



CENTRAL COVENTRY

FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE – RESCUE – EMS – PREVENTION

RICHARD J. LAND, SPECIAL MASTER

March 11, 2013

Dear Resident:

I was appointed Special Master of the Central Coventry Fire District (“CCFD” or “District”) by the Kent Country Superior Court to take control of CCFD. As you may know, on February 11, 2013, District residents rejected the proposed FY2012-2013 budget at a public meeting which left the District without an approved budget. However, the Judge in this case approved a revised budget, which is included with this letter, and we will be holding another vote on **March 26, 2013** at the **Coventry High School**.

Please consider the following when deciding how to vote:

- The firefighters agreed to an additional \$252,000 in reductions from the firefighters’ contract, resulting in a total reduction in firefighters’ compensation for this year alone of over \$400,000
- The new tax rate is \$2.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value (reduced from \$3.15 in February) for FY 2012-2013
- I have negotiated changes to the firefighters’ contract and the Chief’s contract that will result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings over each of the next several years
- The new bills will use the most recent Town of Coventry property assessments
- You will receive a credit for any payments you already made this fiscal year
- All of the Board Members for the District have resigned
- Other fire districts are likely to see their tax rates rise due to anticipated changes in Rhode Island law
- The budget includes payment for fire hydrant rentals (to Kent County Water Authority) and costs to maintain street lighting
- If the revised proposed FY2012-2013 budget does not pass, the Judge has authorized me to close CCFD and liquidate the District’s assets
- There is no alternative plan in place that would allow the other districts to provide effective emergency services to residents of the District

- Bankruptcy is not an option and a liquidation of the District will not eliminate the debts of the District
- Please review the Tax Comparison Chart to see the estimated change in your tax bill

In order to ensure uninterrupted emergency services, I strongly suggest you review the included information, come to the meeting to have your questions answered, and vote in favor of the revised proposed FY2012-2013 budget. The meeting and presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Voting will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and you may leave immediately after voting.

The budget can also be viewed at www.crfllp.com by going to the "receivership assets" tab then Central Coventry Fire District. In the meantime, if you have questions feel free to contact Richard J. Land or Andre S. Digou at (401) 453-6400.

Very Truly Yours,


Richard J. Land
Special Master of the Central Coventry Fire District

		FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Original	FY 2013 rev Feb Mtg	FY 2013 March 26	Change from Prior Budget
General Fund Revenues						
TAX REVENUE:						
	Tax Revenue (Current Year)	4,672,391	5,239,179	5,421,332	5,149,490	-271,842
	Tax Revenue (Prior Years)			300,000	300,000	0
Total	Tax Revenue	4,672,391	5,239,179	5,721,332	5,449,490	
FEDERAL REVENUE						
	Federal Revenue-safer grant	244,483	318,384	244,483	244,483	0
Total	Fees/Non Tax Revenue	244,483	318,384	244,483	244,483	
STATE REVENUE:						
	M V Tax Phase Out	0	0	0	0	
	Emergency Management- flood related					
	Misc. State/Federal Aid					
Total	State Revenue	0	0	0	0	
DEPARTMENT REVENUE:						
	Code Court Fees (Liens)	0	0	0	0	
	Fire Marshal Plan Review		7,000	7,000	7,000	0
	Fire Recovery	9,363	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
	Rescue Run Recovery	661,544	665,000	665,000	665,000	0
Total	Departmental Revenue	670,907	682,000	682,000	682,000	
OTHER REVENUE:						
	Lease/Rental Income					
	Interest on Taxes					
	Investment Interest	401				
	Detail Reimbursement			9,900	9,900	0
	Misc Other Rev (Tax Sale Misc Fees)	35,339		25,000	25,000	0
Total	Other Revenue	35,740	0	34,900	34,900	
Total	General Fund Revenues	5,623,521	6,239,563	6,682,715	6,410,873	

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EXPENDITURES					
Salaries-Admin	118,932	190,998	167,369	157,191	-10,178
Salaries- organized	2,644,341	3,023,639	2,406,236	2,428,011	21,775
Overtime	524,569	0	548,217	548,217	0
Holiday Pay - curr	129,583	0	128,442	86,102	-42,340
Longevity Pay	169,504	150,524	124,933	127,505	2,572
Out of Rank & Colateral	26,775	30,000	21,161	21,161	0
Detail			11,000	11,000	0
IOD			226,060	226,060	0
Clothing	67,250	65,400	52,400	13,200	-39,200
Social Security and medicare(payroll tax)	264,739	264,738	260,472	260,254	-219
Pensions- MERS	572,704	564,496	458,860	435,186	-23,674
Life insurance and vision	22,100	23,400	12,000	12,000	0
Medical Insurance	596,828	526,184	397,691	401,787	4,095
Dental Insurance		60,168	50,721	50,721	0
Health Care opt out		34,889	40,342	40,342	0
Medical Reimburse- Injuries/Med (Wrk Related Injur	142,934	0	132,680	133,200	520
Medical Supply Expenses	1,890	4,000	2,000	2,000	0
PEHP	161,431	161,431	180,139	11,282	-168,857
Training	16,671	14,721	15,000	15,000	0
Unemployment	5,852	7,000	7,000	13,000	6,000
Employee Assistance program	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Insurance- VFIS	81,789	89,263	84,108	84,108	0
Insurance- Cooke	47,900	47,900	49,098	49,098	0
Insurance Beacon		350	328	328	0
Insurance-London	2,409	2,830	2,433	2,433	0
Recruitment - new hire	2,781	3,000	3,000		-3,000
Personnel	5,603,982	5,266,431	5,383,190	5,130,685	-252,505
Payroll Service		4,500	4,500	4,500	0
Tax Collector Expense	2,390	5,500	10,000	10,000	0
Other Professional Svs-audit	4,000	12,000	24,000	24,000	0
Contingencies	6,191	300,000	5,000	5,000	0
Department expense		24,500	5,000	5,000	0
Dues and subscriptions	1,280	1,480	1,344	1,344	0
Legal	10,309	12,000	25,000	25,000	0
Board Compensation/ Treasurer			10,200	10,200	0
Service Contracts	12,662	13,000	13,295	13,295	0
Telecommunications	13,916	10,200	10,038	10,038	0
Administrative	50,748	383,180	108,377	108,377	
Equipment Fleet R&M	94,406	15,000	68,012	68,012	0
Facilities R&M	19,377	22,500	26,876	26,876	0
Radios	2,500	9,000	2,625	2,625	0
Fuel	79,339	85,000	76,296	76,296	0
Hydrants	200,703	225,000	208,964	208,964	0
Septic	1,670	2,000	1,754	1,754	0
Street lights	178,296	183,500	158,542	158,542	0
Supplies	81,560	77,599	71,628	71,628	0
Utilities - oil			22,618	22,618	0
- electricity			18,971	18,971	0
Utilities	56,637	67,700	0	0	0
Special Master Expenses			225,000	225,000	0
Operational	714,488	687,299	881,286	881,286	
	0				
DEBT SERVICE AND LEASE OBLIGATIONS					
Lease - equipment		52,200	0	0	
Lease laptops	25,395	23,592	25,395	25,395	0
Loan rescues	50,437	50,424	24,500	24,500	0
Lease defibrillator	7,976	10,464	10,941	10,941	0
Loans pump tower	147,176	97,057	97,057	97,057	0
Line of Credit	18,799	30,000	0	0	0
Capital			51,016	51,016	0
Total Debt Svc & Lease	249,783	263,737	208,909	208,909	
Total General Fund Appropriations	6,619,001	6,600,647	6,581,762	6,329,257	
Net Annual Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(995,480)	(361,084)	100,953	81,616	
SUMMARY					
Total Revenues	5,623,521	6,239,563	6,682,715	6,410,873	
Total Expenditures	6,619,001	6,600,647	6,581,762	6,329,257	
Difference	(995,480)	(361,084)	100,953	81,616	

TAX COMPARISON CHART

Estimated Tax Bill Calculations based upon new tax rate of \$2.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value

Residential Property Value	2012-2013 Revised Tax Bill	Prior Bill/Prior Tax Invoice	Additional Tax Owed
\$100,000	\$299	\$221	\$78
\$125,000	\$374	\$277	\$97
\$150,000	\$449	\$332	\$116
\$175,000	\$523	\$387	\$136
\$200,000	\$598	\$443	\$155
\$225,000	\$673	\$498	\$175
\$250,000	\$748	\$554	\$194
\$275,000	\$822	\$609	\$213
\$300,000	\$897	\$664	\$233
\$350,000	\$1,047	\$775	\$272
\$400,000	\$1,196	\$886	\$310
\$450,000	\$1,346	\$996	\$349
\$500,000	\$1,495	\$1,107	\$388
\$600,000	\$1,794	\$1,328	\$466
\$700,000	\$2,093	\$1,550	\$543
\$800,000	\$2,392	\$1,771	\$621
\$900,000	\$2,691	\$1,993	\$698
\$1,000,000	\$2,990	\$2,214	\$776