

MINUTES OF THE 834th CORPORATION MEETING, September 16, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Present: 68, Excused: 31, Absent: 29.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 833rd Corporation Meeting. APPROVED.

Correspondence – Secretary Ramona Mansfield

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

Highlights from August & September – Vice President Rob Shillington

- AOG JD-1 was discussed and changes made.
- Feasibility Study was discussed
- Chief DiPace and Chief Trick talked to the Explorers about the rumor the department was no going to have an Explorer program. The rumor was not true.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sue Jansen

- Budget – Received money from the town for the 2013/2014 budget. This was put into the savings account for the operations budget.
- Corporate – Receiving donations on the website from credit cards. Hard to tell what is coming in until the bank statement comes in to know what was deposited.

Town Representative- Jamie DiPace No Report not present at meeting

Chief's Report – Chief Mike Trick

- Need 2 EMT's for Avon Day. Please contact Jen Reeser if interested.
- Probationary Member Randy Johnson was promoted to Regular Member. Oath of Membership was administered by Lynn Sedlak.
- Joe Kuzma has turned in his resignation from the department due to him moving to Ohio to be closer to family. The Chief accepted his resignation with regret.
- Insurance assessment was done town wide and there were some areas of concern for the stations. These areas were mainly the entrances into the stations and the bay doors staying open after the apparatus have left to a call. Please stop and shut the bay doors before leaving for a call. The other issues will be added to the budget over the next 2 years.
- Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to be the Honor Guard for Chris May's wake. It was very much appreciated by his widow.
- The Fill The Boot for MDA was a great success thanks to all the people who turned out to help.
- Thank you to the Clambake Committee for a wonderful meal and all your hard work to put it on.
- 9/11 Services was very well attended and Lt. Nolan's speech was great.
- Thank you to Ann Ryan and Dale Barton for taking the time to bring the crews bagels and coffee at the Farmington Woods fire.
- Great job at the Farmington Woods fire. Thank you to all who turned out.
- There is a Knox box now at Avon Health. Keys in there are to all areas of the building.
- October 14th there will be a meeting for all members to look over the Feasibility study and ask any questions or give comments. This meeting will be instead of drill that night.
- On October 1 Captain Kline will become Assistant Chief Kline. He will be Avon 4.
- Will find a solution to the vacancy of Captain Kline at the November meeting.

AV2: Chief Trick for Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- Tanker 5 went out for rust repair. The final cost is \$10,000. It was quoted at \$5,000, but there was more rust once they got in to do the work. This is only the first truck that has gone down. Hopefully the others won't be so bad. There is a replacement plan that is part of the Feasibility Study.

AV3: Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann no report. Not present

AV20: Fire Marshal: Jamie DiPace no report. Not present

AV21: Captain O'Neil – No Report

AV22: Captain Bourgoin – No Report

AV23: Captain Speich – No Report. Not present

AV24: Captain Kline

- Between now and November new locks will be going in town wide. Captain Kline was able to get us on the good pricing the Town was getting. If you do not have a new fob see Captain Kline.
- Working on the Fire Police repeater that was never in use.
- Email went out to all members that if they have old pagers to turn them in and get new ones.

Fire Police: Lt. Ken Sedlak – No Report. Not present

Medical Officer: Captain Adam Corrado, MD

- Flu shots will be given to all members and their families by Dr. Corrado. Please contact him to set up a time for your shot.
- For anyone over 65 you must have a high dose of the flu vaccine. Please let him know if you need this shot because they are expensive and he will order only what he needs.
- Shared some information on the services for the Prescott Hot Shot Firefighter's services. You can go on You Tube to see it.

Personnel – Director of Headquarters Lynn Sedlak

- Mike Kachmar was approved by the Board to go to Retired Veteran

Committee Reports:

- **Community Outreach: Dennis Bianchi**
 - Need members to sign up to do the following events:
 - Oct. 18th Fire Prevention in the schools. Need two trucks. One at each school,
 - Oct. 24 Toss the Dough at Bertucci's fundraiser. Need people to sign up to be servers and need a truck also.
 - Oct. 26th Town wide Halloween Party. Need a lot of people to help out that day. It will be at Pine Grove School from 10:00 to 12:00
 - Raised \$1,606 on the Clambake raffle and Silent Auction. This money will be used towards the Children's Holiday Party.
 - Fill the Boot for MDA we raised \$4,513. This is the most since the department started doing this.
 - Fundraising is going well. We aren't that far off from last year. Total so far is \$67,950 and we are still getting donations in.
 - Received a late donation for the Clambake from John Carmon. Since the Clambake is over this money can go towards the expenses of the Clambake.

- Have some left over prizes that can be given out tonight. One is 2 tickets to the Annual Farmington Volunteer Fire Dept. Pig Roast on Sept. 21, a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart from Sunlight Construction and a \$25.00 gift card to Stop & Shop from Sunlight Construction also.
- Kept about a dozen prizes for Annual Dinner. These will be used as door prizes.

Truck Committee: Dave Bourgoin

- Final Specs are with the manufacturer. Went with Rosenbauer because they were willing to work with us as far as pricing. Looking into getting a tanker pumper. Waiting for quote.
- **Buildings: Bob Theriault**
 - Went around to all the stations. 95% have been taken care of.
 - Getting quotes for new heating, cooling and dehumidifier for Company 4.

There were 4 candidates for the open Board seat. Jim Reber and Harvey Reeser were given a few minutes to talk to the members about what they bring to the Board. Since Lauren Papa and Rick Solari were not able to be at the meeting they each emailed a statement that they asked to be read. With the voting done Vice President Rob Shillington announced the new Board member was Jim Reber. He will be sworn in at the next Board meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Lt. Barton asked the members to think about changes for the Clambake next year. She suggested the following:
 - Keep everything the same.
 - Change the weekend to the weekend after Labor Day with no lunch; do away with steamers and muscles. Have raw clams and for dinner have a choice of steak, chicken or lobster (if lobster is a good price)
 - Members can think about this and email suggestions to Lt. Barton and a vote can be taken at the November Corporation meeting.
 - Lt. Barton will send out these two suggestions to Avonfire.

Good and Welfare: Marion Ryan

- 4 Members were sent get well gifts
- 1 new future firefighter was born

Pot O' Gold – \$11.61 Katherine Matousek

Attendance – \$10.00 Steve Gottlieb

Wal-Mart Gift Card – Sue Jansen

Stop & Shop Gift Card – Chris Wojciechowski

2 Tickets to the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Pig Roast – Mike Galliher

Meeting Adjourned at 2030

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