

MINUTES OF THE 850th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, January 7, 2014

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 1904 hours.

Board Members present were: J. DiPace, S. Jansen, T. Longworth, R. Mansfield, J. Reber, R. Shillington, Rich Shillington and M. Trick Excused: J. Ryan

Other Members Present: Jean Barton, Matt Caron, Adam Corrado and Tom Kline

Oaths of Office were taken by Harvey Reeser, Rich Shillington and Rick Solari

Minutes of the 849th Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Communications:

- Jean Barton addressed the Board asking for money to refurbish the Color Guard helmets. She is asking for up to \$2,000. This request was discussed under New Business

Correspondence: Ramona Mansfield

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

Treasurer's Report: Sue Jansen

Budget- After some discussion; on a motion made by Rick Solari and seconded by Harvey Reeser there will be no taxes taken out for Expense Reimbursement for the 2013 period.

The Expense Reimbursement checks will be taxable next year unless the government rescinds the law making it nontaxable.

Corporate – Sue Jansen E-filed the Corporation's federal tax return. Sue will also be sending out 1099 forms to members who need them. Sue is in the process of doing the State taxes for the Corporation.

Secretary's Report – Ramona Mansfield No Report

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Bob Theriault and Jamie DiPace went over to Company 4 to go over some things that need to be done. Bruce Williams has a quote of \$22,000 for a system to reduce moisture and take care of the water problem. Bruce told Jamie that the department could either take out something in the Capital Improvement Budget or take the money out of the department's operating budget.
- In 2006 the air quality was checked and there were no problems. It would cost around \$1,300 to do another air quality test. The Chief said he would find money in the budget to have this done. Jamie DiPace will notify Bruce Williams and Bob Theriault to have the air quality testing done.
- Burn Building –
 - Fundraising will be started in February.
 - After a lengthy discussion Jim Reber made a motion for the Board to write a resolution letter that the board supports the Burn Building with Rich Shillington seconding. Approved with Rick Solari abstaining. President Rob Shillington will draft such a letter.
 - Jamie is working with some companies asking for services to be donated in lieu of money.
- Companies 1, 2 and 4 had problems with the contractor plowing the apron of these companies. The contractor for Company 2 is pushing the snow in front of parking areas. Jamie DiPace does know about these. The Public Works Dept. is aware. Alex went around and check these issues out.

Chief's Report: Chief Mike Trick

- The Chief asked the Board for a letter to the Town stating their statement of purpose for a new station. This letter will be drafted by Rob Shillington.
- Hartford Capital Region Fire Chiefs' Association will hold their meeting at Company 1 on January 16, 2014 at 1900.
- Report of injury on Monday night. Firefighter fell on ice. Last report she is doing fine and is off line for a couple of weeks.

- Met with an insurance company about increasing the benefits to the membership. Looking into getting long term disability insurance.
- New tables were purchased for Company 2.
- The department cannot retest for drugs on the department's annual recertification exam per NFPA.
- AOG AA-4 – Captain Adam Corrado is working on revisions to this AOG for the next Board meeting. Captain Corrado went over some of the changes so that the Board would understand what the changes will be to the AOG AA-4. Captain Corrado is working on a substance abuse program that will include a process in place for how to handle this situation if it should happen. He will present this to the Board when he has it completed.

Old Business:

- Service Stripes will be discussed at the February meeting.

New Business:

- The Board will put together a Planning Committee consisting of Board members and regular members to help move the department into the future.
- Treasurer – Sue Jansen would like to have a treasurer in place before Feb. 1. She will work close with her replacement. She will stay on as Assistant Treasurer. She will be working with Bud Desmond on LOSAP and insurance.
- There will be special meetings of the Board sometime early this year to discuss 2014/2015 Goals and Objectives of the Chief, Board of Directors and Explorer program.
- Lieutenant Matt Polesel's leave of absence request was presented to the Board by the Chief. This is a line item which the Board does not have to do anything with.
- Ramona Mansfield made a motion to bring up under New Business the request by Lt. Barton for up to \$2,000 to refurbish the Color Guard helmets and have bags made to hold them. This was seconded by Jim Reber. Vote taken and motion was approved.

Adjourned at 21:45.

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