

MINUTES OF THE 849th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, December 3, 2013

President Ken Sedlak called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

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

Other Members Present: Matt Caron, Aaron Gelber, Tom Kline and Rich Shillington

Minutes of the 848th Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Communications:

- Jamie DiPace had the following information for the Board:
 - Received a call from Don Griswold about not receiving his service stripes and other older members not receiving theirs. President Sedlak stated that it was decided not to give service awards to members who are no longer active. Jamie DiPace suggested that they should be acknowledged at the Annual Dinner. The Board will look into this further.
 - Informed the Board that the CREC school would be opening at their new location on Waterville Rd. after the holiday break. The Chief asked if Jamie could get another walk through before then.
 - Burn Building update. The towns of Avon and Farmington have to work out an agreement. That is where this stands right now.
- Ramona Mansfield has had some members approach her about information not getting into the papers and what the department's media person is doing about it. The members also asked why things were not getting onto Facebook also. President Sedlak told her that Wardcom does submit articles and it is the papers discretion to use them or not. President Sedlak told Ramona that he would check on the Facebook issue.
- Captain O'Neil sent an email asking for funds for new furniture and TV for Company 4. There is mold downstairs and that is an issue that has to be taken care of. Jamie also told the Board that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have to be installed per code. Sue Jansen made a motion to approve \$2,700. Less money would be needed if the old TV can be used. This was seconded by Rob Shillington. Vote taken and motion was approved. Captain O'Neil will be told to throw out the old furniture and the downstairs is off limits until the mold problem can be fixed.

Correspondence: Ramona Mansfield

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

Personnel Services: Rob Shillington

- There is 1 applicant that is almost done.
- There is one new applicant. She is the mother of a new Explorer.
- Al Katz has been approved for Retired Veteran status with a motion made by Lynn Sedlak seconded by Jim Reber and approved by vote taken. This will be presented to the membership at the January Corporate meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Jansen

Budget-

Corporate -

- 2013/2014 Budget was discussed. Sue Jansen made a motion to approve with Lynn Sedlak seconding. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report – Ramona Mansfield

- Ken Sedlak made a motion to move the requirements for Assistant Chief back to AOG JD-3. Motion was approved.

Committees Report:

- Recruitment and Retention – Jamie DiPace no report
- Membership Committee – Rob Shillington
 - Will be having a meeting.
- Explorers – Jamie DiPace
 - Explorers did the Torchlight Parade again this year in Simsbury.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Capital Improvement Presentation was great. Jamie heard from quite a few people how good and informative it was. Great job done by Tom and Gina Kline. Tom did the presentation and Gina compiled all the information and did the PowerPoint. The department should have a more open discussion with Town Council and Town Manager. Need more understanding.
- John Brighenti will talk to his company about land for the new West End fire station.

Chief's Report: Chief Mike Trick

- 2014/2015 Budget to be sent to the Town. Decided to go in with an 11% increase. The increase is due to more money needed for maintenance of stations and emergency repairs for all apparatus.
- Very impressed with the PowerPoint presentation. Assistant Chief Tom Kline did a great job.
- VCOS was a great experience. It was good to hear that other departments are having the same budgetary problems as us.
- The Evaluation program will be postponed until better weather. Don't want members getting hurt.
- Obamacare – This will affect volunteer fire departments. The volunteer fire departments will be treated just like any other employer. There are people trying to talk to government about this aspect of the plan.
- Tax Abatement will still be taxable. No change in the bill.

Old Business:

- Chief Selection Process – Ramona Mansfield and Rob Shillington will be meeting.

New Business:

- New Honorary Members – President Sedlak made a motion and Jim Reber seconded to make Pam Samual and Chris May Honorary Members of the department. Motion was approved.
- President Sedlak made a motion to end Pete Buonome's term as an appointed Board member and appointing Sue Jansen as the new appointed Board Member as Treasurer until someone can be found to be Treasurer. Ramona Mansfield seconded this motion. Motion was approved.
- Rob Shillington will put together a planning committee to look into the new fire station and apparatus replacement schedule.

Adjourned at 21:20.

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