

**Central Coventry Fire District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
February 15, 2011 – 7:00 pm
240 Arnold Road**

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.

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

Also present at the meeting- Capt. Hall, FF Simpson, Lt. Stevens

**Not Present – Treasurer Tom Lacolle, Director Crowe, President
Bouchard, Director Niquette**

3. Approval of Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting – 01/18/2011

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Motion to Approve: Director Lapinski Seconded: Director Giguere

Opposed: by Director Gizzarelli

All Vote Aye

4. Communications- Letter from Tom LaColle

5. Old Business - None

6. Presidents Report - The President met several times with the Chief Seltzer throughout the month everything is going well. The President had a meeting with Dimeo Construction, Captain Hall and the Chief to go over prices for the new Fire Station. He also attended Colonel Ronald DaSilva's retirement party. Visited with the Tax Department and also the recruits all is going well. Stopped in and met with Tom LaColle to pick up report and a letter to excuse him from the meeting. This report was presented by V.P. Joe Bonn.

Motion to Approve: Director Giguere Seconded: Director Lapinski

All Vote Aye

7. Chiefs report – Lt. Stevens, FF Marcotte, Lt. Leveillee and Lt. Paul are all still out on OJI status.

Recruit Fire Academy we have extended the academy from 12 to 14 weeks due to increasing the hands on training. All is going well and the recruits will then rotate throughout the stations for a 5 week period.

In the current budget I had planned on the purchase of Physio-Control 12-Lead EKG Monitor/Defibrillator. The cost for the EKG Monitor is \$28,311.00 This was going to be a lease/purchase agreement @ \$871.00 per month for three years. This is an upgrade as well as a replacement. It will replace an EKG monitor on one of the rescues. The lease was budgeted under “Loan Payments”. I would like permission to move forward with this purchase and make it an “Action Item”.

Captain Schnell is requesting permission for educational reimbursement to take an Associate’s Degree in Fire Science. I would like to make this an “Action Item”.

Motion to Approve Chief ‘s Report: V.P. Bonn Seconded: Director

Giguere

All Vote Aye

Action Item (1) Vote on the approval of the new EKG Monitor/Defibrillator.

Motion to Approve: V.P. Joe Bonn Seconded: Director Lapinski

All Vote Aye

Action Item (2) Vote on the approval of Educational Reimbursement for Captain Schnell.

Motion to Approve: Director Giguere Seconded: Director Lapinski

All Vote Aye.

8. Treasurer's Report - report attached with no discussion

Motion to Approve: Director Giguere Seconded: Director Gizzarelli

All Vote Aye

Director Gizzarelli would like to see the trends on next month's report.

9. Tax Collector's Report – delinquent notices went out this month. Director Lapinski wanted to know if we get a quick response with the economy. The tax collector stated we try to work with the residents to help set up a plan. The legal letters go out this week.

We also received another check from the Health Center for the 2010 taxes. There is still no resolution on prior taxes.

OPEL's bill is due in June.

The tax office received a request from J&R Contractors to honor the on time payment of their tax bill. They have never been late and would like to have a credit for the interest. This payment was lost in the mail for several months.

**Motion made by Director Gizzarelli for the credit on the interest
Seconded by: Director Lapinski.**

All Vote Aye

**Motion to approve tax collectors report: V.P Joe Bonn Seconded:
Director Giguere**

All Vote Aye

10. New Business – Mr. Raptakis asked when our next Annual Meeting was held. It is held on the first Monday in October. Mr. Raptakis asked if we will have a tax increase for this year. The Chief stated that if we did we would know by September. This year's increase was due to the State cutting payments for motor vehicles taxes. Mr. Raptakis also inquired about the tax increase for residential and commercial rates. He inquired how the rates were

voted on at the Annual Meeting. It was explained the tax increase had to go to the public for a vote and it came down to a hand vote since the increase was not unanimous. The Budget was passed without opposition just a few questions.

He also asked if the consolidation with Coventry fire will happen before our next Annual Meeting. The Chief explained that at this time the consolidations would not happen until the next legislative session of 2012. The talks are in the works and we are progressing forward. The two Fire Unions have merged and they have the same Union President. Would consolidation also help with the tax rate. The Chief stated that we would try to reduce Coventry rate to level off with our Central Coventry Fire tax rate. The Chief also stated that the District is sensitive to the resident's situation in this poor economy and that we do not want to see anyone lose their home. We try to work things out with the resident.

There was also further discussion on how we could save money by setting up purchase programs under a bid umbrella.

11. Introduction of new business- None

12. Good and Welfare - None

**13. Motion made adjourn 7:53 p.m. By Director Giguere Seconded
by Director Lapinski**

All Vote Aye.