



Annual Meeting of the Central Coventry Fire District  
September 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM  
Coventry High School  
40 Reservoir Road Coventry, RI 02816-6457

## Annual District Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Declaration of quorum. (The Moderator will report to the assembly on the number of electors/voters present as reported by the Canvassers.)
3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Moderator.
4. Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan and the rules and procedures for questions and comments by the Moderator.
5. Report on receipts and disbursements from the District Manager for the Fiscal Year recently ended.
6. Report on all-day referendum for approval of 2023-2024 Budget proposed by the CCFD Board of Directors.
7. Report on all-day voting for Board of Directors seats (2 open).
8. Resolution to set tax rate(s).
9. Adjournment




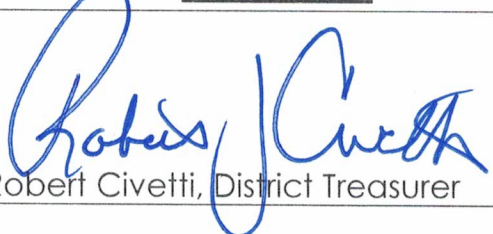
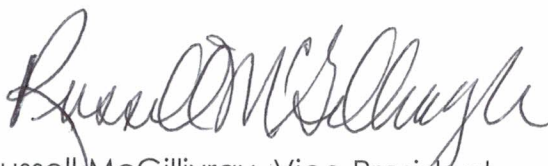

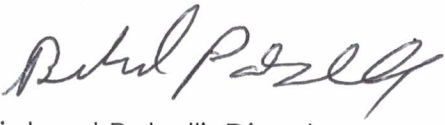
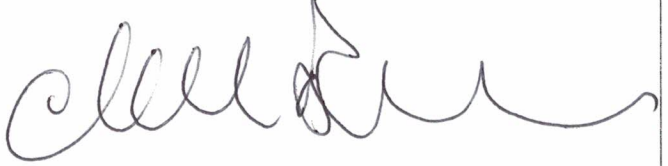
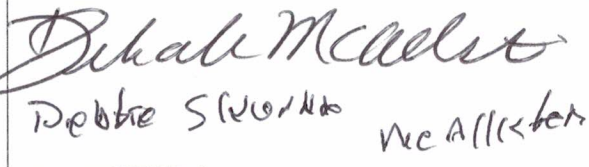

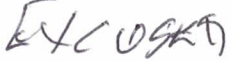

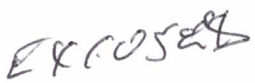
# Board of Directors Meeting

## Attendance Sign-In Sheet

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### Board of Directors

### Fire District

 Ernest Pullano, President	 Robert Civetti, District Treasurer
 Russell McGillivray, Vice President	 <del>David DeGostino, Esq. Legal Counsel</del> Julia A. Christian
 Richard Polselli, Director	 Frank Brown, Chief of Department
 Debbie S. [unclear] McAllister Carl Mattson, Director	 Daniel Kaplan, District Clerk
 Kristen Benoit, Director	
 Debra Santilli, Director	
 David Lavalley, Director	

# Central Coventry Fire District Proposed Budget Fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

	FISCAL 2021 (Audited)	FISCAL 2022 (Unaudited)	FISCAL 2023 YTD Sept. 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Proposed Fiscal 2024 Budget	Fiscal 2023 version 4 budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Income</b>						
<b>39000 Tax Revenue</b>						
39100 Tax Levy - Current Year	\$ 4,146,215.56	\$ 4,154,362.24	\$ 3,662,608.00	\$ 4,617,541.00	\$ 4,183,638.00	\$ 433,903.00
39201 Tax Levy - Prior Years	275,377.07	303,804.79	251,294.04	250,000.00	270,000.00	(20,000.00)
39202 Tax Redemptions	-	-	267.12	-	-	\$ -
39203 Payment in Lieu of taxes	-	-	50,000.00	4,745.00	-	\$ 4,745.00
<b>Total 39000 Tax Revenue</b>	<b>4,421,592.63</b>	<b>4,458,167.03</b>	<b>3,964,169.16</b>	<b>4,872,286.00</b>	<b>4,453,638.00</b>	<b>\$ 418,648.00</b>
<b>39500 Department Revenue</b>						
39600 Rescue Run Recovery	543,550.75	643,238.19	471,620.64	570,000.00	650,000.00	\$ (80,000.00)
39700 Fire Marshal Services	17,405.00	33,291.00	12,045.00	14,500.00	15,836.00	\$ (1,336.00)
39800 Detail Reimbursement	15,637.50	16,353.86	13,789.00	-	12,500.00	\$ (12,500.00)
<b>Total 39500 Department Revenue</b>	<b>576,593.25</b>	<b>692,883.05</b>	<b>497,454.64</b>	<b>584,500.00</b>	<b>678,336.00</b>	<b>(93,836.00)</b>
<b>39900 Other Revenue</b>						
39900 Other Revenue	-	325.00	603.05	-	-	\$ -
39930 Interest and Penalties on Taxes	141,598.74	104,027.66	87,962.78	104,000.00	105,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
39935 Bank Interest Income	7,247.88	2,927.21	4,737.80	20,000.00	1,500.00	\$ 18,500.00
39940 Asset Sales/Misc Revenue	3,623.28	4,761.00	607,068.12	-	50.00	\$ (50.00)
<b>Total 39900 Other Revenue</b>	<b>152,469.90</b>	<b>112,040.87</b>	<b>700,371.75</b>	<b>124,000.00</b>	<b>106,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,450.00</b>
<b>39999 Uncategorized Income</b>						
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,150,655.78</b>	<b>5,263,090.95</b>	<b>5,160,878.60</b>	<b>5,580,786.00</b>	<b>5,238,524.00</b>	<b>\$ 342,262.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b>40000 Administrative</b>						
40100 Audit	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,750.00	15,500.00	\$ 250.00
40200 Board Meetings	10,807.20	13,117.81	6,749.51	9,000.00	5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
40210 Board Member Stipends	14,000.00	1,866.68	-	14,000.00	6,400.00	\$ 7,600.00
40220 Treasurer	108,000.00	57,948.28	30,770.83	36,000.00	50,000.00	\$ (14,000.00)
40230 Administrative Insurance	241.75	252.79	555.96	500.00	250.00	\$ 250.00
40300 Tax Collecting Expense	20,142.52	12,704.01	24,982.87	15,000.00	12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
40400 Legal - General	42,840.03	99,734.89	136,324.31	72,000.00	30,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
40450 Legal - Labor and Interest Arbitration	140,046.27	74,573.55	4,950.00	-	10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
40500 Office/Miscellaneous	642.63	1,051.91	717.20	1,200.00	1,300.00	\$ (100.00)
40510 Bank Fees	601.07	671.65	1,118.78	1,000.00	1,150.00	\$ (150.00)
40600 Dues and Subscriptions	265.00	2,400.00	1,451.51	2,400.00	2,500.00	\$ (100.00)
40700 Accounting and Payroll Costs	2,564.57	9,900.52	1,764.18	2,500.00	3,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)
40800 Administrative Service Contracts	18,760.41	7,535.00	284.74	1,000.00	8,000.00	\$ (7,000.00)
40850 Software and Hardware	18,330.48	43,693.47	32,375.64	15,000.00	17,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)
<b>Total 40000 Administrative</b>	<b>392,241.93</b>	<b>340,450.56</b>	<b>257,045.53</b>	<b>185,350.00</b>	<b>163,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,250.00</b>
<b>50000 Operations</b>						
50200 Rescue Recovery Fees and Expenses	21,379.64	24,110.36	15,382.49	21,375.00	22,750.00	\$ (1,375.00)
50250 Fuel	43,061.22	85,572.73	64,044.44	79,927.00	110,000.00	\$ (30,073.00)
50300 Insurance - General Liability and Property	36,139.16	201,270.43	219,302.01	140,000.00	234,084.00	\$ (94,084.00)

**Central Coventry Fire District  
Proposed Budget  
Fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024**

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50720 Repairs and Maintenance - Station	28,839.06	18,464.20	12,601.14	15,000.00	20,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
50730 Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	92,228.61	119,256.47	152,509.31	130,000.00	100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
50810 Supplies - Fire and Gear	35,781.95	10,134.40	11,439.15	12,000.00	27,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)
50830 Supplies - Rescue	27,379.51	28,309.30	23,683.07	82,841.00	25,000.00	\$ 7,841.00
50840 Supplies - Station	9,012.93	6,946.26	4,643.10	7,000.00	7,000.00	\$ -
50845 Telecommunication System	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	\$ -
50850 Telecommunications	14,077.38	11,998.99	13,026.64	16,257.00	15,000.00	\$ 1,257.00
50920 Electric - Stations	15,978.31	16,892.71	17,017.62	23,598.00	17,000.00	\$ 6,598.00
50930 Gas - Stations	6,941.86	8,185.88	8,044.78	11,155.00	10,000.00	\$ 1,155.00
50960 Water - Stations	6,196.90	9,692.26	7,748.80	10,745.00	10,000.00	\$ 745.00
50960 Water - Stations	592.41	522.01	545.80	681.00	600.00	\$ 81.00
<b>Total 50000 Operations</b>	<b>340,108.94</b>	<b>543,856.00</b>	<b>554,988.35</b>	<b>505,579.00</b>	<b>603,434.00</b>	<b>\$ (97,855.00)</b>
<b>60000 Personnel Costs-Union</b>						
60102 FLSA wages	130,294.81	-	130,294.81	1,851,881.00	1,713,639.00	\$ 138,192.00
60103 FLSA Interest	132,960.11	-	132,960.11	24,122.00	31,232.00	\$ (7,084.00)
60105 Wages	1,843,715.95	1,806,217.76	1,399,641.75	591,788.00	670,136.00	\$ (78,348.00)
60110 Collateral (Fire Marshal)	26,297.01	20,624.24	19,537.37	85,402.00	79,102.00	\$ 6,300.00
60120 Overtime	429,275.19	642,691.75	540,486.23	65,458.44	12,500.00	\$ (12,500.00)
60130 Holiday	83,389.44	82,458.96	65,458.44	6,978.00	10,500.00	\$ (3,522.00)
60150 Detail	12,099.08	12,834.87	8,512.96	18,200.00	18,200.00	\$ -
60170 Out of Rank	5,180.77	9,808.37	5,645.90	4,000.00	10,500.00	\$ (6,500.00)
60180 Clothing Allowance	18,940.20	19,760.24	11,900.00	197,659.00	10,500.00	\$ (1,412.00)
60190 Health Opt-out	11,000.00	10,667.67	-	665,859.00	198,962.00	\$ 63,558.00
60200 Payroll Tax	181,505.75	200,560.42	146,720.86	400,803.00	602,301.00	\$ 132,611.00
60210 Municipal State Pension	595,914.20	638,236.16	491,200.03	9,000.00	268,192.00	\$ -
61000 Medical Insurance - Union	291,632.88	285,512.81	238,964.00	84,281.00	9,000.00	\$ 11,364.00
61100 HRA Medical Costs	11,415.46	8,495.01	6,797.86	2,013.00	2,400.00	\$ (387.00)
61200 Dental Insurance - Union	27,782.77	28,075.05	23,238.17	8,000.00	8,000.00	\$ -
61300 HR/SA Account Fees	1,736.30	2,677.40	1,437.70	38,985.00	26,459.00	\$ 7,526.00
61400 Life Insurance	5,208.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	86,423.00	105,000.00	\$ (18,569.00)
61500 PEHP	31,144.77	28,995.70	76,475.20	5,000.00	5,000.00	\$ -
62000 Injured on Duty Insurance	136,029.00	187,142.16	76,475.20	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$ -
63000 Training/Academy	37,702.58	11,787.84	5,552.03	1,500.00	5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
63100 Promotional Exams	840.30	4,427.47	842.00	1,084,769.00	3,804,290.00	\$ 230,479.00
63200 Recruitment/Medical Exams	5,750.00	-	842.00	-	-	\$ -
<b>Total 60000 Personnel Costs-Union</b>	<b>3,756,559.65</b>	<b>4,008,973.88</b>	<b>3,313,665.42</b>	<b>4,084,769.00</b>	<b>3,804,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 230,479.00</b>
<b>70000 Personnel Costs - Administrative</b>						
70100 Administrative Salaries/Compensation	165,906.58	116,900.57	104,448.00	126,600.00	121,411.00	\$ 5,189.00
70200 Administrative Payroll Taxes	3,377.07	7,458.24	4,930.27	6,625.00	6,228.00	\$ 397.00
<b>Total 70000 Personnel Costs - Administrative</b>	<b>169,283.65</b>	<b>124,358.81</b>	<b>109,378.27</b>	<b>133,225.00</b>	<b>127,639.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,586.00</b>
<b>80000 Retirees/Separation Costs</b>						
80100 Medical Insurance - Retiree	76,355.62	70,710.21	979.80	81,152.00	70,408.00	\$ 10,744.00

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80200 Dental Insurance - Retiree	5,701.46	4,865.42	4,324.41	5,081.00	4,791.00	\$ 290.00
80700 Unemployment/Separation Payouts	9,031.45	62,746.17	2,383.20	-	55,000.00	\$ (55,000.00)
<b>Total 80000 Retirees/Separation Costs</b>	<b>91,088.53</b>	<b>138,321.80</b>	<b>66,116.59</b>	<b>86,233.00</b>	<b>130,199.00</b>	<b>\$ (43,966.00)</b>
<b>90000 Other Expenditures</b>						
90100 Hydrants	221,036.66	236,496.37	174,305.68	242,973.00	242,194.00	\$ 779.00
90200 Street Lights	582,447.93	206,713.51	211,050.65	292,657.00	218,000.00	\$ 74,657.00
91000 Capital Purchases	50,099.08	-	-	-	15,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)
95000 Debt/Lease/Claim Expense	12,000.00	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Restoration of Fund Balance Reserves	-	-	-	100,000.00	-	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total 90000 Other Expenditures</b>	<b>865,583.67</b>	<b>443,209.88</b>	<b>385,356.33</b>	<b>635,630.00</b>	<b>475,194.00</b>	<b>\$ 160,436.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,614,866.37</b>	<b>5,599,170.93</b>	<b>4,686,550.49</b>	<b>5,580,786.00</b>	<b>5,303,856.00</b>	<b>\$ 276,930.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (464,210.59)</b>	<b>\$ (336,079.98)</b>	<b>\$ 474,328.11</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (65,332.00)</b>	<b>\$ 65,332.00</b>

2022 tax roll certified levy	\$ 4,448,801.64
estimated levy for 2024 fy	\$ 4,617,541.00
Levy if deem 97% collection rate	\$ 4,760,351.55
increase	\$ 311,549.91
	7.00%

4% increase on the 2022 tax roll levy	\$ 177,952.07
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# CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

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Daniel S. Kaplan  
District Clerk

September 11, 2023

Report on the outcome of the election of officers for the Central Coventry Fire District Board of Directors;

Kristen Benoit: 396  
Russell McGillivray: 364 } Elected to the Central Coventry Fire District BOD

Elliott Greene: 212  
David Brodeur: 226

Report on the outcome of the vote on the Budget:

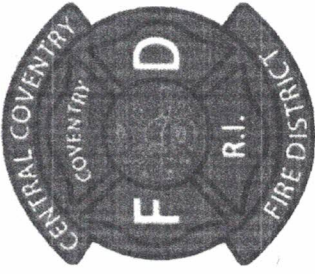
Reject: 350  
Approve: 316



# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday, September 11, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Coventry High School**





**History of Tax Rates:**

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2013	\$ 2.86	
2014	\$ 2.50	(12.6%)
2015	\$ 2.46	(1.6%)
2016	\$ 2.37	(3.7%)
2017	\$ 2.06	(13.1%)
2018	\$ 2.12	2.9%
2019	\$ 2.17	2.4%
2020	\$ 1.93	(11.1%)
2021	\$ 1.91	(1.0%)
2022	\$ 1.875	(1.8%)

9/2022 – Voters rejected 3.96% tax increase  
 No change in Tax Levy; however,  
 with property valuation,  
 TAX RATE actually went DOWN 1.8%

**Tax Rate in 2022 is (34.4)%  
 LOWER than it was 9 YEARS AGO  
 AND  
 The Lowest in  
 Coventry Fire Districts**

**Fire Tax Rates in Coventry:**

Coventry Fire District	\$2.39
Hopkins Hill Fire District	\$2.20
Western Coventry Fire District	\$1.94
Central Coventry Fire District	\$1.88



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**IMPORTANT!** This Flyer is FROM your CCFD Board with INFORMATION to HELP YOU MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION on the BUDGET VOTE

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2016	4,335,808	(3.5%)
2017	4,007,513	(7.6%)
2018	4,163,573	3.9%
2019	4,291,071	3.1%
2020	4,460,886	4.0%
2021	4,450,679	(0.2%)
2022	4,448,802	(0.0%)

**\$501,403 LESS** in Tax Levy 8 Years Later!

WHAT IS IMPACT to YOU?		
Year	Average CCFD Tax Bill*	Increase/Decrease
2015	\$450	
2016	\$435	(3.3%)
2017	\$413	(5.2%)
2018	\$424	2.7%
2019	\$435	2.7%
2020	\$431	(0.9%)
2021	\$428	(0.9%)
2022	\$420	(1.8%)

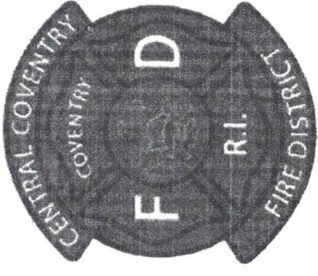
\*These bills are Estimates and not reflective of ALL taxpayers; some will be higher; some will be lower

Proposed 7% increase. At average shown above, this is increase of \$30 PER YEAR and would bring tax bill back to year 2015 level

Go to website: [ccfdri.com](http://ccfdri.com) and click on "Taxpayers" and then Fiscal Year 2024 Board Proposed Budget

With increased costs of Fuel, utilities, insurance, personnel, we cannot continue to provide services at this level of tax levy. We have \$500,000 LESS than we had 8 years ago, yet costs have gone up. Understand that without a modest increase, we will not be sustainable.

**PLEASE VOTE YES on SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**



## Top Concerns:

### General Liability Insurance:

Increased from \$50,000 in 2019 to \$234,000 in 2022

(we are working on obtaining other coverage to reduce premiums)



Fuel Costs have doubled in the past 4 years from \$40,000 to over \$80,000



Without tax increase, we struggle to meet payroll, pension and health insurance responsibilities. Last year we were able to secure temporary loan from Coventry Fire District until our 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. tax receipts flowed in.

**THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE.**



We received ARPA Grant of \$600,000 in 2022 which helped cover expenses and legal obligations; however, this was a one-time receipt.



Without additional support from YOU the taxpayers, we cannot continue to provide the services for you on a day-to-day basis.

This 7% tax increase is a minimum amount we need to keep our services going.



**Thank you for your attention.**

**Please VOTE YES on the Budget!**



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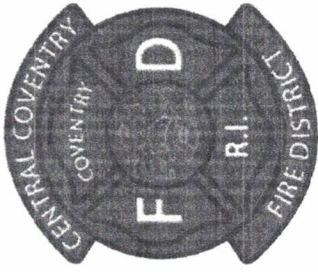
Is an extra  
**\$30. per year**  
**(58 cents per week)**  
 affordable?

This increase would bring you  
 back to approximately **SAME**  
 tax as it was **8 years AGO**

**2023 Proposed 7% Increase**  
**2023 \$450**

*\*these figures are ESTIMATES and  
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APR 2023



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\$501,403 LESS in Tax Levy 8 Years Later!



# CENTRAL COVENTRY

## FIRE DISTRICT

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District Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

We, the undersigned Members of the Coventry Board of Canvassers, after being duly sworn and organized for the September 11, 2023 Annual Meeting of the Central Coventry Fire District Board for the Election of two (2) Board of Directors Members, and Election of Proposed FY24 Tax Levy of 7%, 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 **1,334**.

#### Election of Two (2) Board of Directors Members

The total number of votes cast for:

Kristen Benoit **396**

David Brodeur **226**

Elliot Greene **212**

Russell McGillivray **364**

The two (2) candidates elected are: **Kristen Benoit and Russell McGillivray.**

#### Proposed FY24 Tax Levy of 7%

The total number of votes "for" the Proposed FY24 Tax Levy of 7%, was **316**. The total number of votes "against" Proposed FY24 Tax Levy of 7%, was **350**.

Proposed FY24 Tax Levy of 7% **failed.**



# CENTRAL COVENTRY

## FIRE DISTRICT

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Daniel S. Kaplan  
District Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set unto our hands.

In the Town of Coventry, County of Kent, State of Rhode Island on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Marcotte", written over a horizontal line.

William Marcotte, Chairperson  
Board of Canvassers  
Town of Coventry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Lori Anderson, Clerk  
Board of Canvassers  
Town of Coventry