

MINUTES OF THE 846TH CORPORATION MEETING, NOVEMBER 09, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Fireman's Prayer was led by Chaplain Joe Piccirillo in honor of those lives lost in the line of duty.

Roll Call: Present - 64; Excused - 23; Absent - 29.

J. Keith made a motion to accept the 845th Corporation Meeting minutes. C. Evans seconded. The motion carried.

Correspondence – Jean Barton:

- Thank You card from Grace Bianchi for the Molly Maid's service.
- Chief Rinaldo will not be able to attend the 2015 Annual Dinner.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk:

- Reminder: 10/31/15 is the year end for the corporation. That's when the 990 tax document is filed. Roughly \$20,000 in net income was made. Last year we made \$47,000. Letter Campaign funds were lower this year. Also, the Golf Tournament didn't bring in as much money.
- We are tracking far behind the position we were at last year. We have about \$59,000 of Live Burn money. Corporation funds are down this year; partly because we bought a T-18.
- We have \$117,000 of encumbered funds remaining for the year. Of that amount, approximately \$80,000 will be spent on Points Reimbursement. There is \$97,000 in unencumbered money.
- Chief Trick would like to know how much of an impact the change in the points system made this year.
- The accounting firm, BlumShapiro, is reviewing accounts at the Town, and will review our accounts as well. The review will take place on November 10, 2015. Joe requests that all emails are sent to him first, before sending them to BlumShapiro. The town is sending out an RFP to get their books audited, and the AVFD is attaching our name to that process. The Corporation has not been audited in a while.

AV1: Chief Michael Trick- (Bruce Appell):

- We should try to report for more calls and increase attendance.
- Officer changes – Chief Kunzelmann will be stepping down at the end of this year. Capt. Speich will be assuming the role.
- We are wishing a speedy recovery to Retired Assistant Chief John Deckers. He broke 5 of his ribs and also damaged his house, which will have to be repaired.
- Engine 11 is going to be painted. After that, the body will be wired.
- Last Monday, a few members took a trip to see a new truck.
- T-17 is available for training purposes only. Graphic decals on the truck are still being negotiated.
- Presented firefighter Nate Findley with a black helmet.

AV2: Asst. Chief Bruce Appell: – no report

AV3: Asst. Chief Chris Kunzelmann: – no report

AV4: Asst. Chief Kline:

- Presented the group with the following interesting statistics:
- MVA's are at 18% of the annual call volume (112).
- Good intent calls are at 6% (43). False alarms are at 39% (247).
- The radio system RFP (request for proposal) was released by the Town. Bids were submitted and are being reviewed. The review process will take some time.
- Made an announcement that he and his family will not relocate to New Hampshire.

AV20: FMO Jamie DiPace:

- The kit for the new Burn Building is on its way. It should be received by the end of February. We anticipate the building will be in use by spring 2016.
- The Avon Rotary Club donated \$1,000.
- The Planning and Zoning department will be meeting at Co. 1 on the new dealership and the Town Center project.
- Members have the opportunity to attend a 6 month long Fire Marshall course. Contact Jamie if you are interested.

AV21: Capt. Mike Nolan (Asst. Chief Tom Kline):

- Congratulations to Firefighter Nate Findley on receiving the black helmet.
- The lockers in the bay of Co. 1 are still a work in progress.
- Reece Newberg is doing very well. He has graduated from basic training and will move on to Corpsman school.

AV22: Capt. Dave Bourgoin:

- Members who want updated picture ids should see him after tonight's meeting.

AV23: Capt. Joe Speich (Lt. Aaron Gelber):

- There is a Recruitment and Retention meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at Co. 1.

AV24: Capt. Tim O'Neil: no report

AV25: Capt. Ken Sedlak: no report

AV26: Capt. Dave Theriault: no report

AV28: Medical Officer Adam Corrado:

- 64 flu vaccine shots were issued this year.

HQ Director/Personnel Services: Lynn Sedlak – no report

Buildings: Bob Theriault:

- New windows were installed at Co. 1 and a new door was approved for the MACK Garage.

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising & Community Outreach – We raised \$79,496 so far. A portion of those funds are dedicated to the Burn Building.
- The children’s holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Please contact Dennis if you would like to attend.
- Thanks to those who helped with this year’s Fire Prevention event.

Planning Committee – Asst. Chief Appell - Organization for this committee is still in progress.

75th Anniversary Committee – Capt. Dave Theriault:

At the last meeting they brought up the idea of having a carnival. One was found in NY that showed interest, however they wanted a three year contract (2016-2018). We would receive a percentage of the income from the event, which is not guaranteed. Also, Avon may not be an ideal location for this type of event. A vote on this issued was called. The membership was not in favor of this proposal. The next committee meeting will be November 10th, 2015 at Company 3.

Additional Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Present Board Applicant(s): There are two vacant positions. Two applications have been submitted. A third person missed the deadline.

Good and Welfare: The Hornishes welcomed another baby girl.

Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –

Pot of Gold – no winners

Attendance Award – John Widing won \$10.

Meeting adjourned at 20:33.