

# Central Coventry Fire District Board of Directors Town Hall Meeting

Coventry High School Auditorium, 40 Reservoir Road Coventry RI 02816-6457  
March 28, 2024, at 6:30 PM

**Directors:** Ernest Pullano-President, Russell McGillivray-Vice President, Richard Polselli, Kristen Benoit, Debra Santilli, David Lavalley, Debra Skurka-McAllister

## Agenda

Call to Order Ernest Pullano President  
Pledge of Allegiance Ernest Pullano President  
Safety Instructions Ernest Pullano President  
Roll Call – Quorum Determination Daniel Kaplan, District Clerk

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of the District's financial position and proposed Supplemental Tax
2. Answers and/or responses to questions, comments and concerns from public regarding the District's budget, financial position, proposed Supplemental Tax and associated factors

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### NEXT DISTRICT MEETINGS:

**Special Meeting** April 04, 2024 6:00PM  
Coventry High School Auditorium  
40 Reservoir Road Coventry RI

**Next Regular Meeting** April 18 2024 6:30 PM  
Coventry Senior Center  
50 Wood Street  
Coventry, RI 02816-8910

### ADJOURNMENT



# Board of Directors Town Hall Meeting

## Attendance Sign-In Sheet

28March2024

### Board of Directors

### Fire District

 Ernest Pullano, President	 Robert Civetti, District Treasurer
 Russell McGillivray, Vice President	 Frank Brown, Chief of Department
 Richard Polselli, Director	EXCUSED Julia A. Chretien, Esq, Legal Counsel
 Kristen Benoit, Director	 Mark D. Tourgee, Esq, Legal Counsel
 Debra Santilli, Director	 Daniel Kaplan, District Clerk
 David Lavallee, Director	
 Debbie Skurka-McAllister, Director	

**Central Coventry Fire District  
Projection Analysis  
Fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024**

Robert J. Civetti, CPA  
District Treasurer  
March 28, 2024

	FISCAL 2024 YTD Sept. 1, 2023 - March 22, 2024	PROJECTION Fiscal 2024	Proposed Fiscal 2024 Budget Rejected by the District Taxpayers	Projected Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Income</b>				
<b>39000 Tax Revenue</b>				
39100 Tax Levy - Current Year	\$ 2,882,636.33	\$ 4,220,130.83	\$ 4,617,541.00	\$ (397,410.17)
39201 Tax Levy - Prior Years	159,369.15	200,000.00	250,000.00	(50,000.00)
39202 Tax Redemptions	-	-	-	-
39203 Payment in Lieu of taxes	-	-	4,745.00	(4,745.00)
<b>Total 39000 Tax Revenue</b>	<b>3,042,005.48</b>	<b>4,420,130.83</b>	<b>4,872,286.00</b>	<b>(452,155.17)</b>
<b>39500 Department Revenue</b>				
39600 Rescue Run Recovery	269,160.44	461,417.90	570,000.00	(108,582.10)
39700 Fire Marshal Services	37,332.00	63,997.71	14,500.00	49,497.71
39800 Detail Reimbursement	11,933.00	20,456.57	-	20,456.57
<b>Total 39500 Department Revenue</b>	<b>318,425.44</b>	<b>545,872.18</b>	<b>584,500.00</b>	<b>(38,627.82)</b>
<b>39900 Other Revenue</b>				
39900 Other Revenue	298.07	298.07	-	298.07
39905 Municipal Lien Certificates	325.00	325.00	-	325.00
39910 Donations/Grants	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
39930 Interest and Penalties on Taxes	37,689.20	64,610.06	104,000.00	(39,389.94)
39935 Bank Interest Income	18,661.09	30,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
39940 Asset Sales/Misc Revenue	7,687.37	7,687.37	-	7,687.37
<b>Total 39900 Other Revenue</b>	<b>66,660.73</b>	<b>104,920.50</b>	<b>124,000.00</b>	<b>(19,079.50)</b>
<b>39999 Uncategorized Income</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,427,091.65</b>	<b>5,070,923.51</b>	<b>5,580,786.00</b>	<b>(509,862.49)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>40000 Administrative</b>				
40100 Audit	6,000.00	15,000.00	15,750.00	750.00
40200 Board Meetings	7,051.03	12,100.00	9,000.00	(3,100.00)
40210 Board Member Stipends	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	-
40220 Treasurer	21,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	-
40230 Administrative Insurance	309.00	500.00	500.00	-
40300 Tax Collecting Expense	1,387.50	10,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
40400 Legal - General	7,402.50	41,610.00	72,000.00	30,390.00
40450 Legal - Labor and Interest Arbitration	-	-	-	-
40500 Office/Miscellaneous	8,048.27	11,000.00	1,200.00	(9,800.00)
40510 Bank Fees	23.95	41.06	1,000.00	958.94
40600 Dues and Subscriptions	420.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	-
40700 Accounting and Payroll Costs	1,354.25	2,321.57	2,500.00	178.43
40800 Administrative Service Contracts	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
40850 Software and Hardware	4,149.42	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
<b>Total 40000 Administrative</b>	<b>71,145.92</b>	<b>160,972.63</b>	<b>185,350.00</b>	<b>24,377.37</b>
<b>50000 Operations</b>				
50200 Rescue Recovery Fees and Expenses	7,942.42	17,303.17	21,375.00	4,071.83
50250 Fuel	32,606.50	71,734.30	79,927.00	8,192.70
50300 Insurance - General Liability and Property	68,779.32	83,321.23	140,000.00	56,678.77
50720 Repairs and Maintenance - Station	3,565.38	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
50730 Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	64,395.60	122,392.46	130,000.00	7,607.54
50810 Supplies - Fire and Gear	3,499.06	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
50830 Supplies - Rescue	11,289.51	25,000.00	32,841.00	7,841.00
50840 Supplies - Station	3,569.13	7,200.00	7,000.00	(200.00)
50845 Telecommunication System	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
50850 Telecommunications	6,608.10	13,216.20	16,257.00	3,040.80
50920 Electric - Stations	11,880.28	20,366.19	23,598.00	3,231.81
50930 Gas - Stations	6,278.77	10,763.61	11,155.00	391.39
50940 Oil - Stations	7,301.40	12,516.69	10,745.00	(1,771.69)
50960 Water - Stations	287.29	574.58	681.00	106.42
<b>Total 50000 Operations</b>	<b>233,002.76</b>	<b>416,388.43</b>	<b>505,579.00</b>	<b>89,190.57</b>
<b>60000 Personnel Costs-Union</b>				
60105 Wages	925,175.47	1,785,631.99	1,851,831.00	66,199.01



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60110 Collateral (Fire Marshal)	16,637.41	30,898.05	24,148.00	(6,750.05)
60120 Overtime	382,605.75	710,553.54	591,788.00	(118,765.54)
60130 Holiday	70,399.94	100,354.22	85,402.00	(14,952.22)
60150 Detail	13,705.94	25,453.89	-	(25,453.89)
60170 Out of Rank	5,239.47	9,730.44	6,978.00	(2,752.44)
60180 Clothing Allowance	4,900.00	18,200.00	18,200.00	-
60190 Health Opt-out	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
60200 Payroll Tax	94,262.72	205,388.89	197,550.00	(7,838.89)
60210 Municipal State Pension	347,016.55	657,324.72	665,859.00	8,534.28
61000 Medical Insurance - Union	219,462.35	398,022.10	400,803.00	2,780.90
61100 HRA Medical Costs	1,694.59	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
61200 Dental Insurance - Union	15,759.93	25,558.14	34,281.00	8,722.86
61300 HR/SA Account Fees	1,037.30	2,074.60	2,013.00	(61.60)
61400 Life Insurance	7,291.50	7,291.50	8,000.00	708.50
61500 PEHP	-	35,000.00	33,985.00	(1,015.00)
62000 Injured on Duty Insurance	78,648.79	78,648.79	86,431.00	7,782.21
63000 Training/Academy	3,483.48	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
63100 Promotional Exams	2,123.40	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
63200 Recruitment/Medical Exams	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
<b>Total 60000 Personnel Costs-Union</b>	<b>2,189,444.59</b>	<b>4,117,630.86</b>	<b>4,034,769.00</b>	<b>(82,861.86)</b>
<b>70000 Personnel Costs - Administrative</b>				
70100 Administrative Salaries/Compensation	73,876.00	121,460.00	126,600.00	5,140.00
70200 Administrative Payroll Taxes	3,356.54	6,231.69	6,625.00	393.31
<b>Total 70000 Personnel Costs - Administrative</b>	<b>77,232.54</b>	<b>127,691.69</b>	<b>133,225.00</b>	<b>5,533.31</b>
<b>80000 Retirees/Separation Costs</b>				
80100 Medical Insurance - Retiree	34,790.60	56,418.66	81,152.00	24,733.34
80200 Dental Insurance - Retiree	1,822.16	2,717.85	5,081.00	2,363.15
80700 Unemployment/Separation Payouts	-	-	-	-
<b>Total 80000 Retirees/Separation Costs</b>	<b>36,612.76</b>	<b>59,136.51</b>	<b>86,233.00</b>	<b>27,096.49</b>
<b>90000 Other Expenditures</b>				
90100 Hydrants	116,813.88	233,627.76	242,973.00	9,345.24
90200 Street Lights	151,635.14	303,270.28	292,657.00	(10,613.28)
91000 Capital Purchases	-	-	-	-
95000 Debt/Lease/Claim Expense	-	-	-	-
91100 Interest expenditure	3,286.90	3,286.90	-	(3,286.90)
Restoration of Fund Balance Reserves	-	-	100,000.00	100,000.00
<b>Total 90000 Other Expenditures</b>	<b>271,735.92</b>	<b>540,184.94</b>	<b>635,630.00</b>	<b>95,445.06</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,879,174.49</b>	<b>5,422,005.06</b>	<b>5,580,786.00</b>	<b>158,780.94</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 547,917.16</b>	<b>\$ (351,081.55)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (351,081.55)</b>

# Central Coventry Fire District

## Profit and Loss

September 1, 2023 - March 22, 2024

UNAUDITED - INTERNAL USE ONLY

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<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$3,427,091.65</b>
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50000 Operations	
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50250 Fuel	32,606.50
50300 Insurance - General Liability and Property	68,779.32
50720 Repairs and Maintenance - Station	3,565.38
50730 Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	64,395.60
50810 Supplies - Fire and Gear	3,499.06
50830 Supplies - Rescue	11,289.51

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90000 Other Expenditures	
90100 Hydrants	116,813.88
90200 Street Lights	151,635.14
<b>Total 90000 Other Expenditures</b>	<b>268,449.02</b>
91100 Interest Paid	3,286.90
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,879,174.49</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$547,917.16</b>

# Central Coventry Fire District

## Profit and Loss

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NET INCOME	TOTAL
	<b>\$547,917.16</b>

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## NOTE TO CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT TAXPAYERS:

Due to our budget being REJECTED for the third year in a row,  
MOST of you noticed a **REDUCTION** in your FIRE TAX BILL.

In 2014, the TAX LEVY was \$4.9 MILLION

In 2021, the TAX LEVY was \$4.4 MILLION

In 2022, the TAX LEVY was \$4.4 MILLION

**NOW, the 2023/2024 TAX LEVY is STILL \$4.4 MILLION!**

***10 years later, the amount of taxes we collect has DROPPED \$500,000!***



### CCFD Tax Levy & Tax Rate History:

Property Assessment (Gross)	Yr	Residential Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Chg from 2014
	2013	\$2.86		
	2014	\$2.50	\$ 4,949,845	
	2015	\$2.46	\$ 4,495,188	-9.2%
	2016	\$2.37	\$ 4,335,808	-12.4%
	2017	\$2.06	\$ 4,007,513	-19.0%
	2018	\$2.12	\$ 4,163,573	-15.9%
	2019	\$2.17	\$ 4,291,071	-13.3%
\$2,155,773,790	2020	\$1.93	\$ 4,460,886	-9.9%
\$2,179,902,150	2021	\$1.91	\$ 4,450,679	-10.1%
\$2,217,673,390	2022	\$1.875	\$ 4,448,802	-10.1%
\$2,888,546,945	2023	\$1.46	\$ 4,448,802	-10.1%

Total Assessed value 2020: \$2,155,773,790

Total Assessed value 2023: \$2,888,546,945

Property Value **INCREASED** 34%, yet

Tax revenue **DECREASED** .3%!

**400 new homes** added in the past year alone!

Collecting **LESS** and serving **MORE HOMES!**



## Coventry Fire Districts

	CCFD	HH	Coventry	Western
Rate/th (2024)	\$1.46	\$2.20	\$1.88	\$1.58

Square Miles Coverage	24.5 sq miles	2.2 sq miles	5.5 sq miles	32 sq miles
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# Fire Fighters	26	9	10	4
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# FIRE HYDRANTS	356	69	230	0
KCWA cost per Hydrant/mo	\$54.68	\$54.68	\$54.68	
Tot Cost/MO	\$19,469	\$3,776	\$12,579	
TOTAL ANNUAL	\$233,628	\$45,310	\$150,952	

Street Lighting Annual Cost:	\$274,773	\$21,000	\$50,000	
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### Central Coventry Fire District has

- ☆ The Densest population per square mile
- ☆ The most full-time firefighters serving the community
- ☆ The most # hydrants; the costliest hydrant maintenance
- ☆ The costliest street lighting

➡ YET, THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN COVENTRY

## SAMPLE ACTUAL PROPERTIES/ TAX BILLS

CCFD Tax Bill History - showing revaluation									
Year	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/24	Proj rate inc	Proj change w/ inc		
Tax Rate:	2.17	1.93	1.91	1.88	1.458	1.52			
Home Value:	\$207,000	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$310,000	\$310,000	\$19		
Tax	\$449	\$494	\$489	\$481	\$452	\$471			
Home Value:	\$256,000	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$22		
Tax	\$556	\$573	\$567	\$558	\$525	\$547			
Home Value:	\$285,000	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$416,000	\$416,000	\$26		
Tax	\$618	\$625	\$619	\$609	\$607	\$632			
Home Value:	\$340,500	\$382,700	\$382,700	\$382,700	\$510,900	\$510,900	\$32		
Tax	\$739	\$739	\$731	\$719	\$745	\$777			
Home Value:	\$419,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$614,000	\$614,000	\$38		
Tax	\$909	\$917	\$907	\$893	\$895	\$933			
Home Value:	\$474,000	\$646,000	\$646,000	\$646,000	\$768,000	\$768,000	\$48		
Tax	\$1,029	\$1,247	\$1,234	\$1,214	\$1,120	\$1,167			
Home Value:	\$540,000	\$677,800	\$677,800	\$677,800	\$892,300	\$892,300	\$55		
Tax	\$1,172	\$1,308	\$1,295	\$1,274	\$1,301	\$1,356			
Home Value:	\$651,100	\$770,900	\$770,900	\$770,900	\$965,900	\$965,900	\$60		
Tax	\$1,413	\$1,488	\$1,472	\$1,449	\$1,408	\$1,468			

**BE INFORMED!**  
ATTEND the MEETING  
VOTE YES to 3.95% increase

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**  
**Coventry High School Auditorium**  
**40 Reservoir Rd**  
**6:00: PM**