

## MINUTES OF THE 823<sup>rd</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, November 14, 2011

President Gugliotti called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the 822<sup>nd</sup> Corporation Meeting were accepted on a motion from Tim O'Neil and seconded by Jack McGuire

**Roll Call** – Present: 77, Excused: 25, Absent: 18.

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

- Thank you note to Assistant Chief Bruce Appell for doing a demonstration for Reflexite 101 night demo.
- Thank you note from Frank Miller for the department's donation in his father's memory
- Thank you note to Jean Barton for all she did during the wake and funeral of Cliff Crawford.
- Donation received in memory of Courtney Sinder
- Received a check in the amount of \$130.00 for fundraiser at Chili's in September
- Received a card for the Torchlight Parade in Windsor on Dec. 10, 2011
- Thank you letter from the family of Cliff Crawford to thank the department for all they did at the wake and the funeral of their father
- Brianna Baldwin sent the Board of Directors a letter about how much she enjoyed being chosen to go to Summer Fire Explorer class at the Connecticut Fire Academy.
- Thank you letter to Dennis Bianchi from Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center for the cooking crew's time cooking hot dogs for their event.
- A letter from Assistant Principal Larry Sparks, Roaring Brook School that was in the Avon Life thanking the members who did Fire Public Education Day at his school
- Donation received from Richard and Jennifer Wall
- Donation received in memory of Courtney Sinder
- Donations received through the United Way
- Save the date card received from Chester Hose Co. for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade which will be June 9 from 2-9 pm

### **Highlights from Oct/Nov Board of Directors Meeting:**

- OCT
  - Personnel
    - Pat Leonard – letter of resignation, motion to be made to membership to accept
    - Sharon Levine-Shein on leave until April 2012
    - Agreed to Chief's request to allow members to get keys before probationary period completed
  - Financial
    - Motion was made to eliminate the annual Raffle and replace it with 2 mailing fundraisers (monthly & annual - Spring)  
Motion was Approved, Lynn Sedlak will be heading up this effort
    - Annual dinner
      - Budget was left at \$10k due to current commitments, but request to try to gain further savings was made...goal \$8k (just over \$5k at Senior Center)

- Motion was made & approved to reduce the invitee list in order to save additional monies
  - Neighborhood Assistance Act - United Illuminating \$5,000 and ConnectiCare \$35,000. Towards energy efficient lighting and window replacement
- NOV
  - Financial
    - Approved the 2011-12 Corporation Budget – break even target
    - Capital Improvement (Ken Sedlak)
      - Met with town – all on same page, Official meeting date Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30pm
  - Committees
    - Annual dinner final count
      - 148 people, on target for \$8k budget
    - Jean Barton announced that she will be stepping down as social chair at the end of this year
      - Discussed that we may need to look at changing our social events in the future
    - Lynn Sedlak reported on the new marketing/fundraising campaign. The call data base seems to be more challenging to pull than she had hoped.
  - Chief (Appell)
    - 192 calls during storm Alfred – have submitted to FEMA for aid monies...discussed the need to determine how points will be handled once the reports are complete
  - The new membership policy, AA-1, has been finalized and in effect immediately. No longer voting members into the dept.
  - Request was made by 2 members to make all dispatchers honorary members. This was discussed but was not supported and no motion was made.
  - Finalized edits to AOG EX-4/Points Reimbursement, voted on last year to take effect in the new budget year, no longer points for committees – must turn in Extra Time Reports
  - 2011 GOAL Review
  - Next meeting Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm

**Treasurer's Report – Sue Jansen**

- At the annual dinner the Jr. Women's Club presented Vice President Sedlak with a check for \$2,500 from their fundraising projects

**Town Representative- No report**

**Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick**

- Joe Kuzma will be stepping down from HQ Director on January 1.
- There have been 197 calls from Oct. 30 – Nov. 8, 2011. Please get your attendance sheets in as soon as possible. The department will only be reimbursed for the time of each call not the standby hours

- Need better turn out from members for emergency standby and calls. From Nov. 12, 2010 thru Nov. 12, 2011 the department has logged 18,000 hours, about 7,600 are in Administration, raffles and meetings and the other hours are from call responses.
- Breakdown of calls is as follows with an average of 8 members per call:
  - 3% Actual Fires
  - 1% No Fire
  - 21% Rescue
  - 6% Good Intent
  - 27% False Alarms
- Storm Irene paperwork has been submitted
- Hartford County Chiefs Association Dinner will be this Wednesday Nov. 16, 2011
- Matt Gugliotti suggested to the Chief there by shifts for big storms so that everyone could sign up to do at least a shift. This way the Chief would know that he has coverage.

#### **AV2-Assistant Chief Bruce Appell**

- L-12 is out for the week. Compiling list of damages to E-14 and E-10 to submit to insurance.
- Company 4 – Water line will be going in front of Co 4 there will be no water. The apparatus in this station will be moved.
- Task Force Drill debriefing will be held at the Simsbury Fire Department's club on Nov. 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm
- Still looking for people to work for the town during storm debris pick up. This job will be for about 6 weeks from dusk until dawn seven days a week. You will be able to pick what days you can work. They are paying \$17.50/hr.

#### **Personnel:**

- Pat Leonard resigned due to moving out of state. Motion was made and it was approved to accept with regret.
- Captain Speich recommended that Probationary Members Emma-Lee and Theresa Keefe be made Regular Members
- Captain Bourgard recommended that Probationary Member Ray Crozier be made a Regular Member.
- Reese Newburg was recommended for Probationary Membership and he will be assigned to Company 2. The Oath of Membership was taken at this time

#### **AV3-Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann**

- The following service stripes were given out:
  - Diane Delap, Teddi McGuire, Gail Wernikoff received 1 stripe for 4 yrs. of service
  - John Ryan, Michael Roy and Cathy Walter received 2 stripes for 8 yrs. of service
  - Brian Baldwin, Dennis Bianchi and Dave Costill received 3 stripes for 12 yrs. of service
  - Kristen Shaw, Rob Shillington and Paul Welsh received 4 stripes for 16 yrs. of service
  - Nancy Evans, Michael Trick and Louis "Rick" Solari received 5 stripes for 20 yrs. of service
  - Nick Mathein received 10 stripes for 40 yrs. of service
  - Harvey Reeser received 12 stripes for 48 yrs. of service
  - Vic Mitchell received 13 stripes for 52 yrs. of service

- The following Members received Awards:
  - Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann a plate for 10 yrs. of service
  - Matt Blume a plate for 10 yrs. of service
  - Mike Trick a chalice for 20 yrs. of service
  - Assistant Chief John Deckers a Bugle for his retirement
  - President Mel Gugliotti - a plaque with all the Past Presidents of the Board of Directors was presented to her and will hang in the big meeting hall at Co.1. She was also given a gavel plaque for her 2 yrs. as President of the Board of Directors

### **Committee Reports**

- **Outreach/Fundraising Committee-Dennis Bianchi**
  - Fundraiser at Chili's on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> raised \$130.00. Will be looking into doing something like this at Cosi's or Puerto Vallarta
  - Halloween Party- Made a profit of \$480.00 with an extra \$24.56 as donations
  - Raffle at the Annual Dinner netted \$416.00
- **Social Committee- Jean Barton**
  - Annual Dinner- over 148 people.
  - Simsbury Torchlight Parade on Saturday Nov. 26, 2011

Jean Barton is stepping down from the Social Committee. She will still be the funeral point person. If anyone is interested please contact Jean Barton

- **LOSAP**
  - LOSAP statements will be given out after the meeting.
  - You must have been with the department for 12 months before being eligible
  - Firefighters must have 175 points a fiscal year to be in the LOSAP plan
  - HQ members must have 100 points a fiscal year to be in the LOSAP plan
  - To withdraw any money from LOSAP you must be 60 or over or disabled and have 15 years in the department to be vested.

**Old Business: None**

**Good and Welfare: None**

**The Board of Director Open Seats Voting Results was:**

- Dennis Bianchi
- James DiPace
- Steve Johnson

**Pot O' Gold** – There was no winner. At the January Corporation meeting it will be \$30.00

**Attendance** – Ramona Mansfield \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned at 2010 (GB)