

MINUTES OF THE 828th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, March 6, 2012

President Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.

Present were: J. Barton, D. Bianchi, S. Johnson, K. Sedlak, L. Sedlak, R. Shillington and M. Trick.
Excused: D. Bourgard, J. DiPace, S. Jansen

Minutes of the 827th Board Meeting were approved with one correction, on a motion from J. Barton and seconded by R. Shillington.

Communications: None

Correspondence:

- J. Barton presented thank you notes, donations and other correspondences.

Personnel Services: L. Sedlak

- Four members will be given the Oath of Membership at the Corporation Meeting that will be held on March 12, 2012
- Received 4 new applicants. Waiting on the physicals to be performed. One applicant has been observing.
- After following procedure for expulsion it was brought to the Board that Harry Dermer was not fulfilling his duties as a member of the department and was being expelled. Rob Shillington made a motion which was seconded by Steve Johnson to allow the expulsion since all procedures were followed. Was approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sue Jansen (Not Present)

- Sue Jansen recommended to the President to maybe have the family dinners in the months that there is no corporate meeting. After some discussion it was decided that members of the Board should attend these dinners and see what is served and how many are served before taking any action.

Secretary's Report:

- Land in Canton still belongs to the department. (600 sq. ft.). Jean Barton will look into what needs to be done to dispose of this property if the Board should decide to take that action.
- AOG's to Operations Manual-Chief Trick and both Assistant Chiefs will have a meeting to decide what AOG's are line related and could be moved to the Operations Manual and Chief Trick will report back to the Board at the April meeting.

Committees:

- Fundraising: D. Bianchi
 - The letter is all set to go to the printer. Changes were made at the last committee meeting. Will know how many letters will be sent out once Dennis looks at the list that Gina Kline was working on which she has completed.
 - Colony Grill will let us do a Tip a Fireman fundraiser in June. A firefighter would work with a wait staff person and all the tips would go to the department and the owner may put in a portion of proceeds from the sale of pizzas. Katherine Matousek was instrumental in getting this going.
- Recruitment and Retention: K. Sedlak
 - The next meeting will be March 7th Company 2 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting that President Sedlak will be the chairperson. A motion was made by Dennis Bianchi and seconded by Rob Shillington to make Jamie DiPace the chairperson of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Approved by Board vote

Town Representative:

- Neighborhood Grant
 - The windows for the second story at Company 2 have been ordered.
 - Company 3 men's bathroom is all taken care of.
 - Bay door for Truck 6 bay.
 - Getting quotes for the following
 - Lighting at Companies 2 and 4
 - Replacement windows for Company 1

Chief's Report: Chief Mike Trick

- Encumbered Funds 2009/2010- There is still \$3,000 left that was originally put there for a cistern up in the Deercliff area of town. This money will be used to do a ground study to see if that is a possibility and where to locate it.
- Tanker 5 and Truck 6 will be getting MDT's and Truck 6 will have the accountability capability.
- Guest Internet would cost \$3,055.00 for all 4 stations. This would be separate from the department's internet, but would have the same firewalls. The Chief will check further.
- Ensign Bickford plan is pretty much a go.
- Building growth is starting to pick up a little,
- Reflexite will be closing its New Britain plant and moving everything to Avon.
- Northington – The last phase is going to be done this year.

Old Business:

- Website – Is up and running
- Board Members-Job Description – Lynn has been in contact with Greg Garger and he has given her some feedback. She will report back to the Board at its May meeting.
- Appointed Board Position - After some discussion and on a motion made by President Sedlak and seconded by Rob Shillington the Board voted to approve Peter Bounome to this position
- Active Veteran Status – Jean Barton will work with Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann and bring something back to the Board
- Re-Define Lifetime Membership – After some discussion it was decided to change the wording in the By-Laws to state 20 years instead of 10 and must no longer be a resident of Avon. Jean will change the wording and send it out via email to Avonfire before the May Corporation meeting so that the membership can vote on the changes.

Jean Barton made a motion to go into Executive Session with Lynn Sedlak seconding. Board went into Executive Session at 20:15

Board came out of Executive Session at 20:30

New Business:

- Birthday Parties – It was asked by a member if the department would be willing to host birthday parties for people outside of the department at the stations. After significant discussion it was decided this would not be considered.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:05 with a motion from Jean Barton and seconded by Dennis Bianchi

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