

MINUTES OF THE 840th CORPORATION MEETING, November 10, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Brian Nardi talked to the members about what Chiropractors can do to alleviate pain. He stressed that with what they do, as firefighters, there is more of a chance to have back problems.

Roll Call – Present: 73, Excused: 28, Absent: 11

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 839th Corporation Meeting were approved with the following corrections Steve McMann is a new probationary Fire Police member and SCBS be corrected to read SCBA.

Correspondence – Secretary Jim Reber

- Jim Reber presented thank you notes, donations and other correspondences.

Advanced Auto Parts on Rte. 44 will give members a 10% discount on non-sale items just show your department ID

Highlights from October & November Board Meetings – President Rob Shillington

- Capital Improvement Budget meeting with the Towns Council will be November 19th at 7:00 pm. If any member is interested in attending you are encouraged to do so.
- There are 3 open Board seats that will be voted on tonight. Mike Galliher is one of the candidates. Since he could not stay tonight he asked the President to read his statement to the membership.

It was suggested that for the next open Board seats that the qualifications of all candidates be sent out via email along with their statements of why they want to be on the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk

- Will be doing the Corporate budget before the December Board meeting so that the Board can approve.

AV-1 – Chief Mike Trick

- Latest draft of the Ops Manual is now on the website.
- Stair Climb will be April 25th.
- Chase, the AVFD dog passed away.
- Thank a veteran if you see one since tomorrow will be Veterans' Day
- Happy 229th Birthday to the Marines.
- VCOS
 - Brought back some good information
 - Met other Chiefs with basically the same problems as our department. We are not the only department having to work within our budget.
 - Janet DiPace did the 3K walk
 - Janet DiPace, Patty Trick and Ramona Mansfield did a stair climb (9 flights 12 times)

AV-2 – Assistant Chief Appell

- Simsbury will cover for the department on Saturday night, November 15th.
- Canton's ladder truck is out of service indefinitely.
- Contracts for the 2 trucks have been signed. Cab and chassis will be ordered

AV-3 – Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann – No Report

AV-4 – Assistant Chief Tom Kline – No Report

AV 20 Fire Marshal & Town Representative – Jamie DiPace

- VCOS was a good time to learn how the other departments are doing and what they are doing.
- Working with ISO on how to change the Town's rating. Right now our rating is 8B and 4. Jamie is trying to get the meaning of these numbers.,
- Farmington Volunteer Fire Dept. grossed \$9,000 from their car show. The explorers helped out that day. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.
- Tuesday night Apple Rehab will not have their sprinkler system working due to work on the water main. There will be 2 firefighters doing fire watch during the construction.
- Avon Hardware will be changing their name to Route 44 Hardware and moving from Dale Rd. to Rte. 44 across from Fresh Market. They will still be able to fill propane tanks. The Fire Marshal is working with them on the fire alarm system.
- Training Facility – If any member knows of someone who would like to donate to the Training Facility let Jamie know and he will be more than happy to talk to whoever is interested.
- Company 3 – The stairwell wall just needs sheet rock put up. Dave Theriault said he just about finished sheet rocking the wall.

AV 21 Lt. John Ryan for Captain Nolan

- Completed reorganizing Rescue 8. Please familiarize yourself with where everything is located.
- SCBA bottle refills – If you don't know how to fill them, please contact Lt. Ryan.

Avon 22 Captain Bourgoin

- Matt Blume and his family are going through a lot right now with the health of his daughter. They still need help with meals. If you don't want to cook they could use gift cards from the area restaurants and also CVS gift cards because the meds his daughter has to be on is not inexpensive. Anything you can do for him would be greatly appreciated. If you need the link for the meals just contact Captain Bourgoin. **If anyone does meals please no pork or seafood.**

AV 23 Captain Speich

- If you need to be checked off on Engine 14 please send Captain Speich an email. If you are already out on Engine 10 than you don't have to be checked out on Engine 14. Engine 14 now has a cutter on it.

AV 24 Captain O'Neil – No Report

AV 25 Captain Sedlak

- New accountability system is up and running. Captain Sedlak can now print tags. If you haven't had your picture taken please contact Captain Sedlak.

AV 26 Captain Theriault

- Annual Hurst services has been done
- SCBA compressor service was done.

Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado

- The medical part of the Ops Manual is still a work in progress. Already some of the information in there is obsolete, The Board decided to approve the Duty Status part of the Ops Manual for right now and see how this works.
- The department carries two supplemental insurances. Once is Hartford Insurance and the other is Provident. These insurances will cover a member on or off duty for any injuries, If any questions please contact Captain Corrado.

Personnel – HQ Director, Lynn Sedlak

- Nick Shillington was moved up from Probationary member to a Regular Member. Oath of Membership was administered by Lynn Sedlak.

Committee Reports:

- **Community Outreach: Dennis Bianchi**
 - We have raised \$73,254.92 from the letter campaign. The expenses for this letter campaign were \$6,949.72.
 - The Children’s Holiday Party will be December 7 at Company 1 starting at 1:30. Please contact Dennis if you a planning to attend,
 - Halloween Party – Lost around \$200 due to having to order Halloween bags. About 100 kids came. River Ridge supplied the cupcakes.
- **Annual Dinner – Jean Barton**
 - This year we will be in a different building. Since the Farmington Club is moving us they will pick up the cost of a full open bar for this inconvenience. We have 182 people coming this year.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- By-Laws Article III Section 3. Composition of the Board of Directors Changes: There were copies of the original and the revised By-Laws changes for the members to look at. Rich Shillington explained to the membership why the changes were being made and also what the changes were. After some discussion and some suggestions it was decided that the suggestions would be put into the revised By-Laws changes and sent out to Avonfire with a copy of the changes posted at each station so that the membership can review again in January and if everyone is in agreement with the changes a vote on the changes can be taken at the March Corporation meeting.

Election of Board Members:

- Jean Barton, Ramona Mansfield and Michael Galliher were elected to the Board.

Pot O’ Gold - \$22.25 Nancy Evans

Attendance - \$10.00 Ken Sedlak

Adjourned at 2145 (GB)