

MINUTES OF THE 822nd CORPORATION MEETING, September 12, 2011

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the 821st Corporation Meeting were accepted on a motion from Gail Wernikoff and seconded by Robert Theriault.

Roll Call – Present: 68, Excused: 30, Absent: 23.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

- Thank you note from Angela Antonelli of Creative Works thanking Lt. Kline and President Gugliotti for coming to their camp and talking to the campers.
- Thank you from Ed and Carol Reller for the department's donation to the Boy Scouts in memory of his father, Herb Reller. (Tom Reller's grandfather)
- Thank you note to Chief Trick from the Friends of the Avon Library for providing Fire Police for their fundraiser.
- Thank you letter was send to Miller Foods for their donation of chicken for the July Family dinner.
- Thank you letter from the Connecticut Fire Academy to Chief Trick for sending an engine company to the Introduction To the Fire Service graduation on July 17, 2011.
- Thank you letter from John Hopkins for the department's donation in memory of Harry Costill (Dave Costill's father)
- Thank you letter from American Cancer Society for the department's donation in memory of Phyllis Kline. (Lt. Kline's mother)
- Thank you letter from Boy Scouts of America Troop 274 for the department's donation in memory of Herb Reller.
- Thank you letter from American Diabetes Association for the department's donation in memory of Frank Miller Sr. (Father of Frank Miller)
- Donations were received in memory of Herb Reller, Joe Woodford and Marge Wills
- Donations from individuals and United Way were received.

Highlights from Aug/Sept Board of Directors Meeting:

- AUG
 - Communications
 - Tom Post addressed BOD in regards to Eric Resser not attending the Explorer camp at a cost of \$700. It was Tom's recommendation & the BOD agreed that we have him write a letter of apology and let this serve as a warning.
 - Committees
 - Annual Dinner – Harvey Reeser reported that to use Tower Ridge would be \$48pp w/ 1h open bar, \$29pp w/out bar, (we have already committed to Farmington Club for 2011)
 - R&R will be creating a calendar promotion with funds saved from last year and into this year. 1000 calendars for \$2500.
 - Old Business
 - Website
 - WardCom to make a proposal – need more information
 - New Business
 - Alcohol policy – was debated, and remains the same
- SEP
 - Personnel
 - Accepted w/ regret resignation of Mark Indelicato

- Committees
 - Raffle – Chief approved use of funds for T-16 generator first, 2nd priority TIC
 - Explorers – follow up needed on apology from explorer who missed training
- Old Business
 - Joe Woodford donations – decided to hold in General Funds for now
 - Social Media policy – still in progress, Greg Garger to put final draft together (town does not have a policy – new law regarding photos in place Oct 1)
 - Courtney Sinder donations – waiting on chief input (AED may not be needed)
 - Membership Application policy – we are completing a background check policy to reflect town policy, then we will finalize the document and we will officially move away from voting procedure.
 - Board Elections – No applications received to date – due to HQ by 9/14/11
 - October the BOD will create a slate of nominees – email to AVONFIRE
 - November – Vote
- New Business
 - Planning Committee – BOD appointed Sue Jansen to serve on the committee
 - Request was made to subsidize the purchase of the secretary's home printer – the request was denied.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Jansen

- Budget Account – The Town will keep 2% from the department's grant for 2011/2012 and if there is a 1% give back the department will not have to return any money to the Town. If the department needs the other 1% the Town will cut a check to the department.

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Town Representative-Dave Bourgard

- Co. 1 – Work on the ceiling and lights is all set to go. The town has to fix the leak in the meeting room before the work can be started.
- Co. 2 – Still waiting on what color paint the members need and if they are still going to do the work.
- Co. 3 – Waiting for CL&P to have the lights changed then other work can be done.
- Co. 4 – Other problems with the drainage. The town is looking into what is causing the problem.
- Mack Garage – Town removed the tree. There is very little damage done to the garage.

Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick

- Storm response was an overwhelming success. Town Council told the Chief that the department did a good job.
- Getting all the storm expenses together to submit to FEMA.
- Changes will be made to where the EOC will be located the next time there is a major storm or other emergency. The EOC will be moved to the back building at the Police Dept. where there is more room.

- Chief thanked all the members who participated in the blood drive on Sept. 10 and all those who attended the 9/11 Ceremony.
- Randy Gruener a former member presented the Chief with a 9/11 Flag of Heros.

AV2-Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- Oct. 23 Task Force 54 will be hosting a large scale drill on Security Drive. Task Force 52 will be at this also. If you are able to help please let your officers know. Hoping to run the drill from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Personnel:

- Chris Wojciechowski was voted in as a Regular Member by a motion made by Captain O'Neil and seconded by Tad Green. There was one abstention.
- Mark Indelicato's resignation was accepted with regret by a membership vote.

AV3-Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann

- The following training certificates were given out:
 - Joe Kuzma for Aerial Operator
 - Ramona Mansfield for Fire Service Instructor
 - Lt. Barry Wolmetz for Fire Service Instructor
 - Lt. Mike Hornish for Fire Officer 1
 - Lt. Tom Kline for Fire Officer 1
 - Rich Shillington for Firefighter I & II, Hazmat
- The winning company of the Training Challenge was Fire Police with Company 2 coming in second. The winning Company was awarded a \$200 visa gift card.
- Training – look on the training bulletin board for new information.
- Average attendance at drill is 39%. The way that Assistant Chief Kunzelmann came up with this figure was through firehouse and he admitted that it was not perfect. This is just a benchmark.

Committee Reports

- **9/11 Weekend Activities – Joe Kuzma**
 - Great job this weekend from all of the members who participated.
- **Recruitment and Retention – Ken Sedlak**
 - Department Calendars will be ready for Avon Day
- **Outreach/Fundraising Committee-Dennis Bianchi**
 - Avon Day-Please contact Dennis Bianchi if you can work at the booth.
 - Fundraiser at Chili's on Sept. 20th. Bring the flyer to Chili's and the department will receive 10% of your bill.
 - Halloween Party- Oct. 29th at Pine Grove School.
 - Fire Prevention Day-Still working with the teachers for a date.
 - Clambake Raffle- \$1,097.00 on the big raffle and \$455.00 on the Silent Auction
- **Social Committee- Jean Barton**
 - Clambake attendance was down. If any member has a suggestion for a change please contact Jean.
 - Annual Dinner will be at the Farmington Club.

Old Business:

- Capital Budget - Bud Desmond asked about the training facility that Avon and Farmington is going to do together. Assistant Chief Bruce Appell told the members that Farmington has decided to move the location and that he is still waiting to hear from them with more information.

Good and Welfare: Jon Widing

- Mike Kachmar is recovering from his injuries he sustained at the Clambake. Members have been checking in with him.

Lt. Kline and his wife Gina wanted to thank all the members for their support at the loss of his mother. His father was very grateful to all the members that went to the wake.

Pot O' Gold – There was no winner. At the November Corporation meeting it will be \$20.00

Attendance – Ray Crozier \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned at 2030 (GB)