman Perra, SECONDED by Director Cook that items #14 Public Comment be accelerated and heard.

There wasn't any discussion on the Motion.

It was unanimously MSV to adopt the Motion and to amend the Agenda.

The Agenda was amended.

John D' Onofrio, a member of the public, commented on a telephone call that he had received from Nationalgrid concerning their claim for unpaid fees.

It was unanimously MSV to go into Executive Session, pursuant to RIGL §42-465 (a) (2) to discuss matters pertaining to litigation, contracts and personnel matters — discussion/action.

[Executive Session]

It was unanimously MSV to return to Public Session and that the Minutes of the Executive Session be sealed.

It was unanimously MSV that the next session of the Board be held on January 26, 2016 at the Anthony Fire Station with public comment to be taken at 6:30 PM and the general meeting of the Board to begin at 700 PM and that there be a limited Agenda. The Chairman asked the Interim Chief to secure bids or offers to sell surplus vehicles and to be prepared to discuss that issue with the Board on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There being no further business, it was MOVED by Chairman Perra, SECONDED by Director Palin and unanimously VOTED to adjourn.

Attest:



Robert Catalfamo, Secretary

Clerk / Tax Collector

February 17, 2016

EXHIBIT A

Agenda

Coventry Fire District

Date of meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Time of meeting: 6:30 PM

Location: Anthony Fire Station  
571 Washington St.  
Coventry, RI 02816

1. Emergency Evacuation Procedure
2. Pledge to the flag
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes
5. Tax Collector's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Chief's Report
8. Presentation by Senator Raptakis on proposed General Assembly legislation affecting the Coventry Fire District - discussion
9. Move to Executive Session Reason: Pursuant to RIGI- 42-46-5
  - a. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Sessions pertaining to litigation, contracts, and personnel matters - discussion/action
10. Reconvene Public Session
11. Nomination of candidates and election of Board Chairman — discussion/action
12. Nomination of candidates and election of Board Vice Chairman — discussion/action
13. Repayment plan for Coventry Credit Union debt — discussion/action
14. Public comment
15. Adjourn Meeting

Posted

Anthony Fire Station  
Coventry Housing Authority  
Coventry Shell

COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT  
January 12, 2016

EXHIBIT B

Cash balances — \$122,000

Almost all bills paid off

Audit RFP — one response

Tax Collectors report -

State reports filed

FD-I - certification

FD-2 - quarter 11/30/15 FD-

3 -2015-2016 budget

Wex Bank — transferred responsibility to Rob

More detail on Payroll reports — Rob needs to discuss with me before next payroll

Grants

Verizon cell phone — cancel old chiefs cell phone. Also Ben's

Blue Cross coverage — ok — Golomb issue

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION - FIRE DISTRICTS LOCATED IN COVENTRY

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: January 22, 2015

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 44-5 of the General Laws entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local 2 Taxes"

is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 44-5-2.3. Fire districts located in Coventry - Maximum levy. — Each fire district

4 located within the town of Coventry, including, but not limited to, Coventry Fire District, Central

5 Coventry Fire District, Hopkins Hill Fire District and Western Coventry Fire District shall  
be

6 subject to the provisions of § 44-5-2: provided, however that in fiscal year 2015, the  
maximum 7 levy shall be five and one-half percent (5.5%); in fiscal year 2016, the maximum levy  
shall be 8 five and one-quarter percent (5.25%); in fiscal year 2017, the maximum levy shall be  
five percent 9 (5%); in fiscal year 2018, the maximum levy shall be four and three-quarter percent  
(4.75%); in 10 fiscal year 2019, the maximum levy shall be four and one-half percent (4.5%); and  
in fiscal year 11 2020s the maximum levy shall be four and one-quarter percent (4.25%). The  
amount levied by a 12 fire district in Coventry may exceed the percentage increase as specified in  
this section for the 13 purpose of incurring expenses for a capital expenditure, including, but not  
limited to, construction

14 of buildings or purchase or lease of fire vehicles.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CREATION  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE INDEPENDENT OR MUNICIPAL FIRE  
DISTRICT IN COVENTRY

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: June 24, 2015

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created

2 consisting of twenty-three (23) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House  
who

3 represent the Town of Coventry, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; two (2) of whom

4 shall be members of the Senate who represent the Town of Coventry, to be appointed by the  
5 President of the Senate; four (4) of whom shall be the Fire Chiefs from each of the current fire  
6 districts, or designees; one of whom shall be the Coventry Town Manager, or designee; two (2)  
of  
7 whom shall be members of the Coventry Town Council, not more than one from the same  
8 political party, to be appointed by the Council President; one of whom shall be a representative  
of 9 a Coventry Firefighters Union, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom  
shall  
10 be a volunteer or call fireman, from the Western Coventry fire district, to be appointed  
by the  
11 district board; and one of whom shall be a representative of the Hopkins Hill  
firefighters union, to  
12 be appointed by the President of the Senate; four (4) of whom shall be representatives  
of the four  
13 (4) Coventry fire district boards, one member from each, to be appointed by their  
respective  
14 boards; and four (4) of whom shall be members of the general public, one each to be  
appointed by  
15 the four (4) Coventry fire district boards.  
16 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
17 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General  
Assembly  
18 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to  
serve in lieu  
19 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political  
party which

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CREATION AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE INDEPENDENT OR MUNICIPAL FIRE DISTRICT IN  
COVENTRY

1 This resolution would create a twenty-three (23) member special legislative study 2  
commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of creating and  
3 establishing one independent or municipal fire district in Coventry, and who would report back to

4 the General Assembly no later than March 1, 2016, and whose life would expire on June 1, 2016.

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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
CONSOLIDATION OF THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE  
CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: June 24, 2015

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of thirteen (13) members: four (4) of whom shall be from among those members of  
the  
3 House who represent the Town of Coventry; two (2) of whom shall be from among those  
4 members of the Senate who represent the Town of Coventry; two (2) of whom shall be the Fire  
5 Chiefs from the Coventry fire district and the Central Coventry fire district, or designees; two  
(2)  
6 of whom shall be current board members, one from the Coventry fire district and one from the  
7 Central Coventry fire to be appointed by the chair of the board of each district; one of  
8 whom shall be the Coventry Town Manager, or designee; one (1) of whom shall be a member  
of  
9 the Coventry Town Council, to be appointed by the Council President; and one of whom shall  
be 10 a representative of the Coventry Professional Firefighters Union, to be appointed by the President  
11 of the Senate.

12 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
13 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
14 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
15 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party  
which 16 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

17 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the potential  
18 consolidation of the Coventry fire district and the Central Coventry fire district that would  
19 include, but not be limited to, establishing one tax rate and one union contract.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
CONSOLIDATION OF THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE CENTRAL  
COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT**

1 This resolution would create a thirteen (13) member special legislative commission 2 whose  
purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the potential consolidation of the 3  
Coventry fire district and the Central Coventry fire district and provide recommendations, and 4  
who would report back to the General Assembly on or before January 5, 2016, and said  
5 commission would expire on April 5, 2016.

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