

## MINUTES OF THE 815<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, January 10, 2011

President Gugliotti called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call** – Present: 76, Excused: 23, Absent: 18.

All new Lieutenants and all returning officers were sworn in by Retired Chief James DiPace.

Ramona Mansfield from Company 2 and Barry Wolmetz from Company 2 were not present, but Chief Trick told the members that they were receiving Black Helmets. A member was also presented with a Yellow Helmet. This member worked very hard to accomplish this.

Minutes of the 814<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting were accepted on a motion from J. Keith seconded by G. Wernikoff.

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

- Donations received this month:
  - Mr. & Mrs. Brennwald
  - Harold Shapiro
  - Laurinda Lee
  - Donald Soucier & Deborah Presnick
  - Aetna match of R. Woodfod's donation
  - Kathie & Linda Freeman
  - Gilbert & Marianne Patterson
  - Michael Alessio & Lisa Sachadler-Alessio
  - George & Lauri Varga
  - United Way Donations:
    - Mr. & Mrs. Lofredo
    - Mr. & Mrs. Srickler
    - Keith Chambers
    - Andrea Stalf
    - Mr. & Mrs. Steven Wolfberg
- Thank you notes received from:
  - The Kids for Kids for the department's donation to their organization in memory of Silvio Brighenti.
  - The Brighenti family for the department's donation to Kids for Kids in Silvio Brighenti's memory.
  - The Brighenti family to Chief DiPace to thank him and the department for the assistance at the funeral home and the church.
  - Thank you note from the couple the department sponsored for the Holidays.

### **January 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights – President Gugliotti**

- Communications
  - Joe Kuzma wanted to know if the Board would sponsor a Fitness Program/Challenge. Wanted the Board to know about some events for 2011 and asked for approval to go for a grant.
  - Mike Farrell – Requested an appeal on a personnel issue and Policies in AA-2
  - Harvey Reeser – Facilities items, Kitchen drain and station items.

- Personnel
  - Robert Theriault – Requested to become an Active Veteran.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Board Member will be Greg Garger
- Treasurer
  - Encumbered Funds – Approved allocating monies intended for MH Rhodes for purchase of furniture for Co. 1 Chief's office.
  - Capital Improvement Budget – Fire station, at least 2 years out. Trucks 7 and 9 first priority about \$250,000.
- Old Business
  - The Board approved funding for a retirement gift for retiring Chief DiPace
  - Explorers – looking to increase officer involvement and training.
- New Business
  - 2010 Year in Review – Achieved/In Progress, goal setting 2011
    - Successful appointment of an external 8<sup>th</sup> BOD member.
    - Created posting clarifying BOD responsibilities in the organization.
    - Made membership reclassifications, eliminated the Associate Membership.
    - Secured a new Treasurer.
    - Created new AVFD website.
    - Improved communications – posting minutes on website.
    - Appointed a facilities BOD rep – have made many improvements and are staying on top of station/facility needs.
    - Organized the Annual Dinner & chief's Retirement Party.
    - Began taking steps to update all of our existing AOGs and transfer appropriate items into the Operations Manual.
    - Began process of changing our Hiring/Firing vs. Voting in policies
    - Began creation of a calendar of events to avoid conflicts.
    - Non Firefighting activities – continue to try to create balance and only take on these activities if there is a team that is interested, not forcing firefighters to participate unless they choose to do so.
    - Cost/time saving changes has been made to the phone system – Lt. Kline is taking care of this.
    - Approved funding match up to \$2,500 for a grant for a CO Detector program. Joe Kuzma will head this.
    - Approved the use of funds from donations in memory of Silvio Brighenti for a Thermal Imaging Camera pending a conversation with his widow.
    - Approved a Thermal Imaging Camera, Light Towers and a Generator for T-16 as items for the 2011 raffle monies.
    - Approved/discussed moving to a bi-monthly Corporation Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report – Sue Jansen**

- Sue did not put the reports together, but she did ask if there were any questions.

**Town Representative-Dave Bourgard**

- Routine calls please close the bay doors.
- Company 1– Bay door panels will be in Jan. 17. Should be installed a week after received. A work order was put in to have the carpet and furniture cleaned in the TV room.
- Company 2 – Windows and downstairs bathroom should be started within a couple of weeks.

- Company 3 – New ceiling panels in Rec. room and outside room. After the painting is done the carpet and furniture will be cleaned.
- Company 4 - The Public Works dept. knows about the lighting problem. They were waiting to see if they were going to hire a person to work for them that is an electrician before going outside to get one. They will take care of the problem as soon as they can. They know that it is not a good situation.

#### **Chief's Report – Chief Trick**

- There will be no more dates under the Birthday section of the Running Card. Only the names will be in this section.
- 2011 Directory – Looking for ideas for the cover from the members. Please submit your ideas to Chief Trick by Feb. 14, 2011. There will be a prize for the best cover idea.
- Storm Preparedness – Make sure your house is prepared for the storm coming so that you can make any calls that come in.
- Will be doing Chief Briefings to Avonfire with pertinent information. If you have any feedback from these please make them to your officers.
- Station Security – Make sure the doors are closed to keep the stations secure.
- Commitment – This is the time to re-evaluate your commitment. Priorities in the New Year.

#### **Assistant Chief AV2 – Bruce Appell (No Report)**

#### **Assistant Chief AV4 – John Deckers (No Report – not present)**

#### **District 1 – Captain Dave Bourgoin**

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

- Handed out certificates to Dennis Bianchi and Frank Miller that were found in a training folder.
- Email will be the main communications from the Training Officer.
- FF 1 Burville, Feb. 28, 2011 is the deadline. Exterior firefighters course, open to Explorers on a case by case basis.
- Brian Little is assigned to the Training Div. He speaks for Capt. Kunzelmann.

##### **Personnel Services**

- Alex Bataglio was voted in on a motion from Tim O'Neil and seconded by Jack McGuire. A comment was made by Mike Farrell after the pronunciation of the new member's name being a nice Irish lad.
- Robert Theriault was voted to go to Active Veteran from a recommendation from the Board.

#### **Board of Directors Open Seat**

- Harvey Reeser addressed the membership with some of his qualifications and experiences before the membership voted.
- Steve Johnson addressed the membership with his experiences of why he would make a good Board member before the membership voted
- Written vote was taken. All Regular members could vote. Harvey Reeser won by 1 vote.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Outreach Committee – Dennis Bianchi**
  - Citizen Fire Academy – If you want to be an instructor let Dennis know.

- **LOSAP – Bud Desmond**

- Bud explained the LOSAP program to the membership so that any new members would know about this benefit.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business - None**

**Pot O' Gold** – No winner \$30.00 next month

**Attendance** – Jo Ann Campbell \$10.00

**Day Planner** – Henry Gregoire

**DVD Into The fire** – John Boullie

Adjourned at 20:17

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