

MINUTES OF THE 848TH CORPORATION MEETING, March 14, 2016

President Robert Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present - 64; Excused - 22; Absent - 22.

The 847th Corporation Meeting minutes were approved.

Correspondence – Jean Barton:

- Thank You notes and donations were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk:

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

March Board Meeting Highlights – Rob Shillington

- Structure of Board meetings was changed a little. From now on all reports will be sent out to the Board before the meeting so that the members will have a chance to look them over and ask any questions they may have. This will free up time for the Board Members to take on special items that need to be discussed and voted on.
- The Peer Fitness Program that Captain Corrado presented to the Board in February was approved with the change of no points for right now until all Bonus Points could be looked at by the Board to see what changes are needed.
- 75th Anniversary Committee requested the Board to approve going forth with the Sate Firefighters Convention here in 2018. The Board did approve this with the stipulation that any money needed for the 75th Anniversary functions be brought to the Board for approval.
- The Board received some very good comments and suggestions from members in regards to the Article V By-Laws change. The Board voted to send the revision back to the Membership Committee with the stipulation that they look at all the suggestions from the members who expressed them in emails to the Board and return the revisions back to the Board for the April Board meeting.
- This is the list of assigned Board Members to the different companies:
 - Company 1 – Tad Green
 - Company 2 and HQ – Rick Solari
 - Company 3 – Ramona Mansfield
 - Company 4 – Michael Galliher
 - Fire Police – Jean Barton
 - Explorers – Matt Caron

AV1: Chief Michael Trick – Reported by Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- The Explorers did a great job at the Vermillion fire. They stayed until the end and helped with picking up the hose.
- Daytime Responses are pretty poor between 6 am and 10 am and 3pm and 7pm. If you are around, please try and make the calls.

- New Flash hoods are on order. Please keep your gear clean after fires. Also do the same with the flash hoods.
- Company 4 Floor – The floor does need to be supported. Right now the only trucks that can be put there is what is there now. The floor will have 6 columns to help support the floor. The only thing we are waiting on is signed drawings from the engineer so that we can go out to bid.

AV2: Asst. Chief Bruce Appell:

- New Engine 11 is almost done. Working on wiring right now and then the body will be complete and it can be put on the chassis. After that there is some more wiring that has to be done so that should take 2 ½ to 3 wks. To get done.
- Engine 7 is in and will be worked on after Engine 11 is done.
- The town mechanics will be doing the PM service on the apparatus.

AV3: Asst. Chief Tom Kline:

- Please keep using IAMRESPONDING
- If you are having any problems with emails, pages or radios please contact Assistant Chief Kline,

AV4: Asst. Joe Speich:

- Fire Officer 1 classes will be held late summer or early fall.
- March 28 and April 25 will be training opportunities with Simsbury Fire Dept. at The Hartford building in Simsbury.
- There is now an Electronic training calendar. Check with your officers for more information.

AV20: Jamie DiPace:

- Vermillion Rd. fire is still undetermined.
- Hitchcock Lane fire was due to hot ashes being put in a paper bag and put out on the deck.
- New subdivision is going up at Deercliff Rd. The 4 houses that will be built there will have residential sprinkler systems.
- The Live Burn and Training Facility – The water company will be putting in the water main for \$6,000 which is a low price due to some items being donated.

AV21: Capt. Mike Nolan

- Welcome to a new firefighter at Company 1 Bobby Sanderson who is certified in FFII and also Chris Krause from Unionville who is FFII certified, driver and mechanic along with being EMT certified.
- Parade Schedule so far is as follows:
 - May 21st Collinsville which is their 50th Anniversary
 - July 9th Tunxis Hose
 - July 30 East Hartland
 - September 10th Ellington
 - There are 2 parades that the membership will be voting on whether to attend or not. Those are Bantam and Middlebury. If you need any information about the parades, please contact Captain Nolan

AV23: Capt. Aaron Gelber:

- April 9th from 10 am to 2 pm there will be an Open House at Company 3. This is in conjunction with the statewide Volunteer Day. If you know anyone that is interested in the department or becoming a member, please bring them that day.

AV26: Capt. Dave Theriault:

- Any Company 1 and 2 members that are here tonight will be fit tested.
- Looking for members to do trailer checks. Please see Captain Theriault if interested.

AV28: Medical Officer Adam Corrado:

- Wellness and Fitness Program has been approved. There will be two job positions with their own job descriptions. The first position will be a Health and Fitness Coordinator which will administer the program. The other will be a Peer Fitness Trainer with a job description that will follow state guide lines.
- Department Physical Exams – It has been taking quite a long time to get back the physical paperwork from HHCM. Myself and Aaron Gelber have been talking to them to get a better turnaround time.
- All the physical forms are in the HQ office top shelf. Please take these forms fill them out and bring to either your own doctor or to HHMC when you have your appointment.,
- Everyone is responsible for remembering to get their annual physicals. Captain Corrado will no longer keep track of this. If you do not have a physical, then Captain Corrado will recommend that a member be taken off line until that member has a physical and the department is sent notification that the physical was taken and the member is cleared to go back on line.

Committee Reports:

- There will be blood drive here at Company 1 on Good Friday, March 25th. We need people to bake and we also need to 1 or 2 volunteers at the registration table from 9 am to 5 pm. If you know anyone that would like to give blood, please have them contact the American Red Cross.

LOSAP: Bud Desmond

- 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 are a Retired Veteran and no long active and are vested and age 60 or over, you may take out all the money 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 – No winner \$10.15

Attendance Award – \$10 Joe Kowalczyk donated the money to the Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 20:25.