

WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

7:00 PM, Monday, April 24, 2022, Summit Fire Station
1110 Victory Highway, Greene, RI 02827

VOTES TAKEN

Posted April 26, 2022

Note: Masks should be worn by all attendees with exceptions for certain health conditions

Call to Order

Moderator Skip Mays

Ms. Joan Smith confirmed that there are 25 qualified voters present at the start of meeting. There is a quorum.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Smith of Weaver Hill Road, to waive the Call of the Meeting. Second by Mr. Scott Murray of Camp Westwood Road. Motion Carried.

The Moderator recognized the attendance of State Representative Mike Chippendale and Senator Gordon Rogers and thanked them for providing WCFD with grant money from the State House.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures: Chief Cady

Chief Cady reviewed the emergency evacuation procedure.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Coventry Junior Naval ROTC Color Guard

Invocation:

Rev Reppa Cottrell

Call to Meeting:

District Clerk Mariann Gardener

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Stenographic Report on file with District Clerk

Reports:

Chuck Smith Weaver Hill Road, makes a motion to waive the reading of the reports, except for details. Second by Mr. Mann Flat River Road. Discussion: Details presented by Chief Cady and Chairman Bousquet. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sandra Mann

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Joan Smith

Board of Director's Report: Board Chairman Stephen Bousquet

Chief's Report: Fire Chief James Cady

District Counsel's Comments: J William Harsch, Esq. (excused)

Member Recognition:

Chief Cady

Chief Cady recognized the members for all they do. He welcomed the new members and recognized the members who work over 25 hours each week. He thanked member Cindy Horan for all the extra she does for the department.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

RESOLUTIONS: Board Chairman Stephen Bousquet

RESOLUTION 1: *A motion is made by Mr. Bousquet and second by Mr. Mann. That all actions taken by the Officers and Board of Directors of the Western Coventry Fire District during the fiscal year ending February 28, 2023 be ratified.*

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2: *A motion is made by Mr. Bousquet and second by Mr. Smith That a Western Coventry Fire District operating budget of \$1,095,583 be adopted for fiscal year March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.*

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3: *A motion is made by Mr. Bousquet and second by Mr. Mann That in accordance with current Standard Administrative Procedures, the Board of Directors be authorized to solicit bids and to purchase a replacement Rescue vehicle, and to either trade in or sell the existing Rescue vehicle.*

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 4: *A motion is made by Mr. Bousquet and second by Mr. Smith That in accordance with current Standard Administrative Procedures, the Board of Directors will be authorized to purchase a Tanker, should a reasonably priced used Tanker become available.*

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 5: *A motion is made by Mr. Bousquet and second by Mr. Tom Miller That in accordance with current Standard Administrative Procedures, the Board of Directors be authorized to solicit bids and purchase a replacement stand-by generator.*

Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Board of Directors: Of the five (5) Board of Director's positions, two (2) are open with three (3) candidates applying: Joseph Gigliotti, Jillian Proulx, and Robert Taylor. The District Officer positions of Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector are running unopposed and the Moderator requested the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the electors.

*Comments by candidates in support of their candidacy are optional and limited to two (2) minutes for each candidate. *The above elected positions each have a term of three (3) years as dictated by the WCFD By-Laws.*

29 qualified voters were present at the time of election to cast votes for the Election of Officers. The Clerk read the Election results for the newly elected officers. Board of Directors: Robert Taylor 20 votes, Joseph Gigliotti 19 votes, and Jillian Proulx 18 votes.

Oath of Office:

Oath taken by the new Board Members. Administered by Representative Michael Chippendale and Senator Gordon Rogers.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Mann and second by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting at 7:41. Motion Carried.*

- Notes:
1. In order to qualify to vote on matters of this meeting, persons must be a qualified voter of the Fire District.
 2. To assist the Moderator and Tellers in recognizing WCFD qualified voters, all non-qualified audience participants will be requested to sit in a designated area set aside for guests.
 3. At the Moderator's option or by a majority vote of qualified voters present, votes on motions and resolutions may be by written ballot. Unless otherwise noted or voted, all votes will be by voice vote.