

Central Coventry Fire District

Board of Directors

May 15, 2007 – 7:00pm

Minutes

1.Call to Order – 7:08 pm

2.Roll Call

President: Girard Bouchard – VP: Michael New

John Bowen - Robert Crowe - Anna Mae Lapinski (7:58 pm)

Treasurer – Tom LaColle

Tax Collector – Jeanne Graemiger (7:10 pm)

Linda Bennet - Chief Seltzer - Asst. Chief Scott Tucker (7:10 pm)

Chief Hoxie – left 8:10 pm

F/F Mike Stevens, Lt Kevin Schnell, F/F David Simpson

Joe Bonn, Richard Tellier – Not Present

3.Approval of Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from 3/20/07

Motion: Mike New Seconded: John Bowen

Unanimous Vote

Minutes from 4/17/07

Motion: John Bowen Seconded: Mike New

Unanimous Vote

4.Old Business

Awards Dinner – Date Set - July 20, 2007

Veteran’s Exemption – From Chief Seltzer, a lot of time has been going into a training exercise at Knotty Oak Middle School. Once that is over we will get more info on the veterans exemption issue.

Issue with Cardi Property and Tiogue FD

Mr. Bouchard has gone thru records for the last 5 years. The back taxes from 2004, 2005 and 2006 total \$11,000. They have made \$3,300 in payments this year. Attorney Friend suggested meeting with the Realty Co. without attorneys. Mr. Bouchard thought this would be a good way to extend an olive branch and work on getting the taxes up to date.

5.President’s Report – accepted as presented

Mr. Bouchard has had a request from the N Cumberland Fire Dept for our Merger Plan as they are working on a similar merge and want to use us as a model. Both Chief Hoxsie and Chief Seltzer said they have had discussions and provided them with info previously as well.

A taxpayer on Darius Ln had contacted Mr. Bouchard because she

had received several bills from Comstar for rescue services provided to her. She has insurance and didn't understand why she was getting a bill. Chief Seltzer explained that often the insurance co doesn't cover the entire bill and by law Comstar has to send three bills for the remaining amount. However, we do not make any further attempts to collect this amount and after the three bills have been sent there is a process to write off any remaining amounts. Also there is a space on the bill sent by Comstar to request a hardship write off.

There were several Thank You notes for services rendered by our firefighters.

Motion: Mike New Seconded: Robert Crowe

Unanimous Vote

6.Chief's report – accepted as presented

Fire Prevention/Code Enforcement

In addition to the projects listed in the report there are two more coming soon. A CVS on the corner of Crompton Rd and New London Tpk and a Commercial/Residential development at the old Kmart Plaza.

We have acquired an underwater camera system, a Sea Otter, through Off. Date Tucker at Coventry Police. The only cost to us was a trip to Mechanicsburg, PA to pick it up. As far as we know it is the only one in RI and will be a great asset to our District and our Dive

Team.

Motion: Mike New Seconded: Robert Crowe

John Bowen said he had questions about the memo attached to the Chief's Report regarding items to be incorporated into the budget.

Mr. Bouchard asked him to hold his questions as the budget is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

Unanimous Vote

7.Treasurer's Report – accepted as presented

Motion: John Bowen Seconded: Robert Crowe

Unanimous Vote

8.Tax Collector's Report – accepted as presented

There is one change to the report the notation at the bottom reading "Total collected for year ending 3/31/07 \$2,041,033.97" should be removed from the report.

Motion: Robert Crowe Seconded: Mike New

Unanimous Vote

9.New Business

2007 – 2008 Budget

Chief Seltzer reviewed the memo attached to his report.

Mr. Bowen asked about redistributing workload to other current employees rather than increasing the hours for the administrative assistant. There was some discussion of this topic and Mr. Bouchard suggested we have an executive session at the next meeting.

The Board agreed that Chief Seltzer go forward with incorporating all the items into a proposed budget. Ms. Bennett would create a spreadsheet to show the effects on payroll.

10.Introduction of new business to be considered at the next Board Meeting

Mrs. Graemiger asked if there was going to be an audit/financial review as this was the time that the old Central Coventry would have had it done. There was some discussion as to what and how it was done in the past. The Board reviewed a previous years report and determined that it would have to wait until the fiscal year ended. Mrs. Graemiger would contact the CPA and let him know the info would be coming after August.

11.Adjournment – 8:51 pm

Motion: Robert Crowe Seconded: Mike New

Unanimous Vote