

MINUTES OF THE 841st CORPORATION MEETING, January 12, 2015

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LOSAP – Bud Desmond

- Bud explained what LOSAP was and how it works so that any new members would know about it and to also let the other members know that the vesting was changed last year from 15 years to 10 years. LOSAP statements were given to members who are in LOSAP.

Roll Call – Present: 72, Excused: 27, Absent: 20

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 840th Corporation Meeting were approved.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

- Jean Barton presented thank you notes, donations and other correspondences.

Oaths of Office – Jamie DiPace

- All officers took the oath of office to reaffirm their positions in 2015

Membership Oath – Lynn Sedlak

- Richard Duffy took the Membership Oath and is now a Regular Member

Highlights from November & December Board Meetings – President Rob Shillington

- New Board members are Michael Galliher, Jean Barton and Ramona Mansfield.
- The Executive Board members are as follows:
 - President – Rob Shillington
 - Vice President – Rich Shillington
 - Secretary – Jean Barton
 - Treasurer – Joe Kowalczyk
 - Committee Executive – Ramona Mansfield

There will be a Planning Committee meeting on January 29th Company 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk (No Report) Not in attendance

AV-1 – Chief Mike Trick

- Some Goals and Objectives for 2015
 - Review application and recruitment procedures. Will go back to accepting new applicants every quarter.
 - Ops Manual will be finalized.
 - Will be doing annual driver license checks
 - Will be doing a job function review
 - Officers would like to see more programs in training
- Make sure that when you arrive at a scene the fire apparatus are placed in the correct spots.
- There have been more fires that we have had to deal with the past couple of months and I want to thank everyone for doing a great job and being very professional.
- The police department has a new stair stepper in their gym and the department members are allowed to use the gym. The paperwork that you need to fill out is in HQ office.

- Any accidents with apparatus must have paper worked filled out.
- We need responders during the day. Reach out to friends, family and neighbors to ask them to join.

AV-2 – Assistant Chief Appell

- New chassis have been ordered. No confirmation on delivery.
- Drawings for the bodies should be sent to us in 2 weeks.
- Engine 10 is off line
- Truck 18 is off line
- Car 17 is done for. They have put in \$1,500 but we are not going to put any more money into this one. Looking into maybe getting a large SUV.

AV-3 – Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann

- Certificates for Training the Trainer – Donald Wilson
- EMT Certificate – Rich Shillington and Chris Balich
- FFI, FFII and HazMat Certificates – George Devita
- FDIC – April 20-25 there is room for 2 people to go. There are 3 people interested right now. Deadline is Jan. 15, 2015
- Company Training:
 - 1/26 Companies 1 and 3 will drill with the Chief at Zoo Fitness and Companies 2 and 4 will have fit testing at Company 1 6:00 p.m. Please come early if you are able so that both companies can get done in one night.
 - 2/2 Companies 2 and 4 will drill with the Chief at Zoo Fitness and Companies 1 and 3 will do the fit testing.
- Truck 18 – When signing out you have to put where you are going with the truck and the time you take it and the time you expect to be back. If you take Truck 18 and do not sign it out Assistant Chief Kunzelmann will have a talk with you about your privilege of using the truck.
- CPR for Companies 3, 4 and HQ will be on 2/16/15

AV-4 – Assistant Chief Tom Kline

- Thank you to Jay McCaffrey for helping with the reprogramming of all radios. Tom and Jay spent about 40 hours between them to get this done.
- Problem with Fire Police radios. Will take care of this at the repeater site when the weather permits Tom getting up there safe.
- Please use IAMRESPONDING. We are paying for this service and it helps the drivers know if members are heading to the stations to respond.

AV 20 Fire Marshal & Town Representative – Jamie DiPace

- Farmington Woods fire – Still not sure what started it. Good firefighting by members. Direction of the wind helped by blowing away from the building. Fire walls worked well. Had a hard time getting the flair ups due to the ice that was on the remains of the building,
- Training Facility – Between the two towns \$800,000 has been raised so far. Both towns will be doing a reception at the Farmington Club for possible donors. This will take place towards the end of January, if you know anyone that might be donors please contact Jamie so that they can be invited. So far we have raised \$374,000 towards are portion of the training facility. Now Jamie is going to start looking for in kind services

AV 21 Captain Nolan

- Nick Shillington and Nate Findley will be taking Firefighter I
- If you see anything wrong at Company 1 please contact Captain Nolan so that he can let Bob Theriault know so it can be fixed.
- Parade dates for 2015
 - Collinsville May 16, 2015
 - Memorial Day May 25, 2015
 - Tunxis Hose July 11, 2015
 - Winsted August 15, 2015

Avon 22 Captain Bourgoin

- Check your gear we are missing the spare battery for the thermal imaging camera.

Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado

- Fitness Program – NFPA-1583. Captain Corrado will start working on program for fitness standard. It will not be mandatory for members. Will be working on an awards system. Once this is done he will present it to the Chief and the Board.
- EMT – The department will be doing fit testing to comply with OSHA. If you are an EMT or Paramedic and have had this test done elsewhere you do not have to have it done again unless you want to.

Personnel – HQ Director, Lynn Sedlak

- Lynn Sedlak introduced Ken Larson as a new member for Company 4

Explorers – Rich Shillington

- Sent out earlier this evening an email with the qualifications to be an advisor to the Explorers. If anyone is interested in participating please email board@avonvfd.org

Buildings – Robert Theriault

- If there are any problems at the stations please contact the captain of that station so that the problem can be solved.
- Remember to turn off lights when leaving an area that does not have sensor lighting. Finding lights left on a lot.
- There are some small electrical jobs being done as the town can get to them.

Committee Reports:

- **Community Outreach: Dennis Bianchi**
 - Passing the hat to collect for the Blume family. Anything will be greatly appreciated
 - Golf Tournament meeting will be held at Company 3 Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested please come.
 - Thank you to all the members that helped out with fundraising this year. Fundraisings at local restaurants and the golf tournament raised about \$20,000.
 - Fundraising Letter Campaign – Profit is \$65,205.20. Expenses were \$6,949.72
 - Farmington Woods would like us to do a wine testing. Will be looking into this soon.

Old Business:

- By-Laws Article III Section 3 Composition of the Board of Directors changes – Rich Shillington is still working on the revisions that were mentioned at the November Corporation meeting. Will get the revised one out this week via email and then this can be discussed at the March Corporation meeting.

New Business: None

Good and Welfare

- Leland Wilcox and Veronica had a healthy baby boy, born December 24, 2014

Pot O' Gold - \$12.41 No winner

Attendance - \$10.00 Clarence Evans

DD \$15 Gift Card – Jim Reber

Adjourned at 20:45 (GB)