

## MINUTES OF THE 816<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, February 14, 2011

President Gugliotti called the meeting to order at 1935 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gary Barnes and Brian Kelley from NAPA Auto Parts, Canton Auto Supply Store in Canton told the members about a members benefit that they are offering to all Farmington Valley Firefighters who purchase anything in their store and show their ID. It is still a work in progress but they will open an account for each member that shows their ID and give good pricing for items purchased. This is only for the member.

**Roll Call** – Present: 72, Excused: 29, Absent: 19.

Minutes of the 815<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting were accepted on a motion from G. Wernikoff

### **Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton**

- Donations received this month:
  - Roaring Brook PTO
  - Jim & Ronnie Eacott
  - Arthur & Elizabeth Godbout
- Thank you notes received from:
  - The Brighenti family to Harvey Reeser for bringing the Mack truck to Kids for Kids Candle of Hope and Riverdale Farms Carol Sing.
  - Retired Chief James DiPace for his retirement party, the golf membership and especially the Roll Call plaques in his honor.
  - Jack & Teddi McGuire for the department's donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor in memory of Jack's mother.
  - Little Sister of the Poor for our donation in memory of Jack McGuire's mother.

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting Highlights – President Gugliotti**

- Personnel
  - Nancy Evans-Bring to the membership for vote to Active Veteran
- Treasurer
  - Encumbered Funds – Have significantly reduced and efforts continue to reduce more of these funds.
  - Capital Improvement Budget – ½ of a truck remains in this year's budget.
- AOG's
  - The Board has determined that they will be transitioning to a system where there are By-Laws and an Operations Manual only. BOD will maintain veto power and provide checks and balances.
  - AA-10 Sexual Harassment Policy, eliminated Town Personnel references
  - CM-2 Changed to accommodate bi-monthly corporation meetings beginning July 2011.
  - Leave of Absence Requests-Line, mistakenly left out of ops manual being corrected.
- Old Business
  - Strategic Goals & Objectives meeting Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>
- New Business
  - Company 1 TV request was approved.
  - March BOD meeting moved to Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Membership Review-some members may be asked to change status.

**Treasurer's Report – Sue Jansen**

- There were no questions about the Budget report or the Corporate Report

**Town Representative-Dave Bourgard**

- Company 2 – Bathroom is done. The new vanity was donated by Bill Ferrigno. Dale Barton installed sink, facets, new toilet seat. Dale also donated and installed new radiator covers. The windows will be fixed soon. The pins have to be replaced and they just ordered them.
- Company 1 – The rug and furniture in the TV lounge were cleaned.
- Company 3 – Final coat of paint was done today, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Within a week the carpet and furniture will be cleaned.
- Company 4 – The town hired Dave Theriault who is an electrician and he will take care of the lights as soon as he can.

**Chief's Report – Chief Trick**

- Show the membership the painting that was donated. He did send out an email that explained about the painting.
- Thermal Imaging Camera was ordered with the donations made to the department in memory of Silvio Brighenti. The family was asked and they were pleased to have the money used for this item. The camera will be a Scott Eagle X-this is different than what the members are used to.
- Explorers went out this past weekend to shovel out 60 hydrants. This coming weekend the High School hockey team has volunteered to help shovel out more hydrants.

**Personnel**

- The Board recommended to the membership the approval of Nancy Evans from Regular Member to Active Veteran. Vote was taken and it was approved.
- Mike Nolan was voted from Probationary Member to Regular Member with Assistant Chief Deckers' abstaining.
- Casey McDermott was voted in as a Probationary Member with Assistant Chief Deckers' abstaining.
- Aaron Gelber was voted in as a Probationary Member with Assistant Chief Deckers' abstaining.
- Sean Bourgoin was voted in as a Probationary Member with Assistant Chief Deckers' abstaining.
- Thomas Healy was voted in as a Probationary Member will Assistant Chief Dekcers' abstaining.

Chief Trick informed the membership that due to injury and personal issues Assistant Chief Deckers will resign his position as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. He will move to Headquarters and help out as much as he is able to.

**Assistant Chief Appell – (no report. Not present)**

**Assistant Chief Deckers – (no report)**

**District 1 –Captain Dave Bourgoin**

- Any member using any fire house for personal use must make sure that it is cleaned. If the kitchen will be used then when filling out the paperwork please specify that you will be using it and make sure that it is cleaned.

### **Training – Captain Chris Kunzelmann**

- When a member receives a certificate they should make a copy of it and leave it in the folder outside of the Training office. If the member would like to be acknowledged leave the original with the copy.
- Working on getting someone to come in and do CPR recertification.
- Any information on classes will be sent out in email and a hard copy put up on the Training bulletin board. Please check your emails for information.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Running Card – Diane Theriault**
  - The deadline for the March Running Card is Feb. 21.
  - There is a classified section of the Running Card. If you have something you want to put in there please email Diane.
  - Any information about the department that you would like in there please email Diane.
- **Outreach Committee – Dennis Bianchi**
  - Raffle – There will be 11 prizes. First prize is a \$500 Big Y gift card; second prize is a \$250 gift card for Wal-Mart. The other prizes are being donated.
  - Citizens' Fire Academy – Still need instructors and if any member knows of anyone who would be interested in attending please give them the information.
  - Relay-for Life – May 21-May22. Farmington High School. This is a cancer fund raiser. Each member of the team has to give a \$10.00 donation when registering. If anyone is interested in taking part in this please let Dennis know and also someone will have to take charge of this because Dennis cannot.
  - Recreation Basketball – Retired Chief DiPace asked Dennis to see if there are any members interested in participating in this. If there are members interested please let Dennis know.
  - There will be a fundraiser at the high school in April and the organization that is running it asked for an EMT. Dennis will email the information as soon as he gets it.

There are free T-shirts for every member who would like one.

### **Tax Abatement – Bud Desmond**

- Bud explained the Tax Abatement to the membership.
- Chief Trick received information about the Tax Abatement tax exempt bill was not passed. He suggested that the members get in touch with their Congressmen and Senators to have this bill passed. He will email the information out to AVONFIRE.

### **Old Business - None**

### **New Business**

- Web site – This is still a work in progress. Could use some help for content and maintaining the site. Ray Crozier has an IT background and is willing to be the point person.

**Pot O' Gold** – Brian Baldwin \$30.00

**Attendance** – Carol Baldwin \$10.00

**Coffee Mug and 1 lb. coffee** – Frank Miller  
Adjourned at 2035 hours (GB)