

MINUTES OF THE 824th CORPORATION MEETING, January 9, 2012

President Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the 823rd Corporation Meeting were accepted on a motion from Pat Kiser and seconded by Bob Theriault

Reaffirmation of Oaths of Office for Officers and Board of Directors was done along with the reaffirmation of the Oath of Membership for all members present.

This reaffirmation of all oaths will take place at the January Corporate Meeting each year.

Roll Call – Present: 77, Excused: 23, Absent: 23.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

- Thank you note and donation for doing Thanksgiving for the Tree crews.
- Thank you note and donation from Science Department at Avon Old Farms School for fire safety presentation.
- Thank you note from Jane and Rich Raczek for the department's donation to Sacred Heart Church in memory of Helen Raczek (Jane's mother-in-law)
- Thank you letter to Chief Trick from the Avon Police Department thanking the department for the use of fire apparatus at the Cop-on Top, Special Olympics Fundraiser
- Thank you letter from Sacred Heart Church for the department's donation in memory of Helen Raczek (Jane's mother-in-law)
- Thank you letter from the Salvation Army for the departments donation in memory of Albert DeFranzo (both of George DeFranzo)
- Thank you letter from Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association for the department's donation in memory of George DeFrano's wife Janet
- Thank you letter from Brandon Robertson thanking the department for all the time and efforts both during and after the storm of Oct. 29th.
- Numerous individual and United Way donations received

Highlights from Dec. /Jan. Board of Directors Meeting:

- December
 - IT-2 Social Media Policy
 - Annual Dinner – 148 people, \$8,424.00 (\$8K budget)
 - CIB presentation to Town Council
 - \$50k feasibility study/NW Station
 - Engine Replacement
 - Radio system upgrade
 - Multi town burn tower
 - Cisterns – Oakbluff/Vermillion, Stony Corners, Deercliff
- January
 - Introduce new board
 - Company assignments
 - 1 – Shillington
 - 2 – Bianchi
 - 3 – Barton
 - 4 – Johnson

- FP – Sedlak/Bourgard
- HQ Sedlak, L.
- Explorers – DiPace
- Co. 3 request for new furniture and carpet in the lounge was not approved. They will be cleaned again
- Good and Welfare

Treasurer's Report – Sue Jansen

- There was nothing new to report and no questions from the membership

Town Representative- Dave Bourgard

- Co. 1
 - Ceiling and lighting is completed
- Co. 2
 - Will replace lighting and some of the windows on both floors with the Neighborhood Assistance Grant
- Co. 3
 - CL&P contractor still has not finished up the lighting. Town is working with contractor and CL&P to get things finished
 - The painting has been finished and the carpet will go in soon.
 - Capt. Office carpet will be replaced by town
 - Some of the grant money will be used to replace the south meeting room windows, install sensors in the bay area for lighting when bay doors are open or if someone walks into bay area.
- Co. 4
 - With the grant money the lighting at Co. 4 will be replaced. The town has put drainage problem repair on the back burner until spring
 - Removal of the 550 gal. oil tank and the extra parking will be put off until spring

Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick

- 928 calls for 2011 with the two storms. Hopefully we will have a breather this year
- Medical kits – if you open a kit and use anything out of it please notify your officers so that the kit can be restocked and sealed again for the next time they are needed
- SCBA – Make sure that you do a post use report and also make sure that you refill any tanks that you take.
- The magnet school at Fisher Drive is outgrowing their space and will be moving to 20 Security Drive. They will not be using the parking garage.
- The 80 acres behind the town hall up to Climax will be zoned for business and residential. The area will have a main street theme, with stores, condos and apartments.
- Fresh Market will be opening soon and Colony Grill is going in where 99's Restaurant was.
- Farmington Training Facility – Town Manager, Brandon Robertson informed Chief Trick that the town will not pay \$300,000 towards the Farmington Training Facility. The Chief will contact him for more discussion and asked the members to contact any Town Council member. Jim Speich, who is on the Board of Finance told the Chief that he knew nothing about this and that the Chief should have informed him right away. Melissa Gugliotti also told the Chief he should talk to her father-in-law Tom Gugliotti since he is also on the Board of Finance. The Chief took both of these suggestions and will work on getting answers about the funding.

- New HQ Director – The Chief appointed Lynn Sedlak as the new HQ Director. Matt Gugliotti wanted to know how this position was filled since there was no notice. The Chief said that it was mentioned at the November Corporate meeting and Lynn notified the Chief that she would be interested. Matt Gugliotti feels that there should be some form of standardization for any openings that come up within the department. The Chiefs will have a meeting to come up with some form of standardization for all openings in the department.
- Chief received a letter from Senator Lieberman about the Tax Abatement tax free bill. This was not renewed. Hopefully when the senate gets back in session they will look at this bill again.

AV2-Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- Chief Appell is now the liaison for AMR and the department. If you have any issues please contact him. Patient care will be the primary goal.
- Task Force 54 – Members of the Canton Fire Dept. came to one of the Task Force meetings and they have a Technical Rescue Task Force which consists of Rope Rescue and Water Rescue. If anyone is interested in joining either task force please see Assistant Chief Appell
- Hydrant Assist Valve – Assistant Chief Appell showed this to the membership and told them they would all be trained on how it works.
- Truck 18 – There is a new bed cover for Truck 18. It will be put on very soon. Please make sure you are familiar with it if you are going to take Truck 18.

Personnel:

- Tom Sherber was promoted to Regular Membership status. Oath of Membership was taken at this time.
- Oath of Office was taken by Dennis Bianchi as a new member of the Board of Directors

AV3-Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann

- If you would like a copy of your EVOC certificate please make a copy and return original back to Training
- Training Challenge – There will be a new Training Challenge with a prize of \$250.00 for the most training by any company
- CIRMA – Workmen's Comp. paperwork has to be filled out right away. If any member gets hurt at a call or drill please let an officer know right away so that the paperwork can be filled out.
- Please check the training board often for training information.
- Camden Way Fire – Something's went well and something's didn't go so well. There will be training coordinated around the fire. Good job done by Capt. Kline and E-7 personnel. Task Force 55 was called in to cover the Farmington Valley, not to help with the fire. There are a few members that are not in shape to work fires. Every member should take the responsibility of being in shape.
- Chief Trick also wanted to let Jim Speich know that he did a great job doing the pumping at the Camden Way Fire.

Fire Marshal Report – James DiPace

- Haynes Rd. Subdivision – There is 8" water main for this subdivision
- New Subdivision – 9 new houses on Knoll Lane
- Fresh Market will be opening Feb. 5, 2012. Chief DiPace and Chief Trick will do the final inspection together within a week or two.

Captain Joe Speich

- New ball valve was purchased and will be on Tanker 5

Captain David Theriault

- New heating blankets – There will be 2 blankets on each of the following apparatus – R8, T6, E9, E10 and E14

AV-2: Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- Department Physicals – The department has an agreement with the Hartford Hospital facility on Rte. 44. The department will be looking into how to get member records from UCONN. Members will have to sign release forms if they want their records to go to Hartford Hospital. If you should get hurt please go to this facility. As more information is available it will be given to the membership.

Committee Reports:

- **Recruitment and Retention – Ken Sedlak**
 - Next meeting will be January 25th at 7:00 pm Company 1

Old Business:

- The department will be doing a letter campaign instead of the Annual Raffle. Looking for members to help with this campaign. Lynn Sedlak will be overseeing this project. Dennis Bianchi will be helping.

New Business:

- The Board was asked to make Bill Shea an Honorary Member. This was brought before the membership. A motion was made by Jim Keith and seconded by Tim O'Neil to make Bill Shea an Honorary Member. Motion was passed

Good and Welfare: None

Pot O' Gold – Rick Solari \$30.00

Attendance – Aaron Gelber \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned at 2115 (GB)