

## MINUTES OF THE 827<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, July 9, 2012

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to accept the May 14, 2012 minutes. APPROVED

**Roll Call** – Present: 76, Excused: 23, Absent: 26.

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

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

### **Highlights from June and July Directors Meetings – Vice President Shillington**

- John Deckers request for Retired Veteran status
- Changes to AOG's AA-2, AA4, AA9 and COM-3
- Proposal from Laura Ward for online donations
- Conversion of AOG's to Ops Manual-work in progress
- Member status and member committee being worked on

Dave Bourgard made a motion which was seconded by Jim Keith to accept John Deckers request for Retired Veteran status. Motion was passed by vote of membership

Matt Gugliotti would like to bring up under new business AA-2

Jim Keith would like to bring up under new business COM-3 under new business.

### **Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sue Jansen**

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

### **Town Representative- Dave Bourgard**

- Painting will be done to the bays at Co. 2 and 4. Ceilings will be repaired and painted also. Company 4 will have the Captain's office, dispatch office and work room painted. This will be done this summer.
- There will be lighting changes to Co. 2 and 4. Completion of lighting at Co. 3 will also be done.

### **Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick**

- Closing out the old budget – monies will be encumbered for gear. Carol Baldwin just sent in a grant application for gear.
- The town will not adopt an ordinance to mandate all commercial buildings to have a Knox box. If the responding members do everything that can be done at a call and there is no fire showing than the fire department is not responsible. The fire marshal is still going to encourage every new applicant for an alarm to have a Knox box.
- There will be a meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Farmington Town Council chambers at 5:00 pm for the Regional training facility
- Radio interference is from Walpole MA. Tom Kline is working with WPCS to get this fixed.
- Drill on July 16<sup>th</sup> will be held at Canton high school – New lifestar landing procedures.

### **Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Trick for AV3**

- June school was well attended.
- Training Contest – will have the final tally by the end of July.

**Assistant Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Appell**

- Great job at the Lovely Street fire by all members that responded.
- Car 17 has been replaced with a newer car. Car 17 should be signed out before Truck 18.
- Thank you to Harvey Reeser and Jesseca Wernikoff for shuttling back all the apparatus for the hose and ground ladder testing.

**Company 2 – Captain Bourgoin**

- Matt Caron has passed his FF2 and is now an entry level firefighter. Congratulations!

**Company 3 – Lt. Hornish**

- Need work party for Saturday to wash the tanker and ladder for the Tunxis Hose parade.

**Company 4 – Captain Kline**

- Need a crew for E-7 – fireworks standby for Tunxis Hose on Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Fire Police – Captain Bourgard**

- Need some help in cleaning T-6 at the town garage Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel:**

- Lindsey Ryan is a new Probationary Member.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Fundraising – Dennis Bianchi**
  - Thank you to everyone who helped with the Colony Grill fundraiser. The department received \$1,000 from them. Total for this fundraiser is \$2,300.00
  - MDA Collection – Still looking for volunteers to help fill the boot for MDA on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend on West Avon Rd., in front of Company 3
  - Letter campaign is going well. As of July 7<sup>th</sup>. Total deposited is \$50,818.00 expenses were \$5,746.27. Profit so far is \$45,071.73
- **Truck Committee – Captain Bourgoin**
  - After meeting with 3 manufacturers and looking at what the department needs it was decided that the department needs 2 trucks. Looking into having a demo truck built to our specifications to help cut cost.

**Feasibility Study: Peter Buonome**

- Peter told the membership that he will be meeting with all companies to get everyone's opinions and views for the department. Once this is done then this report will be presented to the town.

Jean Barton did a great job getting the kitchen all cleaned and sanitized. Service Master of Farmington did the steam cleaning. Jean took everything down, washed it and put it all back.

Mike Polesel made a motion which was seconded by Mike Nolan to move to new business a discussion on the Muster team. This was approved by membership vote.

**New Business:**

- Muster Team – Matt Polesel would like to see the Muster Team activated. He feels this will help revitalize the membership. If there is not enough interest maybe there could be friendly competition with our entire mutual aid departments. Town mechanics would be interested in helping to get the muster truck up to speed.
- Agendas for Corporate Meetings – Should be posted on the web site a day before the meeting. Need to make it easy to find the minutes and agendas on the website. Vice President Shillington told the membership that he would contact Laura Ward to have her do this. It was suggested that copies be made available for the membership at the meeting.

- AA-2 Mel Gugliotti said that with changing the AOG's the Board has too much power over the membership. She feels that if the Board is going to change an AOG it should be brought before the membership so that the members would have a say in the changes. Jean Barton feels that the attitude of some of the membership is the membership vs. the Board. There are two seats available and she feels that members should step up for these positions.
- Committees – Maybe the Board should ask members for special committees that would work with the Board to help with some changes and or ideas.
- Adam Corrado asked to speak to the membership – He wanted to address the membership because he was a member of the Board for a few months and there is a lot of work, but he feels that if the members have something that they feel very strong about that they are able to call a special meeting and at that time they can express their concerns. Adam also told the membership that if they think they are going to join the Board to make changes, they better think again because it takes time for changes to get done.
- Jason Mickus suggested that maybe each company should send a representative to the Board meetings so that if there is an issue it can be brought before the Board.

Vice President Shillington assured the membership that everything that was discussed at this meeting will be brought before the Board. He did stress that if a member sees a problem that before that member brings it before the membership or the Board they should have some type of a solution Vice President Rob Shillington said it was easy to find fault, but hard to find solutions. He also stated that the members are no longer voted in or out so if some members were not satisfied with the department they should think about leaving the department.

#### **Special Meeting Called for:**

- John Ryan made a motion and Mel Gugliotti seconded to have a special meeting. There were more than 3 people who wanted this meeting. They were: Aaron Gelber, Tom Longworth, John Ryan and Mel Gugliotti.
- Vice President told the membership that the Board would let them know when the special meeting will be. John Ryan wanted the meeting to take place on a Monday, but the Vice President told him that the Board could not take a drill night for a special meeting without the Chief's approval which the Chief told the membership that was not happening. Captain O'Neil said he would like to see the special meeting held on a Friday night so that he could see how many members would show up. Captain O'Neil also told the membership that if any member feels there is problems than they should look for solutions. He also told the membership that he would be taking attendance at the special meeting because he would be interested in how many people would really show up.
- The special meeting will only discuss the problem with moral and trust issues with the leadership. That is all that will be on the agenda.

Mike Nolan asked the membership to come out and march at parades. He told the membership that the members who come out have a good time.

#### **Awards for Broad Brook Parade**

Chief Trick had all the members of Company 2 come up so that he could present them with a trophy that was won by Engine 10 for Best Apparatus at the Broad Brook Fire Department parade. The Chief gave the trophy to the newest member of Company 2. Nice Job!! Other awards that were won at the Broad Brook parade was Best Appearing Fire Unit (15 and under) and the Chief's Award.

**Pot O' Gold** – Dave Costill

**Attendance** – Reece Newburg \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned at 2200 (GB)