

MINUTES OF THE 847TH CORPORATION MEETING, January 11, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present - 61; Excused - 24; Absent - 26.

Oaths of Office Administered:

- Assistant Joe Speich
- Captain Aaron Gelber
- Lieutenant Matt Caron

Oath of Membership Administered:

- Steve McMahon

The 846th Corporation Meeting minutes were approved with the correction of Chief Rinaldo name.

Correspondence – Jean Barton:

- Thank You card from the Seniors at the Senior Center for the Halloween bags that Dennis Bianchi gave to them.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk:

- Financial reports were out for the members to take. Joe asked if there were any questions. There were none.

AV1: Chief Michael Trick

- Chief Trick had 2 shovels made to commemorate the ground breaking of the Farmington Avon Volunteer Fire Department's Live Burn and Training Facility. One is for the department and the other is to be given to the Town Council.
- New members program doing well but will be explained slightly with more content to help new members.
- New on scene size up program will be initiated shortly modeled after information from several departments. This will come into being by summer.
- New progressive action plan in the works from suggestions received from a few members' employee programs. I will vet this through the membership committee after I have completed the draft. I don't want to crowd the committee too soon until they have completed some important tasks they are working on currently.
- I also feel that the Health and Wellness programs should be another important program that needs to move forward this year.
- With a suggestion from John Ryan the department will be giving each member 2 flash hoods. These hoods can be washed in a regular washer, just don't use any bleach.
- There is a problem with people going to the town with problems at the stations. The person that should be notified with any problems at the stations is Bob Theriault. He works with the town on any of these issues. You can email him at buildings@avonvfd.org and he will take care of getting a work order in for any issues that need to be done.

AV2: Asst. Chief Bruce Appell: – Chief Trick reported

- On January 12th Chief Appell needs members with new gear and drivers for the following apparatus T-16, Car 19, E10, and E11 contact him if you are available to go to Orafol for a demonstration of the reflective items they have supplied to the department.
- Ladder 12 will be going out for body work.
- When the new Engine 11 is done then the new Engine 7 will be received to be worked on.

AV3: Asst. Chief Tom Kline:

- There were some incidents that were not in firehouse that Assistant Chief Kline has now entered. He would like the officers to check in firehouse and complete these incidents.

AV4: Asst. Joe Speich:

- Thanked all the members of Company 3 for helping him to be able to move up in the ranks.
- Congratulated Matt Caron becoming a Lieutenant.
- For right now the training will stay as is until he has time to look at everything.
- If you want to take classes please fills out the application and put it in his mail slot and he will be available to sign off on the class.

AV20: Jamie DiPace:

- Residence on 117 Simsbury Rd. had a problem with a sprinkler head and they wanted to thank the department for taking care of this and for cleaning up the water that was everywhere.
- There are some issues with the bidder of the Live Burn Training Facility. The Town of Farmington is going out to another bidder. This company is doing work on other facilities like ours in other parts of the state. We are hoping that the company will be able to work with us also. We are still shooting to be able to do a live burn by late spring,

AV21: Capt. Mike Nolan

- The lockers in the bay of Co. 1 are now attached to the wall and the town is doing a good job getting them done.
- If you put something downstairs please let me or Lieutenant Mansfield know.
- Welcome to Company 1 Lieutenant Mansfield.
- Ray Crozier is going to Company 1 to try the firefighting side of the department.

AV22: Capt. Dave Bourgoin:

- Congratulations to Matt Caron on becoming a Lieutenant.

AV23: Capt. Aaron Gelber:

- Lieutenant Balich is checked out on Engine 14. If anyone wants to drive Engine 14 please contact him.

AV24: Capt. Tim O'Neil, AV25: Capt. Ken Sedlak and AV26: Capt. Dave Theriault:

- Had no reports

AV28: Medical Officer Adam Corrado:

- I will be taking on staff to help with the Health and Safety program because of the increasing scope of the department's Health and Safety programs, effective immediately firefighter John Ryan, firefighter Jeremy Kaswer and Captain Aaron Gelber will be helping with this program
- Hartford HealthCare is trying to work with Captain Corrado to have each Company on an annual schedule with 16 blocks for physicals. They are also willing to take appointments outside of office hours, such as Saturday appointments and night appointments for 6 and or 6:30 pm.
- There are 3 sets of paperwork they are: Entry, Support/Explorer and Personal Physician. They will be in the very top of the mail slots and will be labeled.
- All department physicals not performed by HHC MG must be reviewed by the department physician for clearance. The DOT physical for the CDL is not equivalent to and therefore not necessarily a replacement for the department physical. Members who obtain DOT physicals may submit their exams to HHC MG for review using the private MD packet available in the office. The department physician will determine if additional testing is necessary for clearance.

HQ Director/Personnel Services: Chief Trick

- HQ paid staff works for the Chiefs and President. Please do not go in there. If you need something done go through the chain of command. Will send out an email about this.

Buildings: Bob Theriault:

- Company 4 sign by the street is now lit up.
- Mack garage new door was installed will look into a door opener sometime in the future.

Committee Reports:

- Recruitment and Retention Committee will meet on Feb. 4th at Company 1 7:00 pm.

LOSAP: Bud Desmond

- The same point system for the reimbursement checks is used to LOSAP. Also the fiscal year is used for the points.
- Regular members have to have 175 points, HQ and Active Veterans have to have 100 points.
- In order to take out any money from this program you must be vested for 10 years and be 60 years or older. If you are still active in the department you may only take out 80% of what is in your account.
- If you wish to withdraw money you have to put it in writing and give to HQ. Once Bud is notified he will take care of getting the check to you. If you get money from LOSAP you will get a letter with the check stating, you are responsible for taxes. You will also get a 1099 form at the end of the year.

Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –

Pot of Gold – Dave Bourgoin \$37.73

Attendance Award – Sue Andersen won \$10.

Meeting adjourned at 20:33.