

# **Central Coventry Fire District**

**December 19, 2006 - 7:00 pm**

## **MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order Time: 7:05pm**

**2. Roll Call**

**President: Girard Bouchard – VP: Michael New (arrived @ 7:25pm)**

**Joe Bonn - Richard Tellier - John Bowen - Anna Mae Lapinski**

**Treasurer – Tom LaColle**

**Linda Bennet - Chief Seltzer - Asst. Chief Scott Tucker**

**Captain Mulcahey, F/F Mike Stevens, Lt. Dave Gorman**

**Robert Crowe, Jeanne Graemiger, Chief Hoxsie – Not Present**

**3. Approval of Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting –  
11/21/2006**

**Motion: Joe Bonn Seconded: Richard Tellier**

**4. Old Business**

**Blue Cross Coverage**

**Linda Bennett spoke with Blue Cross and has received a listing of all employees and dependants with dates of birth. Blue Cross informed her that dependants need only be a part time student to be eligible for coverage after age 18. She was unable to get info from Blue Cross on whether any dependants were students. Mr. Bouchard suggested**

**that we send out a questionnaire to our employees on the family plan to provide proof for any child over age 18 that the child is a student. There was discussion about employees who are required to cover an ex-spouse. In the past CCFD has paid for the ex-spouse's coverage. Several Directors noted that other employers usually do this as well.**

## **Abatements**

**No new letters.**

## **5.President's Report – accepted as presented**

**Motion: Mike New Seconded: Anna Mae Lapinski**

### **Unanimous Vote**

**Mr. Bouchard read Thank You cards from: Family of Dorothy Blanding, The Bowen Family, Carol Seltzer and Home & Hospice Care.**

**Mr. Bouchard reported there were additional accounts from the Harris Fire District. The HFD Tax Collector had an account at Centerville Bank which has been closed. A check for \$5,966.20 was presented to the Treasurer for deposit. The Tax Collector also had a savings account at Coventry Credit Union with a balance of \$6.61. This account will be closed before the next meeting and funds will be provided to the Treasurer. A statement for the Sunshine Fund at the Harris Station was provided to F/F Stevens and Lt. Gorman. Three tax payments were received at the Fiskeville Post Office Box totaling approximately \$2,800. These were given to Chief Seltzer to pass on to the Tax Collector. The Fiskeville P.O. Box will be closed in the near**

future.

Mr. Bouchard has visited all 4 Stations in the past month. Station 5 looks great; a fire pole has been installed. Station 3 has not started renovations but they have done a lot of clean up. He has been at Station 4 with the electricians getting the new offices wired. Hopefully the offices will be completed for the beginning of the year. Station 7 has not started any renovations.

An impromptu meeting came about between Mr. Bouchard, Chief Seltzer and Chief Hoxsie regarding a dinner for awards and officer pinings. Chief Seltzer will report further on that.

## **6.Chief's Report**

### **Administration**

4. A Swearing In/Recognition dinner in February/March is in the planning stages. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

6. After lengthy discussion of costs, benefits and backup options a motion was made by Anna Mae Lapinski.

Motion made to accept the Chief's Report and the Chief's recommendation to upgrade the current Purvis computer system to a Purvis network with the addition of a hardware/software back up system. Payments are to be made as recommended by Chief Seltzer.

Seconded by Mike New. Unanimous vote.

## **7.Treasurer's Report – accepted as presented**

Motion: John Bowen Seconded: Mike New

## **Unanimous Vote**

**The USAR FY 2005 grant shows a negative balance because the funds are coming but are not here yet. From Chief Seltzer the EOC Training Grant was reimbursement for time spent on training and should be moved to payroll. Mr. New asked about FY 2006 and 2007 Grants. Chief Seltzer stated the the whole grant process has slowed significantly. There are some FY 2006 grants that we have not heard back on.**

## **8.Tax Collector's Report – accepted as presented**

**Motion: Richard Tellier Seconded: Joe Bonn**

## **Unanimous Vote**

**Mrs. Graemiger was not present however she did provide a report. Also there was a letter from Joseph Golembeski, 11 Myra Rd, regarding a tax exemption for being 100% disabled veteran. He stated he received the exemption last year from Tiogue. He spoke to Mrs. Graemiger. She told him the assessor's office would have to provide her with information. Mr. Bouchard stated he has read through the RI General Law section regarding Veteran's Exemptions. It does clearly state that veteran's are eligible for an exemption; however it is not clear if this section applies to fire districts. A call was placed to the Attorney General's office we were told to send a letter requesting a clarification. This has been done. We are waiting for a response. Mr. Golembeski's request will have to wait until we can get more information.**

**A request was made to have an aged outstanding balance attached to**

**the Tax Collector's Report.**

**9.New Business:**

**Review Department Employee Policies**

**Chief Seltzer requested the Board approve the continued use of the Department Employee Policies created 1 ½ years ago by the Central Coventry Board in cooperation with the Union and all Employees.**

**Motion: Mike New Seconded: Anna Mae Lapinski**

**Unanimous Vote**

**Term Length for Board Members**

**After a short discussion this is the order seats will come up for election:**

**2007**

**Seat 1 – Richard Tellier**

**Seat 2 – Mike New**

**Seat 3 – John Bowen**

**2008**

**Seat 4 – Joe Bonn**

**Seat 5 – Anna Mae Lapinski**

**2009**

**Seat 6 – Robert Crowe**

**Seat 7 – Girard Bouchard**

**10.Introduction of new business to be considered at the next Board of Directors meeting:**

**Chief Seltzer requested any suggestions for people to honor at the Dinner in February/March should be emailed to him.**

**11.Adjournment**

**Motion: Mike New Seconded: John Bowen**

**Time: 8:45 pm**