

**Central Coventry Fire District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2010 – 7:00 pm
240 Arnold Road**

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:03

2. Roll Call

President: Girard Bouchard Jr.

Vice President: Joe Bonn

**Directors: – Bob Crowe – Linda Giguere – Ronald Gizzarelli -Anna
Mae Lapinski, Armond Niquette**

Treasurer: Tom Lacolle

Tax Collector: Jeanne Graemiger

Clerk: Christine Moniz

Chief : Robert W. Seltzer

Asst. Chief – Scott Tucker

Union President Dave Gorman

Not Present – Treasurer Tom LaColle

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

04/20/2010

Motion to Approve Director Giguere Seconded: Director Niquette
With correction to change wording to include a motion under good and welfare to write a letter thanking all the firefighters for a job well done. Also, change the time the order for going into closed session and then going back into open session.

All Vote Aye

4. Communications- Two thank you notes read out loud and also a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Curtis about the penalty on their tax bill. The Clerk will send out the standard letter explaining the principal due.

5. Old Business – None

6. Presidents Report – Met with the Chief a few times during the month it was a quiet month. Also discussed the Wood Street property. We will discuss this issue during closed session. The Chief also spoke with Tom LaColle over the school property. He will discuss in Chief report. Met with the Tax Collector about the credit card payments discussed at last month's meeting. She was going to contact OPEL to see if it was conducive with the program that they

are running. He also met with Lorraine she seems to be very happy there and fits right in. She is very well adjusted. President Bouchard met with Union President Gorman over an issue they had over payments for the post health. The President found that they have been made in a timely manner and that it was a moot point. They were too swift in their complaint that payments were not made when they have been.

**Motion to Approve Director Gizzarelli Seconded: Director Crowe
All Vote Aye**

7. Chiefs report – 4 Firefighters out on injury one of them has filed for disability pension. Lt. Gorman will be back soon, but he still has a few more weeks of PT. One has a back injury and the other FF has a knee injury.

New Fire Station project is still at a standstill. Met with the Town Manager to discuss the plans for the Wood Street facility. We are still waiting to hear back from them.

The Fire Marshal's Office and Tax Collectors Office have been moved across the hall because of the flooding. Total cost of electrical and partitions came well under the requested and approved amount. The total was \$3900.00

Preliminary 2010-2011 budget figures for the June Board meeting. We also need to look into a rainy day fund. We will not have the same help we received from insurance or FEMA for this last flood. Also, for payments on larger capital items that come along.

The Chief briefly went over our status with the FEMA funding and that the money we do receive will off- set the overtime. It will also off- set some of the repairs made to the trucks for PM's and for the purchase of the extra pumps and equipment that we needed during the flood.

Director Gizzarelli inquired as to whether or not we could use some of the money from FEMA for a rainy day fund. The Chief stated that we could not defer any of that money due to the overage in some of the line items. It will help with keeping the budget balanced.

No other significant items to report.

Director Crowe inquired about the location of the Station 5 crew. The Chief stated they have been housed at Station 3 and that Coventry Fire is covering that side of Town. Engine 5 can respond to the area near Benny's due to the fact the bridge is closed.

Director Gizzarelli asked if the Firefighters use the run volume as a bargaining tool when the volume is high. The Chief said no. Some

days you have to work harder than others. It is like that in every job.

**Motion to Approve Chief Report: Director Crowe Seconded:
Director Niquette**

All Vote Aye

8. Treasurer's Report – The Chief went over the report and explained the expenses line by line. He also went over the expenses for the flood and that next month we will show income when we finally get reimbursement from VFIS. Director Crowe wanted to know what our cash hand balance is? The Chief explained where to look on the Treasurer's report. Director Crowe would also like to see it clearly stated on the report so they can have an idea on what he have for funds. Director Crowe also requested that the Treasurer report to the Board what he is going to have for cash on hand. We will need to collect \$800,000 from now to august 15th.

The Board requested that the Treasurer send out a projection report so they can see what we can expect as far as line items that are over budgeted. It seems that we are missing a payment into the tax collected line item.

We will break out the flood as a new line item.

Director Crowe wanted to know if the BC can also staff the stations along with doing their training. He was under the impression that the

BC responds to the calls and that they should fill in the OT. We created more overtime when we hired the BC. Director Crowe wanted to know where we can pull money to keep the overtime down.

The Chief also stated that this is a great test year with our new company for rescue recovery. So we should see a wash with the overtime. We also just need to wait and see when we get the money from FEMA to clear out the OT expenses.

Motion to Approve: President Bouchard Seconded: Director Gizzarelli

All Vote Aye

9. Tax Collector's Report – May has been very busy. Director Gizzarelli wanted to know the average amount of Tax payers per day that come in and pay the accounts in person. When it is busy the numbers are high since we have 8200 accounts in this district.

Auto pay report - Jeanne called Town Hall. They do not use this system they use a different company do collect payments. We would end up turning into collections agency. If they do not have enough money then the payment is rejected then we have to chase money. It will be very timely and costly. Also, the Town does not give out any of their Bank account information nor should we.

Director Gizzarelli stated he wanted to look into the auto pay to see if it is easier for tax payers to pay their bills. The Chief commented that the percentage of the Coventry residents can't always pay every month at the same time. During these tough times they pay when

they have the extra money.

**Motion to Approve: Director Crowe Seconded: Director Giguere,
Director Gizzarelli**

All Vote Aye

10. Good and Welfare – President Bouchard discussed getting the resolution on tax breaks done. Director Gizzarelli wanted to know if the Fire Department has any influence on getting up signs for thin ice.

As was stated two meetings ago Director Gizzarelli was informed that the Fire Department does not get involved in that it is up to DEM or the Lake association.

**11. Motion made adjourn 8:24 p.m. By Director Crowe Seconded by
Director Giguere.**

All Vote Aye.