

MINUTES OF THE 843rd CORPORATION MEETING, May 11, 2015

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:32 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Present: 70, Excused: 17, Absent: 37

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the 842nd Corporation Meeting were approved.

Correspondence – Secretary Jean Barton

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

Highlights from April and May Board Meetings – President Rob Shillington

- Planning Committee will be starting up soon. Looking at dates and asking for participants
- Looking over the Bonus Points to see if they are in line with what people do that receives them.
- Board will be holding a meeting to go over what needs to be done in 2015/2016
- There is a lot of work and not enough people to do it.
- There is an open Board seat. Will be putting something out soon.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk

- Corporate
 - Did received reimbursement for the Avonwood fire watch of around \$12,000
 - Total cash in Corporate is \$242k; \$146k is set aside for the Live Burn leaving about \$96k unencumbered.
 - Continued Corporate losses on the year of about \$15k due to the movement of money to the Live Burn and our letter campaign not starting yet.,
- Budget
 - We spent about 31k in the current month compared to \$25k in the prior years' same month. Total spent in the current year is about \$311k versus \$321k in the prior year. Currently we have about \$341k to spend versus \$308 in prior year.
 - Blum AUP – 8 comments (Audit of the budget money from town)
 - Comment on no encumbered letter from 2012 will stay.
 - Comments regarding no bid will be removed for the following recommendations:
 1. Informal Board approval/notification through email.
 2. Use the same sole source provider worksheet the town of Avon uses.
 3. Submit quarterly financial statements to Peggy in Finance at the town.
- **These are only recommendations and the Board is looking at these.**

AV-1 – Chief Mike Trick

- Administered the Oath of Office to Captain O'Neil
- Passed around some pictures of Truck 17 to show the members the decals. Working on the wording for stating that donations were used to purchase this truck.
- Rotating old meters with new meters
- Soda machine and coffee maker are up and running.
- Working on doing new members orientation. Chief will contact all new members to do a meet and greet.
- After the budget referendum the Chief will ask the Town Council to do a walk-through of all stations.
- License checks of all members will be done. This was suggested by our insurance company.

AV-2 – Assistant Chief Appell (Report given by Chief Trick)

- New trucks chassis due in any day.
- Truck service and repairs are ongoing. Expensive repairs to E10 and E-14
- Waiting for parts for T-16
- Hose and ground ladder testing will be June 12th.
- Planning committee will meet Thursday, May 14th before the officers meeting.

AV-21 Captain Nolan (Report given by Chief Trick)

- Nate Findley, Mitch Pastizzo and Nick Shillington have passed their practical's this past Saturday. They only have the written to come. Please wish them luck and congratulate them on their success this past weekend.
- E-9 will be going out this week for its annual service at GK, E-11 should be in place however if not please roll R-8.
- With pollen flying and sticking to our cars, please, if you wash your vehicle at Co. 1 put the tools back where you found them, if they are left out then please put them back where they belong.
- Parade Committee
 - Reminder this Saturday the 16th is Collinsville parade. Lineup is at 5 pm at the high school. There is usually a shuttle bus that takes you from the parking lot to the parade ground to lineup. If you plan on taking that I suggest you get there early (I almost missed line up last year) Looking forward to seeing you there.

AV 28 Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado (Report given by Chief Trick)

- Congratulations to the entire 2015 Stair climb team. The winner of the On Air Challenge was Tom Sherber, who finished the climb in 6 min and 36 seconds. Because he is completing his last semester at Virginia Tech, he will receive his trophy at the June Corporation meeting.
- Members may have noticed a few more motivational emails coming from me. It is all part of promoting member fitness. As promised the draft fitness portion of the department's health and a wellness program is almost complete and is ready for discussion among the department leadership. Attention to fitness for duty is crucial for making sure that our members are able to meet the needs of the community and the demands of the job without jeopardizing their own lives and livelihoods. Remember that an injury sustained in the line of duty can disable you from being able to earn you income at your regular job, or worse.
- Seven people have signed on to learn about peer fitness trainers. Any member may participate in this program, and are welcome to join us at the organizational meeting June 25th at 7 pm at company three. Peer fitness trainers are fire service personnel specifically trained to assist other fire department personnel in setting and achieving their fitness goals safely and effectively as part of a structured health and wellness program.
- EMS initiative has been presented to the police chief for consideration. As more information comes available, it will be shared.
- Congratulations to Jen Reeser and her Red Cross Blood Drive Team, for a very successful blood drive.
- Jen has also been hard at work completing the minimum EMS equipment supply with assistance from Reece Newberg and Jeremy Kaswer. Each apparatus should now have a new EMS jump bag and all state-required equipment.

AV-3 Assistant Chief Chris Kunzelmann

- Presented a black helmet to Conor Thomsen for completing FFII.
- June school is filling up fast. Please make sure you get your applications in soon,
- NYSFC seminar will be June 17-20. If anyone is interested please email me.

AV-4 – Assistant Chief Tom Kline

- Please use IAMRESPONDING. This helps the driver know that someone is coming and they will wait.
- New Knox Boxes will require pin numbers. Once they come in Assistant Chief Kline will work with the members who need to use the boxes.

AV20 Jamie DiPace

- The new residence at 17 Simsbury Rd will have seniors moving in next week.
- 80 Fisher Dr. is going through some renovations. If there is an alarm there it could be due to the renovations.
- Wine and Beer tasting was a success. Don't have any figures yet.
- The Live Burn Training Facility should go out to bid by the end of next week.

AV 22 Captain Bourgoin

- Brian Corrigan has finished school and is back with Company 2.
- New stove. If you use it please clean it.

AV 23 Captain Speich

- There will be driver training at Company 3 for those interested.

AV 24 Captain O'Neil

- The brush truck has been organized. Please familiarize yourself with where things are located.

AV 25 Captain Sedlak (No Report)

AV 26 Captain Theriault (No Report)

Personnel – HQ Director, Lynn Sedlak

- Mitch Pastizzo took the Oath of Membership and was moved to Regular Membership.

Buildings – Robert Theriault

- Bob met with Public Works and they have moved up the stairwell at Company 3 on the priority list.

Committee Reports:

- **Community Outreach: Dennis Bianchi**

- Food Drive is June 13th from 8:30 to 3:30 at Stop and Shop in Simsbury. Need help. If you can give just a couple of hours during the day would be a big help. Also will need help with unloading. Please see Dennis if you can help.
- AVFD Golf Tournament will be held on Aug. 10th. Brochures are available see Dennis.
- Avon Day is Sept. 26.
- Need Fire Truck for 1 hour Friday Mays 15th. Pine Grove School anytime between 5:30 and 8:00 pm.

- Need Fire Truck for June 15th from 11:30 to 12 noon at Sycamore Hills Park to spray water. Pine Grove School 4th Grade outing.
- Wine Tasting was a success. About 135 people attended. 15% kickback from bottle shop for any orders placed. Raffle netted \$2,000
- Fundraising letters have been ordered. Ordered a total of \$4,250. Stuffing party scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30 pm.
- Public Fire Education.
 - a) Senior Center Health Fair
 - b) Avon Convalescing Home Health Fair
 - c) United Methodist Church Nursery School 17 kids and 4 adults.
 - d) Avon Day Meetings.
 - e) Montessori Schools Pre K 3, & 4 54 kids and 6 adults, Grades 1-3 26 kids and 2 adults. Thanks to Aaron for his help.
 - f) Magnet School Waterville Rd.
 - 1. Grade 4 60 students and 7 adults
 - 2. Grade 2 60 students and 7 adults
 - 3. Grade 3 60 students and 7 adults
 - 4. Grade 1 60students and 7 adults.

New Business: None

Good and Welfare- John Widing & Marion Ryan (both absent)

- No Report

Pot O' Gold - \$14.50 Andrew Bloom

Attendance – \$10.00 Brian Corrigan – Donated the money back for the Live Burn Facility

Adjourned at 20:30 (GB)