

MINUTES OF THE 831st CORPORATION MEETING, March 11, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Present: 80, Excused: 14, Absent: 31.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 830th Corporation Meeting. APPROVED.

Tom Transue, a representative of the Boy Scouts, presented the department with the Charter for sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 122. The department has been sponsoring a Cub Scout Pack for 55 years. An achievement ribbon was presented to Rob Shillington (department representative and Pack Chair) which is for the achievement of Boy's Life 100%. This achievement is for meeting minimum requirements to ensure the Cub Scouts successfully transition into Boy Scouts. Pack 22 achieved the highest level of award "Gold" that any Pack can achieve by meeting all Journey to Excellence requirements.

Correspondence – Secretary Ramona Mansfield

- Ramona Mansfield presented thank you notes, donations and other correspondences.

Highlights from December & January – President Ken Sedlak

- Funds were approved to refurbish the pool table at Company 1 and to purchase a ping pong table top.
- The Town Manager told the President and Chief that the department's operations budget would be \$571,000 an increase of 3.25%
- AOG JD-3 which is the job description for the Medical Director is being revised.
- Funds were allocated for the light tower and a Thermal Imaging Cameral.
- AOG EX-3 which deals with the Personal Property Loss Claims will be reviewed by a committee of 2 officers and 2 board members. The two officers are Captain David Bourgoin and Captain Dave Theriault and the two Board Members are Tom Longworth and John Ryan. This committee will report back their suggestions to the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sue Jansen

- **No Report**

Town Representative- President Sedlak for Dave Bourgard

- Working with the town to put in a shower and fix bathroom at Company 4.

Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick

- Replacing old MSA thermal imaging camera with a new one and the old MSA will go in the duty officer's vehicle.
- Dattco will be incorporating hybrid school busses into their fleet. Not sure when it will happen in Avon.
- Commercial trucking companies with large fleets will be going to hybrid trucks. The training officer will look into training classes for these types of vehicles.
- Directory Front Cover contest – Deadline will be April 5th.
- Blood Drive – March 29th.
- Boy Scout Troop #274 shoveled out hydrants on the west end of town and some neighborhood.
- St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Lyme Grill on April 13th from 3:00 pm – Could use some people to volunteer and also donations.

- New light tower is all done. The material for the decals was donated by Orafall (which used to be Reflexite).
- The department is going to sponsor an Avon little league team again this year.
- The department was asked to donate a ride to school in a fire truck for the Pine Grove School PTA auction. There were two people bidding and somehow a second ride to school in a fire truck was added by the Town Manager. Both prizes went for \$1,795.00 each.

Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Trick for AV2 Bruce Appell

- Engine 7 will be back in service tomorrow.

Assistant Chief's Report – Chief Trick for AV3 Chris Kunzelmann

- Fire Officer 1 certificate was awarded to Captain Dave Theriault
- Rescue Tech Rope 1 and 2 certificate given to Lt. Matt Polesel.
- Firefighter 1 and Hazmat certificate was awarded to Reese Newberg
- Firefighter 1 and Hazmat certificate was awarded to Jeremy Kaswer
- There will be a pumper class on April 20th at Company 1. There are 15 slots open. If interested please let Assistant Chief Kunzelmann know. Also need volunteer to bring the pumpers to Company 1.
- Looking into training on hybrid busses both Connecticut Transit buses and school buses.
- Trying to set up a live burn in the spring at the Simsbury training center.

Chief Trick presented a Department Citation

- Storm Sandy Citation – The department received a citation from the State Fire Administrator for being part of the Statewide Fire-Rescue Disaster Response Plan.
- The following members were given certificates and pins which may be worn on their Class A uniforms for participating in this response:
 - David Costill
 - Jesseca Wernikoff
 - Aaron Gelber
 - Tom Longworth
 - Captain Tom Kline
 - Captain Tim O'Neil

Chief Trick – Presentation of Challenge Coin

- For Going the Extra Step a certificate and challenge coin was awarded to Leland Wilcox. During the blizzard he heard a call go out to the department to help an ambulance that was stuck. Leland went to help with his own truck and pulled the ambulance out.

Fire Marshal – Jamie DiPace

- Orafall – Formerly known as Reflexite has moved the fire department connection to the south side of the building. New northern section of the building will have its own sprinkler system.
- All contractors who are doing work in homes where there are smoke detectors must keep them in working order while they are working. This is a law that was just passed.

Company 1 – Captain O'Neil – No Report

Company 2 – Captain Bourgoin – No Report

Company 3 – Captain Speich – No Report

Company 4 – Captain Kline – No Report

Fire Police – Captain Bourgard – No Report

Special Operations – Captain Theriault – No Report

Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado, MD

- Waiting for the AOG with his job description so that he can work along with that.
- Goal is to keep all the members ready for any calls.
- Priorities for the department are as follows:
 - General Health of members
 - Maximize longevity
 - Minimize disability
 - Oversee the return to duty
 - Promote fitness
- Fist initiative is Eyes, Ears and Hands.

Personnel – Director of Headquarters Lynn Sedlak

- 2 Probationary Members were moved to Regular Member status and the Membership Oaths were taken by Leland Wilcox and Steve Matters. President Sedlak did the honors.
- Lt. Polesel renewed his Oath of Office

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Will meet later this month.
- **Recruitment & Retention: No Report**
- **Community Outreach:**
 - Citizens' Fire Academy – Still need more people to be instructors and also if any member knows of anyone who might like to be a part of the Academy please have them fill out an application.
- **Cheer and Welfare:**
 - 14 call and/or visits were made to members.

LOSAP – Bud Desmond approached the Town Manager about changing the years of vesture from 15 year to 10. The Town Manager told Bud that he would have to go to the Town Council for this approval. Bud is working with the Town Manager on this.

There was no Old Business:

New Business:

- Muster Team – Matt Caron and Tom Longworth told the Board they would look at the Muster truck and let the Board know what needs to be done to get it running. Lt. Nolan said he would head up the Muster team. He asked what was involved. Lt. Polesel gave a summary of what is entailed and what the competition is about. There were sign-up sheets if any member would like to join the team.
- Sandy Hook 5K – Captain Bourgoin and Ramona Mansfield are running this. If anyone would like to join them just let them know. They are also doing the Fight for Air Climb if anyone is interested in joining them.

Pot O' Gold – none

Attendance – Alisha Hornish

Meeting Adjourned at 2040
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