

MINUTES OF THE 819th CORPORATION MEETING, May 9, 2011

Vice President Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Present: 76, Excused: 15, Absent: 26.

Minutes of the 818th Corporation Meeting were accepted on a motion from Bob Theriault and seconded by Dave Bourgard

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

- Donations received this month from:
 - United Way
 - Mr. & Mrs. Stickler
 - Vincent W. Lopresti
 - Amanda Grabowski-Aquino
 - Keith Chambers
 - Venus F. Lusk
 - Mr. & Mrs. Wolfberg
 - Valley Community Baptist Church
 - Dana & Linda Robbins
 - Thank you note and donation from Joe and Rebecca Kuzma
 - In Memory of Marge Wills
 - Marjorie Bishop
 - Monte & Cindy Hopper
 - Russ & Janice Peckham
 - Ronald & Emelie Hick
 - Sue Whitney
 - Liz & Walter Welsh
 - Jeannie Parker
 - Barbara Dzis
 - Walter & Phyllis Lowell
 - Robert & Joan Brogan
 - The Avon Lions Charities, Inc.
- Thank you note from Marge & Dave Bourgoin for the flowers on the death of her mother.
- Thank you note from Sam and Sendi for food that Harvey Reeser brought to them on the day of Marge's death.
- Thank you note from Shawn and Kristen Shaw for the savings bond for their new son Dylan Robert.
- Received a flyer and application for Sirens on the Sound an antique fire apparatus and car show.

May 9th Board Meeting Highlights – Vice President Sedlak

- Communications
 - EMS – Dr. Corrado, provided Paramedic ALS update, no action requested, need to keep an eye on oversight/quality control of changed system effectiveness
 - Legislation update by Retired Chief DiPace, some funding cuts that may affect our current training budget
 - Pink FD T-Shirts for breast cancer fundraiser – Ramona Mansfield via Ken Sedlak, permission granted to move forward and provide BOD with further details
- Personnel
 - BOD approved to have Diane Theriault's request for transfer to Active Veteran brought before the membership

- Treasurer
 - Discussed Spending vs. Budget in the Operating budget. We need to make sure that budgeted funds are being spent before the end of the budget year (We are since advised that Chief Trick is on top of this).
 - Corporation Account – need to create a budget moving forward. Currently our expenses outweigh our income and we need to get a handle on if this is cyclical or a real issue of concern
 - Capital Improvement budget still has \$200k in it for replacement of E-9; costs will be spread over 3 years now.
- Old Business
 - Neighborhood Assistance Act Grant Requests have been made - \$150k towards Engine replacement and \$50k towards Energy Efficient lighting replacement. Need donors (no LLC or S Corps or Sole Proprietors).
 - A rebuttal to the Department's response to the CHRO complaint was filed by FF Farrell. An Atty. has been appointed to represent the FD on this issue by VFIS.
 - Cost of Service Project – John Boullie reported that the cost of a basement pump out during this spring season cost approximately \$125/call. Our hope to use this information in marketing (articles, reminders that we are volunteers), fundraising (information to be left with homeowners) and decision making (do we continue to provide this service) in regards to these types of calls in the future.
 - Another Reminder: Chief Trick & President Gugliotti are the main PIO contacts, be extremely mindful when answering questions asked by people associated with the press – i.e. Patch employees in the Citizens Academy class.
- New Business
 - Request received from FF Farrell to take the Antique Mack to Waterford Antique Fire Apparatus and Car Show, Motion was made and approved 3 to 2.
 - A motion was made to see if Corporation Account costs could be cut by getting bids to cater the Clam Bake – the motion was rejected 3 to 2.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Jansen

- Sue went over the new reports for the Budget and Corporate Accounts. She explained that there is more being spent than is coming in. She said that we should keep down spending and we should look at the Clambake and Annual Dinner to see where cost could be cut. There was some discussion from the members that thought she wanted to do away with these two functions. It was stated by Vice President Sedlak that was not the case.

Town Representative-Dave Bourgard

- Company 1:
 - The exhaust system for removing truck exhaust from the bay is going to be installed by the town. This should be completed by Sept. 1st.
 - From a report by CL&P the town is going to get a cost breakdown for replacing the lights in the main entry, meeting room and the hall going to the lounge. The town will remove old drop ceiling and lights. They are getting a new bid for the drop ceiling.
- Company 2:
 - No work orders at this time.
- Company 3:
 - We will be going ahead with the work on new lights.
 - The sidewalk repairs will be done when the town gets done with the street sweeping.

- Company 4:
 - The town will be replacing the sidewalk by the south entry into the bay area.
 - A work order was put in for the trim to be done in the kitchen area.

Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Appell for Chief Trick

- Thank you to everyone who was at the St. Andrew Dr. fire.
- Media – On scene the Incident Commander or his designee is allowed to talk to any media personnel.
- Truck – E-14 is fixed, Tanker pumping testing & servicing to be done, E-11 is fixed.
- Town Manager told the Chief that 200k over 3 years is in the Capital Improvement Budget for a new apparatus. The fourth year would be to put a new body on E-9. The Chief voiced his concerns about age of the fleet and a new fire station.
- Budget – Chief needs to know what will be spent from every Captain's Budget.
- Need drivers to move truck for hose testing.

Personnel – Assistant Chief Appell

- Katherine Matousek – Application for membership was accepted on a motion from Joe Kuzma and seconded by Jean Barton. Captain Kunzelmann abstained.
- Aaron Gelber – Voted in as a regular member on a motion from Captain Speich and seconded by Lt. Tim O'Neil with Captain Kunzelmann abstaining.
- Diane Theriault – Was voted to Active Veteran on motion from Dave Theriault and seconded by Bob Theriault.

Training Officer-Captain Chris Kunzelmann

- Competition for Training – Co. 2 is running away with first place with all of their training followed by, Fire Police, Co. 3, HQ, Co. 4 and Co. 1.
- There will be a debriefing on the St. Andrew Dr. fire.
- Firefighter 1 class in Burrville was cancelled. Captain Kunzelmann will keep looking for this class.
- Boot Camp Fitness – There were 12 people on Thursday. The Captain has gotten good feedback from the people who are attending. The Boot Camp is free for the month of May on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- During the Haz Mat training there were quite a few members who had their cell phones on and were texting. The instructor came from out of town to do this class and Captain Kunzelmann would like every member who is at a training session to set off their cell phones.

Committee Reports

- **Planning Committee – Jim Speich**
 - This committee is going to look into the property on West Avon Rd. and a new fire station. This committee is just getting started.
- **Social Committee – Jean Barton**
 - Please contact Jean if you can be a pall bearer for Marge Wills' funeral.

No Old or New Business to discuss

Pot O' Gold – No winner \$20.00

Attendance – Sue Macy \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned at 2030 (GB)