

MINUTES OF THE 847th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, October 1, 2013

President Ken Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.

Board Members present were: P. Buonome, S. Jansen, T. Longworth, R. Mansfield, J. Reber, J. Ryan, K. Sedlak, L. Sedlak, R. Shillington, and M. Trick Excused: J. DiPace

Other Members Present: Matt Caron, Aaron Gelber, Thomas Kline, Harvey Reeser

Oath of Office administered to James Reber by President Ken Sedlak

Minutes of the 846th Board Meeting minutes were approved with some wording corrections.

Chief Trick asked the Board to ratify his selection of Captain Kline's promotion to Assistant Chief of IT and Communications. Captain Kline has all of the qualifications and certifications to be moved to this position. Sue Jansen made a motion to ratify the Chief selection of Captain Kline with Rob Shillington seconded. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

- Harvey Reeser asked why HQ was carrying so many members and what jobs did they have. He was told to check with Lynn Sedlak because this part of the meeting is for comments only and not questions.
- Ramona will be going to the National Firefighters Memorial in Emmetsburg, MD and will be presenting a flag from eastern Connecticut.

Correspondence: Ramona Mansfield

- Ramona Mansfield presented a few thank you notes, donations and other correspondences.

Personnel Services: Rob Shillington

- There are 5 applications in various processing stages and 3 new applications that will be scheduled for interviews.

Committee Executive: President Sedlak asked John Ryan if he would be interested in this position. John asked what it entailed. Once the position was explained he said he would do it. President Sedlak made a motion to make John Ryan Committee Executive with Lynn Sedlak seconding. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Sue Jansen

Budget-

- Reviewed the Encumbered list.
- Received money from town for 2013/2014 budget. Deposited into savings account

Corporate -

- Reviewed reports no questions

Secretary's Report – Ramona Mansfield- No report

Committees Report:

- Recruitment and Retention – Ramona Mansfield
 - Will be meeting on Oct. 17 at 1900 Company 1
- Membership Committee – Rob Shillington
 - Finalizing process on how to evaluate membership
- Feasibility Study – Peter Buonome
 - Two copies will be put in each station and one copy in HQ.
 - October 14 at 1900 there will be a whole department meeting on the study so members can ask questions.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace No report (Not present)

Chief's Report: Chief Mike Trick

- Chief requested funds from Corporate to purchase new fitness equipment from former member Joe Kuzma. This purchase was discussed with Captain Dr. Adam Corrado; Medical Officer who thought it was a great idea. Pete Buonome made a motion to accept this request for corporate funds to be used for the equipment with Jim Reber seconding. Approved
- Received an email from Cathleen, the daughter of the manufacturer of Engine 11. She was going to be in the area and wanted to see the engine. Lauren Papa and Harvey Reeser showed her the engine.
- Katie Cormier's year of probation will be up on October 15.
- A training door was purchased and each company will have a chance to practice with it.
- Email went out to Avonfire to sign up for the 75th Committee.
- Chief Appell is working on 14/15 budget. The Captains were asked to give their input of what they need.
- The Chief needs two firefighters for fire watch at the new Montessori school. He asked the Board for some advice on a process of choosing members for fire watch. Some suggestions were given to him and he will put something out by email.

Old Business:

- Lady Auxiliary – There will be more details next month.
- Chief Selection Process – Ramona Mansfield and Rob Shillington will be getting together.

New Business: No New Business

Pete Buonome made a motion to go into executive session and John Ryan seconded the motion, went into Executive Session at 20:00

Came out of Executive session at 20:24

John Ryan made a motion and Jim Reber seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2025.

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