



**Central Coventry Fire District
SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting**

Annex Building 1675 Flat River Road., Coventry, RI 02816
December 23, 2021, at 6:30 PM

Commissioners

Cynthia Fagan-Perry-President,
Carl Mattson, Vice-President, Richard Polselli,
James Kuipers, Kristen Benoit, Russell McGillivray, Debra Santilli

Agenda

Call to Order	Cynthia Fagan-Perry, President
Pledge of Allegiance	Cynthia Fagan-Perry, President
Safety Instructions	Cynthia Fagan-Perry, President
Roll Call – Quorum Determination	Daniel Kaplan, District Clerk

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes from:
 - a. December 2, 2021. (Discussion/Action/Vote)
 - b. December 16, 2021 (Discussion/Action/Vote)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2021-23, to appoint MRP, Inc. as District Treasurer for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Discussion/Action/Vote.)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 20, 2022, at 6:30 PM
(Location to be Determined)

ADJOURNMENT Cynthia Fagan-Perry, President



Board of Directors Meeting

Attendance Sign-In Sheet

December 23, 2021

Board of Directors

Fire District

 Cynthia Fagan-Perry, President	 Jeffrey Wadovick, District Treasurer
 Carl L. Mattson, Vice President	 Frank Napoli
 Richard Polselli, Director	 David Dagostino, Esq.
 James Kuipers, Director	 Frank Brown, Chief
 Kristen Benoit, Director	 Daniel Kaplan, District Clerk
 Russell McGillivray, Director	
 Debra Santilli, Director	

CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 02 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Annex Building 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816

The meeting was called to order by President Fagan-Perry at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present consisting of: President Cindy Fagan-Perry, Vice President Carl Mattson, Directors Richard Polselli, James Kuipers, Russell McGillivray, Kristen Benoit, and Debra Santilli. Legal Counsel David D'Agostino, Esq., of Gorham & Gorham, Inc., Chief Brown, Frank Napoli and District Clerk Kaplan were present. District Treasurer Jeffrey Wadovick was excused. President Fagan-Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave safety instructions. District Clerk Kaplan took a roll call.

A motion to table the meeting minutes from November 18, 2021, was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director Kuipers, and approved.

New Business:

A motion to move Item 5 from the Agenda to Item 1 was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director Santilli, and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the Adoption of Resolution #2021-22 to change Bank Account signatories, in anticipation of District Treasurer transition, was made by Director Polselli, seconded by Vice President Mattson, and approved. Director Benoit asked if she was considered to be a signatory, but since she is the Finance Director for the Town of West Warwick, President Fagan-Perry thought it might be too much to impose upon her. Director Benoit voted opposed to the resolution.

An update from the District Treasurer was presented by Frank Napoli. He presented several scenarios to the Board.

A discussion of resignation of District Treasurer and a transition/succession plan, and an update on potential options by Legal Counsel was held.

Chief Brown reported on the status of COVID-19 funding from the Town of Coventry. Directors Benoit and Kuipers will present a proposal to the council for consideration. The Coventry Town Council meeting scheduled for December 20th will not allow comments. The January 10, 2022 Town Council meeting will allow comments.

Chief Brown reported on SAFER (Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grants.

An update from Legal Counsel D'Agostino on potential change of Injured-On-Duty claims administrator and insurer was presented to the Board. The existing insurer is in line with the bid from VFIS. If VFIS will bid on General Liability policies the Board may consider a change, with an updated timeline of January 01,2022.

A discussion of options for lobbying the General Assembly for relief from State mandates for flexibility for financially troubled municipal/quasi-municipal entities was held. It was decided that State Senators and Representatives from the Town of Coventry should be invited to the next Special Meeting on December 9, 2021.

Public Comments:

Lieutenant McCann brought up the termination of a firefighter.

Director Kuipers requested that the Board schedule an Executive Session at its December 9, 2021 special meeting to address pending arbitration matters involving the IAFF Local 3372.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director Santilli and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM

The next special meeting of the Central Coventry Fire District Board of Directors will be held on December 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall Annex, 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816-8910.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Kaplan,
District Clerk

CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 16 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Annex Building 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816

The meeting was called to order by President Fagan-Perry at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present consisting of: President Cindy Fagan-Perry, Vice President Carl Mattson, Directors Richard Polselli, James Kuipers, Russell McGillivray, Kristen Benoit, and Debra Santilli. Legal Counsel David D'Agostino, Esq., of Gorham & Gorham, Inc., Chief Brown, District Treasurer Jeffrey Wadovick and District Clerk Kaplan were present. President Fagan-Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave safety instructions. District Clerk Kaplan took a roll call.

A moment of silence was observed for former Chief Bill Fontaine.

President Cindy Fagan-Perry greeted the members of to the Central Coventry Fire District Legislative Delegation (Senator Rogers, Representatives Roberts, Noret, and Nardone) and Coventry Town Council (Council Person Ludwig).

A motion to approve The Chief's report was made by Director McGillivray, seconded by Director Kuipers and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports was made by Director McGillivray, seconded by Vice President Mattson, and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the District Clerk's Report was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director Kuipers, and unanimously approved

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 18, 2021 was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director Kuipers and unanimously approved.

A motion to table the meeting minutes from December 02, 2021, was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director Kuipers, and unanimously approved.

New Business:

Discussion of request for Corrective Action Plan for District required by state law and RI Office of Municipal Affairs and RI Auditor General. Discussion of contents of plan; review of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 proposal to the Town Council; discussion to include supplemental tax increase; staffing reductions; SAFER Grant options; reduction on discretionary spending; methods

to reduce overtime expenditures; streetlights, including removal of streetlights; status of future MERS rates; and, other potential steps

Public Comments:

Council Person Ludwig had Fire Department arrive at her house and said it was a very good experience.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Mattson, seconded by Director McGillivray and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

The next scheduled meeting of the Central Coventry Fire District Board of Directors will be held on December 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall Annex, 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816-8910.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Kaplan,
District Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-23

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MRP, INC.
AS DISTRICT TREASURER

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") serves as the governing body of the Central Coventry Fire District ("CCFD"), which is a quasi-municipal/quasi-governmental entity and body politic created by an Act of the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered by the Charter of the CCFD, specifically, Section 6 (a) (6), Section 6 (b), and Section 9, to appoint a Treasurer;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District, and is consistent with the Board's business judgment to appoint a Treasurer for the purposes enumerated in Section 9, and such other duties and responsibilities as the Board deems necessary and appropriate from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has provided for an administrative expense in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 District Budget an amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) sufficient to provide said Treasurer services,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Board of Directors of the Central Coventry Fire District, at a Special meeting duly called on the 23rd day of December 2021, hereby appoints MRP, Inc., a Rhode Island business corporation, as District Treasurer of said District for an amount not to exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

\$33,333.00

EFFECTIVE DATE

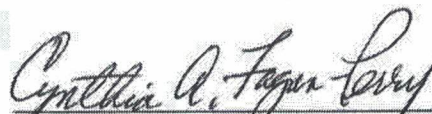
This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Honorable Board of Directors of the Central Coventry Fire District at their regular Board meeting on December 23, 2021.

Attest:



Dan Kaplan, District Clerk



Cynthia Fagan-Perry, President,
Board of Directors

• NOTE: This represents 8 months of remaining FY 2021-2022 at balance of \$50,000 budgeted amount for District Treasurer.
(Per Member Santilli)