

HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

1 BESTWICK TRAIL

COVENTRY, RI 02816

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015 AT THE HOPKINS HILL FIRE STATION.

THE MODERATOR, DAN DANIS, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: DAN DANIS, CAROL DION, BARBARA KANE, CARRIE MOORE, DENISE BROWN, CHIEF FRANK BROWN, DENISE DEGRAIDE, KEN BURDICK.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

KEN BURDICK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES, FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2015 MEETING, AS POSTED. SECOND BY CARRIE MOORE. DENISE BROWN-YES, DAN DANIS-YES, BARBARA KANE-YES, DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, CAROL DION-YES

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CARRIE MOORE. SEE ATTACHMENT #1
DAN DANIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT, SECOND BY BARBARA KANE. CAROL DION-YES, DENISE BROWN-YES, DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, KEN BURDICK-YES. APPROVED AND COPY PLACED ON FILE.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY DENISE BROWN.

*TRIAL BALANCE REPORT 5/1/14 TO 3/30/15. SEE ATTACHMENT #2

*TAX SALE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2015. ATTORNEY TO GET BACK TO US TO CONFIRM DATE. TAX COLLECTOR TO SEND OUT LETTERS BEGINNING OF APRIL.

BARBARA KANE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT, SECOND BY CARRIE MOORE. CAROL DION-YES, DAN DANIS-YES, DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, KEN BURDICK-YES. APPROVED AND COPIES PLACED ON FILE.

STREET LIGHTING REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CHIEF FRANK BROWN.

CHIEF BROWN IS MEETING WITH TOM GANTZ AND JEFF BROADFIELD TO GO OVER PURCHASING OUR STREET LIGHTS.

HYDRANT REPORT- NONE

CAROL DION MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT, SECOND BY CARRIE MOORE. BARBARA KANE-YES, DENISE BROWN-YES, DAN DANIS-YES, DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, KEN BURDICK-YES ALL APPROVED.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CHIEF FRANK BROWN.

*ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT- SEE ATTACHMENT #3 (2 PAGES)

*RESCUE RECOVERY ACCOUNT- AVERAGE \$18,286.03 SEE ATTACHMENT #4

*CHECK REGISTER- SEE ATTACHMENT #5. WOULD LIKE TO BUY A COUCH FOR DAY ROOM. APPROX. \$800.00. TO TAKE OUT OF THIS ACCOUNT.

*ARTICLE BY FREDERICK STANLEY. SEE ATTACHMENT 6

*CHIEF BROWN AND SEN. RAPTAKIS TESTIFIED ON BILL #37 REGARDING HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICTS CHARTER CHANGES.

*HELD WRITTEN TEST FOR ELIGIBILITY TEST. ACTIVE LIST WITH 4 CANDIDATES. GOOD FOR 3 YEARS.

*LOOKING TO GET A NEW PAYROLL COMPANY. ADP RATES HAVE RISEN. MEETING WITH PAYCHECK SO THEY CAN PRESENT THEIR PROPOSAL.

*TO START ON DECK OUTSIDE KITCHEN DOOR.

*CHIEF BROWN PRESENTED COST OF NEW RESCUE \$280,000.00 AND NEW CHIEF'S CAR \$50,000.00. TOTAL LOAN NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00

CARRIE MOORE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT, SECOND BY BARBARA KANE-YES, CAROL DION-YES, DAN DANIS-YES, DENISE BROWN-YES, DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, KEN BURSICK-YES. APPROVED AND COPIES PLACED ON FILE.

SENATOR RAPTAKIS PRESENTED HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT WITH A CHECK FOR \$2,000.00 FROM A STATE GRANT.

OLD BUSINESS-

*NOMINATING COMMITTEE READ A LIST OF NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2015-2016. SEE ATTACHMENT #7 (2 PAGES)

NEW BUSINESS-

*KEN BURDICK MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAXPAYERS BE PRESENTED WITH PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE A RESCUE AND CHIEF VEHICLE. MONEY TO COME FROM CAPITAL PURCHASES. SECOND BY DENISE BROWN. DAN DANIS-YES, BARBARA KANE-YES, CAROL DION-YES, DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, CARRIE MOORE-YES. APPROVED.

*CHIEF BROWN WENT OVER BUDGET ITEM BY ITEM AS PER ATTACHMENT #8 (4 MONTH SPENDING PLAN 5/1/15-9/1/15)(2 PAGES).

*KEN BURDICK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 4 MONTH SPENDING PLAN AND PRESENT TO TAXPAYERS IN MAY. SECOND BY DENISE BROWN. DENISE DEGRAIDE-YES, CAROL DION-YES, BARBARA KANE-YES, CARRIE MOORE-YES, DAN DANIS-YES. APPROVED.

GOOD OF DISTRICT- ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2, 2015 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


CAROL DION
CLERK

Hopkins Hill Fire District
March 29, 2015

Savings Balance	400,104.42
Checking Balance	78,817.93
Total	478,922.35
Rescue Account	211,248.52
Santander Bank	4,883.49
Certificate of Deposits	
2868652338	23,652.47
2868651611	32,821.04

Respectfully submitted:
Carrie Moore



Trial Balance Report

HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRIC



05/01/2014 to 03/30/2015

Description	Billed Amounts and Transactions									Penalty Transactions				Total Penalty									
	Starting Balance	+	New Receivables	-	Payments	-	Abatements	+	Refunds	-	Payment Adjustments	-	Payment Transfers		=	Uncollected Balance	Penalty Paid	+	Penalty Adjustments	+	Penalty Transfers	=	
1999 tax roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2000 Tax Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2001 Tax Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2002 Tax Roll	69.63		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		69.63		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2003 Tax Roll	98.43		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		98.43		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2004 RP/Tng Sup Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2004 RP/Tng Tax Roll	98.43		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		98.43		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2004 cost	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2004 tax sale costs	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2005 RP/Tng Tax Roll	203.45		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		203.45		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2005 cost	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2006 LEGAL	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2006 RP/Tng Sup Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2006 RP/Tng Tax Roll	222.26		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		222.26		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2006 cost	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2006 legal 2	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2007 LEGAL FEES 2	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2007 RP/Tng Sup Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2007 RP/Tng Tax Roll	145.07		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		145.07		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2007 bounced ck	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2007 legal fees	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2007 legal fees 3	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2008 BOUNCED CK	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2008 RP/Tng Sup Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2008 RP/Tng Tax Roll	333.68		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		333.68		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2008 legal fees	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2009 BOUNCED CK	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2009 RP/Tng Tax Roll	5,523.81		0.00		5,134.32		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		389.49		4,235.81		0.00		0.00		4,235.81
2009 tax sale costs	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2010 2nd bounced ck	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2010 RP/Tng Tax Roll	6,094.25		0.00		5,390.21		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		704.04		3,603.56		0.00		0.00		3,603.56
2010 bounced ck	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2010 def t/sale cost	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2011 RP/TNG Sup Roll	219.51		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		219.51		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2011 RP/Tng Tax Roll	13,524.42		0.00		5,559.81		0.00		0.00		0.00		-5.31		7,969.92		2,588.41		0.00		0.00		2,588.41
2011 bounced ck	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2011 supp	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2011 t/s costs 6/15	234.00		0.00		234.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2012 RP Tng Sup Roll	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
2012 RP Tng Tax Roll	25,706.12		0.00		15,816.10		0.00		0.00		0.00		-18.65		9,908.67		4,590.45		0.00		0.00		4,590.45

Trial Balance Report
HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

Group: ALL, Suspend: ALL

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2012 TAX SALE COSTS	185.00	0.00	185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 bounced ck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 RP Tng Sup Roll	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 RP Tng Tax Roll	200,787.81	0.00	170,306.70	63.00	58.47	0.00	-1,217.71	31,694.29	10,637.64	0.00	-12.25	10,625.39	
2013 bounced	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 tax sale costs	29.25	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 ucc costs	94.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014 RP Tng Sup Roll	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014 RP Tng Tax Roll	0.00	864,588.26	558,167.74	3,207.04	895.85	0.00	1,292.81	302,816.52	3,602.15	0.00	-44.20	3,557.95	
2014 additional cost	0.00	84.96	84.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014 bounced ck	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014 tax sale costs	0.00	8,560.88	8,555.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	253,569.67	873,279.10	769,484.41	3,270.04	954.32	0.00	56.45	354,992.19	29,258.02	0.00	-56.45	29,201.57	

Account Balances - As of 3/30/2015

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Account	3/30/2015 Balance
Bank Accounts	
100-Misc.	77.15
101-Insurance	1,967.00
102-Legal	500.00
103-Dist. Office Supplies	184.70
104-Street Lighting	-5,152.54
105-Hydrant Rental	9,640.33
106-Audit	-500.00
108-Advertising	885.10
109-Information Tech.	1,505.00
201-Moderator	975.00
202-Head Tax Assessor	875.00
203-Vice Moderator	875.00
204-Member at Large	875.00
205-Clerk	250.00
206-Treasurer	250.00
207-Tax Collector	616.00
209-Deputy Chief	0.00
210-Asst. Deputy Chief	0.00
211- Chief Engineer	1,000.00
213- Rescue Divison Chief	0.00
214-Capt & Lieut	0.00
301- Base Salaries	25,501.18
302-Payroll Taxes	277.42
303-Pension	4,622.64
304- Medical Plan	19,713.00
305- Full-Time Fillins	-6,593.45
306- Part-Time Fillins	1,160.00
307- Holiday Pay	2,459.39
308- Uniform Allowance	4,000.00
309- Medical Testing	1,069.80
401- Electric	-853.59
402- Natural Gas	1,040.49
403- Phone Cable Internet	61.56
404- Station water	94.22
406-Equip. Maint. Contract	367.43
407- Station upkeep	325.14
501-Diesel & Gas	3,443.23
502-Maint. Repairs	-333.22
601-Rescue Supplies	120.46
602- Oxygen Supply	819.24
603- Maint. Contracts	598.99
604-Cellular Phone	225.68
701-Misc. Small Tools	168.18
702- Badges & ID's	551.00
703- Petty Cash	0.00
704- Call Pay	2,801.64
705-Educational	2,025.00
706-Fire Chief's Convention	0.00
707- Office Supplies	410.17

Account Balances - As of 3/30/2015

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Account	3/30/2015 Balance
708-Fire Alarm Maint.	86.90
800- New Equipment	5.56
900-Capital Purchases	106.36
TOTAL Bank Accounts	79,097.16
OVERALL TOTAL	79,097.16

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Hopkins Hill Fire District - Totals

Activity Posted - By Service: February 2015

	UNITS	CHARGES
ALS 2 Runs	0	\$0
ALS Runs	2	\$3,578
BLS Runs	7	\$9,254
BLS Non ER Runs	0	\$0
Treat no Transport	0	\$0
	9	\$12,832

Mileage	82.2	\$2,830
Oxygen	3	\$450
ALS Supplies	0	\$0
BLS Supplies	1	\$50
IV Supplies	2	\$0
IO Supplies	0	\$0
EKG	0	\$0
EKG - 12 Leads	0	\$0
Extra Attendant	0	\$0
CPAP Supplies	0	\$0
Defib Supplies	0	\$0
Collared Boarded	3	\$0
Misc.	0	\$0
	91.2	\$3,130

Activity Posted - All Services- Last 12 Months

	# RUNS	MISC UNITS	CHARGES	PAYMENTS	COLL %	AVE \$ PER RUN
Mar - 2014	53	626.6	\$98,730.20	\$21,197.25	21%	
Apr - 2014	26	291.2	\$46,180.00	\$17,960.54	39%	
May - 2014	57	614.9	\$104,761.00	\$10,747.03	10%	
Jun - 2014	26	322.2	\$48,079.20	\$19,802.98	41%	
Jul - 2014	25	285.4	\$45,212.20	\$16,345.48	36%	
Aug - 2014	87	1031.8	\$157,566.80	\$13,320.06	8%	
Sep - 2014	44	547.4	\$79,848.40	\$24,212.20	30%	
Oct - 2014	49	568.7	\$88,627.00	\$27,910.77	31%	
Nov - 2014	44	510.7	\$76,909.40	\$22,123.97	29%	
Dec - 2014	60	626.1	\$92,008.20	\$18,438.73	20%	
Jan - 2015	31	349.8	\$54,634.60	\$14,497.42	27%	
Feb - 2015	9	91.2	\$15,982.40	\$12,875.88	81%	
Totals	501	5866	\$908,517.40	\$219,432.31		
Avg/Month	42	489	\$75,709.78	\$18,286.03	31%	\$437.99

	Refund Totals	Town Resident Adjustments	Non-Covered Service Adjustments	Contractual Insurance Adjustments	Small Balance W/O	Bad Debt W/O, Atty & MVA Adjustments	Uncollectible Self Pay	Totals
Mar - 2014	\$0.00	\$86.05	\$1,106.53	\$55,842.62	\$0.00	\$200.20	\$8,585.71	\$65,821.11
Apr - 2014	\$0.00	\$1,522.86	\$3,000.75	\$44,548.20	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$6,330.30	\$55,602.11
May - 2014	\$0.00	\$1,041.13	\$523.00	\$31,853.47	\$0.00	\$4,222.73	\$4,210.97	\$41,851.30
Jun - 2014	\$0.00	\$1,630.70	\$2,629.00	\$65,080.97	\$0.00	\$1,443.65	\$622.60	\$71,387.62
Jul - 2014	\$0.00	\$378.70	\$2,214.00	\$58,129.07	\$0.00	\$147.37	\$3,443.99	\$64,313.13
Aug - 2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$53,614.25	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$5,452.62	\$59,316.87
Sep - 2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,285.00	\$63,320.25	\$0.00	\$86.23	\$741.04	\$66,432.52
Oct - 2014	\$500.00	\$944.08	\$789.00	\$66,067.63	\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$57.59	\$68,443.12
Nov - 2014	\$0.00	\$383.56	\$2,065.00	\$52,144.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,598.63	\$61,171.30
Dec - 2014	\$3,030.88	\$275.00	\$1,316.00	\$14,633.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,882.53	\$21,138.11
Jan - 2015	\$0.00	\$555.09	\$287.00	\$11,503.95	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$552.84	\$53,298.88
Feb - 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$438.00	\$47,814.63	\$0.00	\$141.75	-\$1,845.93	\$46,548.45
Totals	\$3,530.88	\$6,797.17	\$16,853.28	\$624,532.85	\$0.00	\$7,091.93	\$36,517.71	\$695,324.72
Avg/Month	\$294.24	\$566.43	\$1,404.44	\$52,044.40	\$0.08	\$590.99	\$3,043.14	\$57,943.73

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Check Register

Checking
3/30/2015

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
2/11/2015		Deposit cat: Misc memo: SDI's			285.34	2,254.34
2/11/2015		Secretary Of State cat: Misc memo: notary public cert	80.00			2,174.34
2/13/2015		BJ's cat: Misc memo: supplies	34.99			2,139.35
2/17/2015		Cowesett Ultra Car Wash cat: Misc memo: Car 61 and 62	7.50			2,131.85
2/19/2015		FcOARI cat: Misc memo: Seminar	35.00			2,096.85
2/24/2015		Lynn Card Company cat: Misc memo: Business Cards	48.45			2,048.40
2/24/2015		Frank Brown cat: Misc memo: Decon mts x2 and KCWA mt	48.00			2,000.40
2/25/2015		Deposit cat: Misc memo: SDI's/Plan review			360.00	2,360.40
3/10/2015		NFPA cat: Misc memo: Dues	165.00			2,195.40
3/17/2015		Glen Woodbine cat: Misc memo: helmet shield	50.00			2,145.40
3/17/2015		Coventry Glass cat: Misc memo: table top cover	245.00			1,900.40
3/18/2015		RIAFC Foundation cat: Misc memo: RI Fire Up Event - RI FF Honor Roll	250.00			1,650.40
3/19/2015		Deposit cat: Misc memo: SDI's/Plan review			435.00	2,085.40
3/26/2015		Mealworks cat: Misc memo: Host RIAFC MT	200.00			1,885.40
3/26/2015		Verus Pizza cat: Misc memo: Host RIAFC MT	225.00			1,660.40
3/27/2015		Deposit cat: Misc memo: 1/2 RIAFC MT split			90.00	1,750.40
3/27/2015		Deposit cat: Misc memo: 1/2 Local 4824 split RI Honor roll			125.00	1,875.40
3/30/2015		Deposit cat: Misc memo: plan review Taco Bell			1,247.00	3,122.40

Overreaction could threaten fire districts

By Frederick A. Stanley

As an active fire chief and administrator for over 50 years, I am deeply concerned that Rhode Island's General Assembly has overreacted — and could further overreact — to the tragic financial problems in the Central Coventry Fire District.

Having served as a president of the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs three times, and as president of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, I have dedicated my career to helping fire and emergency services that use both paid employees and volunteers.

I read with great interest the March 16 Commentary piece by Rep. Patricia Morgan ("Let public run fire districts again"). I also attended the March 11 hearing before the House Finance Committee on three bills she introduced, H-5343, H-5344, and H-5345.

These three bills would result in the closing of volunteer and combination fire districts in our state.

A committee representing the RIAFC and the state Division of Municipal Finance is reviewing a measure passed by the General Assembly last year to

deal with financial problems in fire districts. The committee is considering possible changes that would reduce costs to the state's fire districts while also meeting the state's need for better control of fire district finances.

This legislation, if amended, and jointly supported by all parties, could resolve all issues raised by Coventry's situation.

I am sure many of you have been following Ken Block's survey of the state's fire service. In his comments before the House Finance Committee about Representative Morgan's bills, he was fully supportive of the volunteer fire districts and showed little support for her legislation.

Our state, under its new governor, Gina Raimondo, has many challenges before it that are far more important than trying to control volunteer and combination fire districts. I urge the General Assembly to get down to solving the real problems in our state, such as unemployment and out-of-control state spending.

As president of the Rhode Island Southern Firemen's League, which represents 18 volunteer fire districts, emergency medical technician departments and several volunteer fire associations in Washington County and parts of Kent County, I call on you, the taxpayers, to put

pressure on your legislators to stop this overreaction to the problems generated by one fire district.

According to the last survey conducted by the Division of Municipal Finance in 2013, the budgets for fire districts in Washington County totaled less than \$10 million. These fire districts are staffed by dedicated men and women volunteers. They cover nearly one-third of the state's square miles, with an estimated 1,200 volunteers.

In a 2009 survey, John Simmons, the executive director of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, recommended the consolidation of fire districts. I wonder what Mr. Simmons's thoughts are now, after the failure of the consolidation efforts in Coventry.

Most of the surveys I have seen do not do justice to the services provided by volunteers and fail to show the full picture of savings to the taxpayers.

An area that's always overlooked is the insurance savings in cities, towns and fire districts where volunteers devote hours to training and where departments are well-equipped. In some fire districts, the insurance savings through these efforts are equal to or more than the amount taxpayers are paying in fire taxes.

Why has there not been one

survey of volunteer fire districts that reflects the savings to their community?

I challenge our legislators to stand up for the dedicated men and women who volunteer their services no matter what the weather conditions or time of day the calls come in.

None of us wants to experience again what has occurred in Central Coventry, but overreacting and placing much higher costs for administration on fire districts benefits no one, and takes valuable funding away from equipping our firefighters. Using good common sense and working together, we can create legislation or amend present legislation to benefit all agencies without damaging the effectiveness of fire districts.

The legislation that's being proposed by Representative Morgan appears to be in retaliation for the failure of the Central Coventry Fire District. It benefits no one.

Before the General Assembly further overreacts, residents receiving their fire and emergency services from fire districts should speak up and support what they have. If they do not, they could lose it.

— Frederick A. Stanley is chief of the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District.

From: Nominating Committee

To: Hopkins Hill Fire District Board of Directors

Subj: Nominations

The Following named Residents of the Hopkins Hill Fire District Submitted requests to be nominated for positions on the Hopkins Hill Fire District Board of Directors for 2015/2016. The below named persons are certified as Taxpayers, Registered voters and reside within the District boundaries.

Daniel A. Danis **Chairperson**
3 Angelwood Drive
Coventry, RI 02816

Kenneth J. Burdick **Vice-Chairperson**
18 Noella Avenue
Coventry, RI 02816

Carol Dion **Clerk**
222 Hopkins Hill Road
Coventry, RI 02816

Carrie Moore **Treasurer**
52 Lorraine Avenue
Coventry, RI 02816

Denise Brown **Tax Collector**
23 Linwood Drive
Coventry, RI 02816

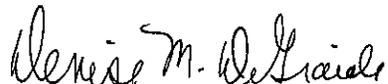
Denise M. DeGraide **Tax Assessor**
27 Linwood Drive
Coventry, RI 02816

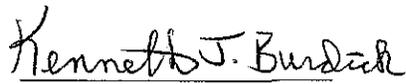
Joseph A. St.Jean **Member At Large**
91 Helen Avenue
Coventry, RI 02816

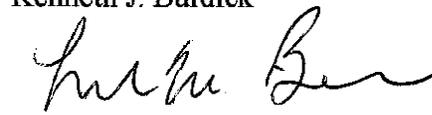
The Nominating Committee recommends the below named Residents be nominated by the Board of Directors and their names be presented at the District Annual meeting for election.

Daniel A. Danis 3 Angelwood Drive Coventry, RI 02816	Chairperson
Kenneth J. Burdick 18 Noella Avenue Coventry, RI 02816	Vice-Chairperson
Carol Dion 222 Hopkins Hill Road Coventry, RI 02816	Clerk
Carrie Moore 52 Lorraine Avenue Coventry RI 02816	Treasurer
Denise Brown 23 Linwood Drive Coventry, RI 02816	Tax Collector
Denise M. DeGraide 27 Linwood Drive Coventry, RI 02816	Tax Assessor
Joseph A. St.Jean 91 Helen Avenue Coventry RI 02816	Member At Large

Respectfully Submitted by the Nominating Committee March 30, 2015


Denise M. DeGraide


Kenneth J. Burdick


Frank M. Brown

BUDGET REPORT HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION 2014 -- 2015 EXPENDED 5/1/15 - 9/1/15

100-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

101 - INSURANCE	\$48,000.00		\$0.00
102 - LEGAL	\$500.00		\$125.00
103 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3,000.00		\$750.00
104 - STREET LIGHTING	\$28,000.00		\$10,000.00
105 - HYDRANT RENTAL	\$38,500.00		\$9,625.00
106 - FINANCIAL AUDIT	\$3,000.00		\$1,250.00
108 - ADVERTISING	\$1,000.00		\$250.00
109 - INFORMATION TECH.	\$2,500.00		\$625.00
TOTAL	\$126,500.00		\$22,625.00

200-DISTRICT OFFICER COMPENSATION

201 - CHAIRPERSON	\$975.00		\$243.75
202 - HEAD TAX ASSESSOR	\$875.00		\$218.75
203 - VICE CHAIRPERSON	\$875.00		\$218.75
204 - MEMBER AT LARGE	\$875.00		\$218.75
205 - CLERK	\$6,500.00		\$1,625.00
206 - TREASURER	\$6,500.00		\$1,625.00
207 - TAX COLLECTOR	\$16,000.00		\$4,000.00
209 - DEPUTY CHIEF	\$2,500.00		\$0.00
210 - ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
211 - CHIEF ENGINEER	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
214 - CAPTAINS and LIEUTENANTS	\$4,000.00		\$0.00
TOTAL	\$42,100.00		\$8,150.00

300-EMPLOYEE PAYROLL

301 - BASE SALARIES	\$506,000.00		\$126,500.00
302 - PAYROLL TAXES	\$14,000.00		\$3,500.00
303 - PENSION PAYMENTS	\$85,000.00		\$21,250.00
304 - MEDICAL PLAN	\$126,000.00		\$31,500.00
305 - FULL-TIME FILL-INS	\$55,000.00		\$13,750.00
306 - PART-TIME SHIFTS	\$25,000.00		\$6,250.00
307 - HOLIDAY PAY	\$22,500.00		\$5,625.00
308 - UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$8,000.00		\$0.00
309 - MEDICAL TESTING	\$1,500.00		\$0.00
TOTAL	\$843,000.00		\$208,375.00

BUDGET REPORT HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION 2014 -- 2015 EXPENDED 5/1/15 - 9/1/15

400-STATION OPERATION

401 - ELECTRIC	\$6,500.00		\$1,875.00
402 - NATURAL GAS	\$7,500.00		\$1,875.00
403 - PHONE/CABLE/INTERNET	\$3,200.00		\$800.00
404 - DOMESTIC WATER	\$1,000.00		\$250.00
406 - EQUIP. MAINT. CONTRACTS	\$1,000.00		\$250.00
407 - STATION UPKEEP	\$4,000.00		\$1,000.00

TOTAL	\$23,200.00		\$6,050.00
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500-FIRE APPARATUS OPERATION

501 - DIESEL & GASOLINE	\$16,000.00		\$4,000.00
502 - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$20,000.00		\$5,000.00

TOTAL	\$36,000.00		\$9,000.00
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600-RESCUE OPERATION

601 - RESCUE SUPPLIES	\$3,000.00		\$750.00
602 - OXYGEN REFILL	\$1,500.00		\$375.00
603 - EQUIP. MAINT. CONTRACT	\$1,500.00		\$375.00
604 - CELLULAR PHONE	\$3,100.00		\$775.00

TOTAL	\$9,100.00		\$2,275.00
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700-FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION

701 - MISC. SMALL TOOLS	\$1,000.00		\$250.00
702 - BADGES & ID'S	\$1,000.00		\$250.00
703 - PETTY CASH	\$200.00		\$200.00
704 - CALLMEN PAY	\$15,000.00		\$3,750.00
705 - EDUCATIONAL	\$3,500.00		\$875.00
706 - FIRE CHIEF'S CONVENTION	\$550.00		\$550.00
707 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00		\$500.00
708 - FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE	\$3,500.00		\$3,000.00

TOTAL	\$26,750.00		\$9,375.00
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800-NEW EQUIPMENT	\$5,000.00		\$3,000.00
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900-CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$2,500.00		\$0.00
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1000-MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,500.00		\$500.00
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TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,115,650.00		\$269,350.00
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