

MINUTES OF THE 825th CORPORATION MEETING, March 12, 2012

President Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1934 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to accept the January 9, 2012 minutes. APPROVED

Roll Call – Present: 71, Excused: 28, Absent: 22.

New Honorary Member William Shea was presented with a citation and badge in recognition of his support for our department in his 26 years of service as a member of the Board of Finance and the Avon Town Council.

Matt Polesel was sworn in as Lieutenant, Company 4.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

J. Barton presented thank you notes, donations, and other correspondence.

Highlights from February and March Directors Meetings – President Sedlak

- Fundraising – a fundraising letter campaign will take the place of a raffle this year.
- Lifetime Member status was updated. The membership will vote on this change at the May Corporation Meeting.
- Expulsion - motion was made and approved to expel Probationary member Harry Dermer for not fulfilling his duties as a member of the department.
- AOGs - migrating the appropriate AOGs to the Operations Manual continues to be a work in progress.
- Will Call Lists – will take the place of committee sign-up sheets. Members are encouraged to sign up for extra activities. Dennis Bianchi and other members leading projects or committees will contact people on these lists, as needed, to solicit their help.
- Appointed Board position – the Board appointed Peter Buonome to this position.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sue Jansen

- Budget reports - no questions from the membership regarding the current budget reports.

Town Representative- President Sedlak (for D. Bourgard)

Neighborhood Grant:

- Windows for second story at Company 2 have been ordered.
- New bay door for Truck 6 bay on order.
- Obtaining quotes for lighting at Companies 2 & 4.

Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick

- Red Cross Hero's Breakfast – tickets are still available for this event at the Aqua Turf this week.
- Guest Wireless Internet – estimated at \$3,500 for all stations. Due to other priorities and budget concerns, this item is not a top priority at this time.
- Bloomfield coverage – thanks to those who provided coverage, the evening of Art Gold's retirement party.
- Canton Structure Fire - thanks to the responders who participated in the call for mutual aid.
- Subway Incident – as a result of the recent call to the Subway in Old Avon Village, the Chief will push for a new ordinance to require any commercial business with an alarm system to have a Knox Box.
- Injury Reporting – all members were reminded that if they are injured at an incident, they must immediately notify their officer at the scene.
- Ensign Bickford Downtown Plan – is approved and will be 5 – 15 years off into the future.
- Reflexite – is growing. They are closing the New Britain plant and moving everything to Avon.

- Northington – will be connected. The last phase will be done this year.
- Email Update – there were some glitches and some interruption to email. However, using Microsoft, we did not have much choice but to upgrade.
- Pump Testing – will be scheduled for this spring.

AV3-Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann

Recognition to the following members for their recent Training:

- Tom Healy – Paramedic
- Tom Kline - Fire Officer I & Incident Safety Officer
- Ramona Mansfield – Confined Space Rescue

Fire Marshal Report – James DiPace

- STEP Program & Fire Prevention Poster Contest - thanks to Tom Post and Dennis Bianchi for their help with these programs.
- Marshall's – renovations are going on at this store.
- Tax Abatement – was tax free but will now be taxed. Contact your legislators to lobby for this abatement to be tax exempt.
- Colony Grill - plans to open later this month.

Company 3 - Captain Joe Speich

- Congratulations to Joe Kuzma who can now officially drive Ladder 12.
- Plans in the works to team up with Canton for a rope rescue class.

Fire Police – Lieutenant Ken Sedlak

Thanks to Bob Theriault for assisting with Ray Crozier, Gail Wernikoff, and Nancy Evans who are now signed off for Truck 16.

Headquarters – Director Lynn Sedlak

- Running Card – thanks to Diane Theriault for her 6 years as editor of the Running Card. Katherine Matousek will take over as editor.
- Incident Reports – thanks to Teddi McGuire and Diane Delap for the extra hours they put in to process the high volume of attendance reports due to storm Alfred. Due to their efforts, all 2011 Incident Reports were submitted to the state on time.

Personnel:

The following Probationary Members were sworn in as Regular Members:

- Sean Bourgoin, Co. 1
- Tom Healy, Co. 4
- Casey McDermott, Co. 4

Committee Reports:

- **Truck Committee – T. Kline** (*for Dave Bourgoin*)
 - A list of must haves is developed and requests are being made for what is available in the market.
- **Social Committee** – Harvey Reeser volunteered to chair the Clambake Committee.
- **Parades**- Harvey Reeser will take the lead.
- **Public Relations – Matt Polesel**
 - **St. Baldrick's Fundraiser** - for pediatric cancer is scheduled for April 7th at the Iron Frog in Simsbury. To date, pledges for the department have far exceeded pledges from other area fire departments.
- **Recruitment and Retention – Ken Sedlak**

Ken Sedlak has stepped down as committee chairperson. Jamie DiPace will be the new chairperson with Barry Wolmetz as co-chair.

Good and Welfare – member Chris Corso and his wife are having some medical challenges and both are out of work on unpaid medical leave. A collection was taken for the Corsos. Jean Barton will take these proceeds and any other donations members wish to donate to Chris and his family.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Jamie DiPace recommended the \$100 donation given to us by the East Farms Fire Department (for their use of our training setups) be returned to them. It would be a gesture of goodwill to support our surrounding fire department in sharing mutual resources. On a motion from Captain O’Neil seconded by Chief Trick the membership voted in favor of returning this donation.

Pot O’ Gold – Tom Reller \$10.00, donated to the collection for Chris Corso and family.

Attendance – Tad Green \$10.00, donated to the collection for Chris Corso and family.

Meeting Adjourned at 2110 (JR)