

## MINUTES OF THE 853<sup>rd</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, January 9, 2017

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present - 64; Excused - 19; Absent -17.

The 852<sup>nd</sup> Corporation Meeting minutes were approved

### **Correspondence – Lt. Jean Barton**

- Thank You notes and donations were noted.

### **Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk- was away on business**

#### **Board Member Reports:**

- Vice President Galliher informed the members that the Company 4 architectural drawing was posted on the back wall if they were interested in what is being done.
- Capital Improvement Budget was presented to the Town Council. There will be a meeting with departments at the end of January or beginning of February.
- The Operations Budget was approved by the Board and was submitted to the Town Manager for his review.

#### **Oaths of Office for Officers**

- The following members were made Lieutenants. The Oath of Office was administered by Captain Sedlak:
  - Brian Baldwin for Company 3
  - Andrew Bloom for Fire Police

#### **Oath of Membership**

- The following member was made a Regular Member. The Oath of Membership was administered by Captain Sedlak.
  - Michael Frost

#### **Oaths of Office and Oaths of Membership:**

- The Oaths of Office and Membership were administered to all Officers and Members by James DiPace. This is done every year at the January Corporation meeting to just reaffirm everyone's oaths.

#### **AV1: Chief Michael Trick**

- Andrew Bloom received his Service Stripes from Chief Trick.
- Company 4 – They have started demolition of the kitchen and part of the bathroom.
- New Engine 7 will be delivered this Saturday
- Emergency road way connectors are all overgrown and some have fences that have been put up. Will check with Public Works to see if there is not a lot of snow maybe they can get these cleaned up before the nice weather comes and they start growing again.
- Operating Budget – We went in with a 4.93% increase. We will wait to see where the Town wants us to come in at and then we will pare it down.
- In 2015 we had 622 calls this past year 2016 we had 558 calls.
- Happy New Year and have a safe one,

#### **AV – 2 Assistant Chief Bruce Appell**

- New Engine 7 will be delivered this Saturday afternoon. Will send out an email with details.
- New Engine 11 – There was a crack in the heater coil in the heating/cooling unit on top of the roof. They replaced the heating coil and the truck should be back in a couple of days.

- Thank you to Matt Caron and Dave Theriault for outfitting the satellite office for the gear to be moved and for moving the gear in.
- New Engine 7 will be going on line soon.
- We were unable to change the CAD system at the police department to reflect the two new engines relocations to other stations, something should be worked out.
- Truck 6 Replacement – Trying to get an answer from Brandon Robertson. We are looking at trucks on lots.

#### **AV-3 Assistant Chief Tom Kline**

- CAD Update – There is no time frame of when this is going to happen.
- Radio Interference – Still no change. Police are still looking into this.
- If anyone is having problems with email, radios or phones please contact Assistant Chief Kline.

#### **AV-4 Assistant Chief Joe Speich**

- Training Calendar – January and February will be HAZMAT and HAZMAT 2 not with a practical. Pre-plan training is not on the system yet. Keep using the preplan books. Training Assistant Chief will be collecting the books to see what is good and what needs to be changed. If there is anyone who would like to help please contact Assistant Chief Speich.
- All entry firefighters must have 1 live burn by December 2017. If you are a career firefighter and you do a live burn, please give documentation of when you did it and what was done to Assistant Chief Speich,
- Considering doing an Officer 1 course – If interested please contact Assistant Chief Speich,
- Certification – Donald Wilson received is Fire Service Instructor 1 certificate.
- Captain Gelber suggested that the Engineer position should be brought back and his suggestion was approved by the Chief. The following people are Engineers and were given their shields and rockers:
  - Company 1 – Bobbie Sanderson
  - Company 2 – Andy Ozmun
  - Company 3 – FF Piccirillo for E-14, FF Costill for Tanker 5 and FF Marcotte for L-12
  - Company 4 – FF Mike Hornish
  - Fire Police – No recommendation
- If you have any applications for courses, please email Assistant Chief Speich and put the application in his mail slot.

#### **AV20: Jamie DiPace:**

- Great to see that the department is bringing back the Engineer position.
- There is a new self-storage building on Old Farms Rd., It is located at the southwest corner of the complex. It has interior storage. To get into the unit you must use a code. The code was given to the members at the meeting and they were told to put it in their phones.
- There is a new sushi restaurant opening next to Moe's. This will be opening in the next 2 weeks.
- Old Stonewell building is going to be a new restaurant should be ready to open next month.
- Hartford Health is opening an urgent care in the old Rite Aid building. The other Hartford Health will just be doctors' offices,
- Old Boyles Furniture store has shut off the gas but not the sprinkler system.
- Working with the Town Manager for a hydrant ordinance so that if there is snow hiding the hydrants someone will have to take care of cleaning them so they can be used in an emergency.
- Basketball every Wednesday nights at Thompson Brook School from 7:30 to 9:15.

#### **AV 21 Captain Dave Bourgoin**

- Lt. Caron cleaned the bays and put things away. Please keep that area clean and neat.

**AV22: Capt. Ramona Mansfield**

- Sign up for the Fight for Air Climb Registration is open. PJ is in charge of the team.

**AV23: Captain Dave Theriault**

- Congratulations for Lt. Brian Baldwin and Regular Member Mike Frost. Thank you to Mark Wilson and Explorer Pat Olmstead for moving the gear from the cage to the satellite office.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report – Flyers were handed out about the Firefighters' Ball. It will be April 28, 2018. There are 168 seats. Please return the flyers so that we have an idea of how many are going to attend.
- Lt. Baldwin will do a slide show of a muster at the March Corporation meeting.

**AV24: Captain Aaron Gelber**

- Company 4 will be going check the flow rate from the hydrants on Anvil Dr.
- John Valigorsky from HealthTrax came to talk to the membership about the new program they will have with the fire department. The cost to join for any member would be \$33.67 a month. If a member's spouse want to join they would pay \$30.00 a month. The annual cost if a member wants to pay for the whole year would cost around \$404. There is also a onetime registration fee of \$30.

**AV28: Captain Corrado**

- The Department is 95% compliant with physicals.
- Changes to the Ops manual (email was sent out about this) Every member will be responsible to get their physicals.
- Once a quarter a query will be run and if you are not current you will be taken off line.
- Captain Corrado did a power point presentation of all the changes to the Ops Manual pertaining to physicals.
- The Hartford Health Care averages around a 3 weeks' turnaround time after a member has a physical.
- The quarters for each company's firefighters/support members is as follows:
  - Company 1 – First Quarter
  - Company 2 – Second Quarter
  - Company 3 – Third Quarter
  - Company 4 – Fourth Quarter
- The quarters for Chief Officers will be as follows:
  - AV 1 – First Quarter
  - AV 2 – Second Quarter
  - AV 3 – Third Quarter
  - AV4 – Fourth Quarter
- Fire Police will stay on their yearly schedule.
- HealthTrax membership. Every member that joins will have full benefits as any member of HealthTrax has. There is a \$30 enrollment fee. Captain Corrado is checking into possibly covering this cost for each member that joins. Any questions contact Katherine Matousek.
- There is a hand out about the Cancer Bill that was passed. Please see Captain Corrado if you would like a copy. Procedures are being drafted for the Ops Manual.
- There are first aid kits in the kitchen and bays at each station. If you use anything from these kits please notify John Ryan so that he can replace items. Once a year a medical staff member will check all the first aid kits to make sure they are OSHA compliant.
- EMS supplies they are on all apparatus. If you use something please let John Ryan know so that he can replace what was used.
- Eye Wash stations that are now in each station are not OSHA compliant. Shortly they will be replaced with ones that are OSHA compliant,

### **HQ Director – Lynn Sedlak**

- There will be an HQ meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Company 1,

### **Committee Reports:**

- Recruitment and Retention Committee – If anyone is interested in joining please contact Captain Gelber.
- Jean Barton – The Nolan's will be heading the Clam Bake Committee again this year. It will still be held on Labor Day weekend. They have already reserved the truck and Sycamore Hills.
- Jean Barton – The department should accept as many parades as we can because in 2018 we are having our 75<sup>th</sup> and we want departments to come to our parade that year.

### **Unfinished Business - Non**

#### **New Business:**

- Applicants for the 2 open Board seats are John Boullie and Tom Reller. Peter Buonome did state that he submitted his résumé for the Board seats. Since these résumés were not posted in each station it was decided to hold off on the voting until that could be done.
- Matt Gugliotti requested to address the membership. He was given 5 minutes to do so.
  - He stated to the membership that he has some charges against the Chief due to a police report that the Chief filed against him and that the Chief had lied on that report and then the Chief changed the verbiage on the report. He told the membership that he has 150 pages of documents against the Chief, President Shillington and Captain Sedlak and that he has talked to 3 lawyers about this and they said he had a case. He wanted the membership to know that the Board is not doing their jobs and told the membership to do something about this. He also told the membership that he was going to have the Chief arrested and he could spend a year in jail and pay a fine up to \$2,000 for falsifying a police report. He told the membership that he is not going to go away. He also made a statement about having a police officer present for this meeting.
- Clarence Evans asked Matt what he was looking to get from this. Matt's response was for the membership to get the Board to do their job.

### **God and Welfare**

- Luis Lema's grandmother passed and he is on his way to Bolivia

### **Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –**

Pot of Gold – \$14.50 no one won

Attendance Award – Ramona Mansfield \$10

Meeting adjourned at 21:04. (GB)