

MINUTES OF THE 848th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, November 5, 2013

President Ken Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

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

Other Members Present: Brian Baldwin, Matt Caron, Adam Corrado and Matt Polesel

Minutes of the 847th Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Communications:

- Harvey Reeser wrote a letter asking for \$100 to do the Veterans Chili Cook-off on Nov. 11 at Miller Foods. Board Approved
- There is a burn building committee and subcommittee. Jim Speich and Jamie DiPace are working on what needs to be done and getting in kind services which will help with the cost of the building.
- Jamie DiPace has been in talks with John Brighenti about a parcel of land for the west end station. Will keep the Board informed with the progress.

Correspondence: Ramona Mansfield

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

Personnel Services: Rob Shillington

- There are 2 applications that have finished all levels of the application process.
- Board Applicants are as follows: Lauren Papa, Rich Shillington, Rick Solari, Harvey Reeser and Sue Jansen.
- Ramona Mansfield made a motion to put Matt Gugliotti on the ballot with Peter Buonome seconding. After checking with the By-Laws it was noted that only active members may run for the Board. Ramona then rescinded her original motion and made a motion to accept the 5 applicants for the ballot with John Ryan seconding. After some discussion a vote was taken and approved with Pete Buonome opposing.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Jansen

Budget-

- Transferred \$75,000 from savings to checking and then transferred \$82,000 for Points Reimbursement checks.

Corporate -

- Fundraising contributions are still coming in.

Capital Improvement Budget will be sent to the Town.

- Asking for Fire apparatus replacement plan to be put in effect for new fire truck every year.
- New West End Fire Station
- Radio Upgrade

Rob Shillington made a motion to put \$75,000 of Corporate funds aside for any unexpected capital expenses i.e. replace the Duty Officers' car, Truck 18 or Car 17. Sue Jansen seconded. Vote was taken and approved.

Secretary's Report – Ramona Mansfield- No report

Committees Report:

- Recruitment and Retention – Jamie DiPace
 - Next meeting will be Nov. 21.
 - Need more communications with Membership Committee and new applications
 - Looking into Long Term Disability
- Membership Committee – Rob Shillington
 - Finalizing process on how to evaluate membership. Will do this at the next meeting.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- There was an article in the newspaper about the Town Council and the Town Manager supporting the Burn Building, Will have to see what happens after the election.

Chief's Report: Chief Mike Trick

- Chief requested funds from Corporate for up to \$400 to host the Hartford County Chiefs Association dinner on Nov. 20. Jim Reber made a motion with Ramona Mansfield seconding. Approved
- Chief received a request from Harvey Reeser for \$100 to hold a date to have the State Convention here for the department's 75th anniversary. Peter Buonome made the motion to approve this amount with Rob Shillington seconding. Approved
- Chief received information from Captain Speich for up to \$650 to move a pool table that is being donation by a citizen of Avon who is moving. John Ryan made a motion to use Corporate funds for this with Peter Buonome seconding. Approved
- Chief feels that the Explorers should go through the same tests as support members with maybe some exceptions due to the Explorers being part of the Boy Scouts.
- All applicants for Lieutenant were vetted by Assistant Chief Kunzelmann.
- Engine 14 was out for repairs and will probably have to go back.
- New Fire Engine cost is \$772,000 fully equipped.
- Used encumbered funds for Storm Alfred pins.
- FCC request for frequency was approved. Just waiting to find out when.
- Capital Improvement Budget presentation is Nov. 14th. Chief Officers will be there, but asking members to come and show support.

Old Business:

- Lady Auxiliary – Rob Shillington and Jamie DiPace are in contact with them.
- Chief Selection Process – Ramona Mansfield and Rob Shillington will be putting a committee together.

New Business:

- The BOD approved up to \$5K for preliminary architectural drawings for the NW station

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to go into executive session and John Ryan seconded the motion, went into Executive Session at 20:40

Came out of Executive session at 21:09

Adjourned at 21:10.

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