

# **Central Coventry Fire District Special Board of Directors Meeting**

Coventry High School Auditorium, 40 Reservoir Road Coventry RI 02816 at 6:00PM  
April 04, 2024, at 6:00 PM

**Directors:** Ernest Pullano-President, Russell McGillivray-Vice President, Richard Polselli, Kristen Benoit, Debra Santilli, David Lavallee, 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. Review of Procedure for meeting, voter qualification and voting
2. Presentation of the District's budget
3. Proposal of a supplemental tax of 3.95%
4. Vote by the District's voters on the proposed supplemental tax

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

### **NEXT REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING:**

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



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Attendance Sign-In Sheet

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### Board of Directors

### Fire District

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

**CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**April 04, 2024 @ 6:00 P. M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Pullano at 6:02 P.M. District Clerk Kaplan took a roll call for a quorum determination. Those in attendance were President Pullano, Vice President McGillivray, Director Polselli, Director Benoit, Director Santilli, Director Lavallee, Director Skurka-McAllister, Chief of Department Brown, District Treasurer Civetti, Legal Counsel Chretien, and District Clerk Kaplan. Attorney Tourgee was excused. President Pullano led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave directions for emergency exit.

President Pullano called a recess to allow all the voters to enter the auditorium. The meeting resumed at 6:17 P.M.

President Pullano reviewed the procedures for the meeting, voter qualification and voting.

Director Santilli presented a review of the District's tax bill history and a comparison of the tax rates for the fire districts in Coventry showing that the Central Coventry Fire District had the lowest rate, second largest in square miles, the most fire fighters, the most hydrants and the largest street lighting bill.

A motion to approve the proposed supplemental tax of 3.95%, was made by Vice President McGillivray, seconded by Director Lavallee, and unanimously approved.

A vote by those tax payers present was certified by members of the Coventry Board of Canvassers as complete and accurate.

The total number of votes cast was 144 with two (2) provisional ballots.

The total number of votes cast for the Proposed Supplement Tax was one hundred and six (106) with two (2) provisional ballots.

The total number of votes cast against the Proposed Supplemental Tax was thirty-eight (38).

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President McGillivray, seconded by Director Santilli, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Kaplan  
District Clerk

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Daniel S. Kaplan  
District Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT  
APRIL 04, 2024

## CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

We, the undersigned Members of the Coventry Board of Canvassers, after being duly sworn and organized for the April 04, 2024 Special Meeting of the Central Coventry Fire District Board for the Proposed Supplemental Tax, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the tabulation and canvassing of the Election are complete and accurate, and the following results are true and accurate:

The total number of votes cast by the taxpayers of the Central Coventry Fire District was 144. (2 WERE PROVISIONALS)

Proposed Supplemental tax

The total number of votes cast for the Proposed Supplement Tax was 106.  
The total number of votes cast against the Proposed Supplemental Tax was 38.

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2 PROVISIONALS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set unto our hands.

In the Town of Coventry, County of Kent, State of Rhode Island on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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Lori Anderson, Clerk  
Board of Canvassers  
Town of Coventry

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William Marcotte, Chairperson  
Board of Canvassers  
Town of Coventry