

MINUTES OF THE 828th CORPORATION MEETING, September 10, 2012

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Present: 67, Excused: 28, Absent: 32.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 827th Corporation Meeting and the Special Corporation Meeting of August 2, 2012. Both APPROVED.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

Several donations totaling \$275, in memory of Jack Wyman, have been received.

Board of Directors: Open positions

- Secretary Barton cast the vote for Ramona Mansfield, the only qualified applicant, to fill the open position.
- Two more Board positions will open; one each in November and January. More information on these open positions will go out soon to the membership.

Highlights from August and September Board of Directors Meetings – President Ken Sedlak

- The Fundraising Campaign has netted \$61,000!
- Training Facility – at last week’s Town Council meeting, letters were handed out to each Council member soliciting their support for this facility.
- AOG COM6 – changes are drafted and will be distributed to the members before the Board votes in October.

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

- Grant money is paying for the cost of the lighting work that continues at all companies.
- Emergency lights for the stations are on back order.

Chief’s Report – Chief Mike Trick

- Simsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. – sent a note thanking the department for our coverage during the services for Lt. Cosgrove.
- Regional Training Facility - attended last week’s Town Council meeting asking for their support. A representative from the Hartford Courant was there and we did pick up some coverage of our request in Saturday’s newspaper. All members are encouraged to talk to Board of Finance and Town Council members and ask for their support.
- 911 Service - will be held tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at Company 1.
- Administrative Assistant position – interviews are scheduled later this month for the 5 applicants.
- Planning and Zoning – some small sub-divisions have been approved. We need to be prepared for the some of the problems these small sub-divisions present such as long narrow driveways.
- Parade Trophies:
 - East Hartland: Best Overall Unit
Best Appearing Antique
Most Members in Line
 - Winsted: First Runner up in Coats
Plaque for participating in the 150th Anniversary Parade

Assistant Chief's Report – AV2 Bruce Appell

- New Budget Cycle – is starting. Soliciting suggestions for next year's budget.
- New Equipment – lots of new equipment purchased from last year's budget are at the stations and on some of the apparatus.

Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Trick for AV3

- MRT Training – will be held in Canton at a date to be announced.
- Pride & Ownership Seminar - see the Training Bulletin Board for more information.
- Rescue Week – will be held soon at the CT Fire Academy.
- Pump Class – attempting to arrange for a 2 day training class in town.
 - **Matt Polesel** Life Guard Systems
Hazardous Material Technician Refresher
Rescue Technician - Confined Spaces
 - **Matt Caron** Hazmat /WMD – Awareness/Operational
Firefighter I
Firefighter II
 - **Joe Speich** Fire Service Instructor II
 - **Emma-Lee Baldwin** Fire Fighter I
Hazmat /WMD – Awareness/Operational

Company 1 – Captain O'Neil

No report

Company 2 – Captain Bourgoin

- AVFD IDs – your AVFD ID may enable you to obtain government rates at hotels and with other merchants. Anyone who has not had their picture taken for their ID can have them taken tonight.
- AVFD member pictures can be viewed at: <http://bourgoin.smugmug.com/AVFD-members>.
- 911 Memorial in NYC – if you show your AVFD ID, you will not have to wait in line.

Company 3 – Captain Speich

No report

Company 4 – Captain Kline

- Buckingham Block Party – looking for volunteers to help out this Saturday.
- Radio Interference – interference with MA is cleared up. Some members are still picking up static with Enfield – nothing we can do about this.

Fire Police – Captain Bourgard

- Need some help tonight to set up for tomorrow's 911 Service

Special Operations – Captain Theriault

No report

Personnel – Director of Headquarters Sedlak

- Reinstated Member: Oath of Office taken by (Donald) Mark Wilson, Co. 3.
- Probationary Members:
 - Keith Lee, Co. 2
 - Randall Johnson, Co. 1

Fire Marshal – DiPace

- New Magnet School – construction has started. In the meantime, the magnet school is operating out of a temporary location on Security Dr.

Committee Reports:

- **Recruitment & Retention:**
 - Avon Day – Looking for volunteers to help out. Lauren Papa is taking the lead. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/12/12.
 - 2013 Calendar will be produced.
 - Next Committee Meeting - scheduled for 9/26/12.
- **Community Outreach:**
 - Halloween Party & Avon Day - Upcoming events.
- **Truck Committee:** no report.
- **Feasibility Study:**
 - Report should be done by Budget Time.
 - Objective to produce a 10 – 20 year plan.

New Business:

On a motion from T. O’Neil seconded by D. Theriault, the membership voted to add an item to the agenda. The Board recommended and the membership, on a motion made by R. Mansfield, seconded by J. Barton, voted to approve Honorary Membership for Jane Raczek. Jane has been the Administrative Secretary for the department, working out of Headquarters, since 2006. She is retiring and moving out of state.

Pot O’ Gold – none

Attendance – Everett Bennett \$10.00

Meeting Adjourned at 2021 (JR)