

MINUTES OF THE 854th CORPORATION MEETING, March 13, 2017

President Robert Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:33 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chaplain Joe Piccirillo prayed in honor of those lives lost in the line of duty.

Roll Call: Present-69; Excused-29; Absent-12.

The 853rd 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

- Reports were printed and picked up by the membership.

Board Member Reports:

- Vice President Galliher introduced Sean Frost. He spoke about at an upcoming pasta dinner and auction put on by Boy Scout Troop 274. The event will be held on Saturday, April 1st at the Avon Senior Center from 5:00- 7:30pm tickets are \$8/Person, \$25/Family & \$6/Senior or Veteran.
- President Shillington explained that Vice President will be heading up and working along with Dennis Bianchi on the fundraising campaign letter and having it go out early April.
- Evaluating the job positions that receive bonus points. Making sure the jobs are being fulfilled and the proper amount of points are being assessed.
- The overall review of the insurance for the Corporation, making sure we have the proper coverage for the right price. Fire Marshall James DiPace is looking into this.

Oaths of Membership

- The following members were made firefighters. The Oath of Office was administered by retired Chief James DiPace:
 - Luis Lema to company 4
 - Robert Sanderson to company 1

AV1: Chief Michael Trick

- Read a letter to the department from Captain Ken Sedlak regarding member Michael Kachmar. Would like to promote him to honorary Lieutenant of the Fire Police.
- Washer and drier machines will be purchased and going up to company 4.
- Congratulating Captain Dave Bourgoin on finishing Rock N' Roll half marathon in Washington DC.
- April 9th E-7 push in ceremony, there will be refreshments. Supplies are being order for the ceremony.
- Retired Chief Don Griswold still at Apple Rehab he is a monumental asset to this department. If you are able to, please stop by and pay a visit.
- Want to thank Dennis Bianchi for all that he does for our department and our town. Recently he worked with Avon Congregational Church, "Show your Love" event. He collected Valentine's cards that were made for our members. Those are displayed outside of headquarters. Dennis also received the "Paul Harris Fellowship" award please join me in congratulating him.
- Snow storm update, we will be receiving a large amount, please be careful and stay home. Voluntary standbys have already been formed and thank you in advance for your all your assistance.

AV – 2 Assistant Chief Bruce Appell

- E-9 is down at GK for a couple more weeks, it's having body modification work done. Once it returns old E-7 will be brought over to the highway garage and will be looked at being auctioned off.
- Will be having a few engines going in and out of service for some work that needs to be done.
- With the storm coming, DPW might be able to help assist with clearing the snow.

- Building committee met last week with the progress of company 4. The architect visited the site designed a modification for the drainage system.
- Thanked the members who participated in the ski race team up at Mohawk Mountain this year.

AV-3 Assistant Chief Tom Kline

- Hopefully we will be using the new dispatch procedures soon, we are so close. You will know when this is in effect when you receive the text from I am responding regarding the call.
- If anyone is having any problems with email, radios or phones please contact Assistant Chief Kline.

AV-4 Assistant Chief Joe Speich- Chief Trick spoke on behalf

- Want to thank our members for taking training, so seriously. There has been some great training being done at company level. With that, I want to apologize for the large turnout at the HAZMAT class, next year it will be broken down into 2 days.
- Still waiting to hear back from Farmington Planning and Zoning. Our April burn, in the training burn building may have to be postponed to a later date. Will keep you all posted on this.
- Firefighter 1 training will likely be starting weekends of September, more information will follow.
- Captain Gelber, Captain Mansfield and Captain Sedlak attended the National Fire Academy this past weekend. They highly recommend attending most of the classes are free.
- Reminder, April 9th will be E-7 push in ceremony at CO. 1 from 2:00-4:00pm
- The SCBA committee will have their first meeting Thursday March 16th at Co. 1 at 7pm

AV20: Jamie DiPace:

- Nick Mathein and I went and visited Chief Griswold he tries to talk but he can't. He's working with therapy at Apple, still unsure of his prognosis. Again, if you are able to visit please do so.
- New restaurant opened on rt44 called Market Place good food. The Knox box is located near the right exterior door. When you walk in the right door the fire alarm panel is located on the column.
- River Ridge will be starting their construction in the main lobby replacing new support beams, be aware of this construction if we are dispatched there.
- Met with CT Water Co. along with Captain Gelber, tested the water flow over by Birkshire Crossing.
- I would like to thank Dennis Bianchi and Liz DiPace with assisting with the step program being taught at the schools. An important topic, teaching the children to have an emergency plan for disaster situations.

AV 21 Captain Dave Bourgoin

- New E-7 is down stairs, stop by on your way out check it out. After this meeting, Company 1 please report to the board room for a quick meeting.

AV22: Captain Ramona Mansfield

- A new member joined company 2 Muhammad Javid, he likes to be called "Sal". PJ is the new stair climb captain, we already have 8 people signed up. Please join it's for a good cause.

AV23: Captain Dave Theriault- No report

AV24: Captain Aaron Gelber

- Like to thank those of you who came out a few weeks ago, and participated in the basketball fundraising game. We raised a little over \$500, that will be donated to pediatric cancer.

AV25: Captain Ken Sedlak - No report

AV28: Captain Adam Corrado- Jeremy Kaswer spoke on behalf

- Regarding physicals as of today, we are 100% compliant.
- We can utilize the Hartford Healthcare in Plainville, please make appointments especially Saturday appointments.
- Reminder April 14th will be the blood drive at company 1 from 11:00-4:45, please donate.

Building: Bob Theriault- No report

HQ Director – Lynn Sedlak

- There will be an HQ meeting on March 20 at 7:00 pm at Company 1,

Committee Reports:

- **Committee- clambake- Mike Nolan:** Jaci and I will be running it again this year same Labor Day weekend. Will be getting the committee together and having a meeting soon. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail both Jaci and myself.
- Parade season is approaching, Collinsville this year will not have a parade, but they will, still have their Jamboree. First parade of the year will be our Memorial Parade, Tunxis Parade will be July 8th, East Hartland will be July 22nd and Winsted will be August 19th. Will keep you posted if any other parade invites come in.
- Our own color guard will be hosted at the Wolfpack game March 24th tickets are first come first serve.
- **75th Anniversary- Brian Baldwin:** gave a slide show presentation of some ideas they would like to have happen for our 75th Anniversary. Asking for the members help and if you have any questions please call or e-mail.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

- Mike Nolan made a motion to have a band for the Tunxis Parade, was seconded by Chris Balich.
- Mike Nolan made a motion to have a band for the Winsted Parade was seconded by Chris Balich.
- Presentation for the 2 open Board positions: John Boullie, Matt Polesel, Tom Reller, Adam Corrado, and Peter Buonome. Peter, John, Matt gave a quick introduction. Adam wasn't able to attend so he submitted a video clip. There was a vote and the ballots were tallied and these were the totals: John Boullie (28), Peter Buonome (33), Adam Corrado(19), Matt Polesel(29), and Tom Reller(9).
Congratulation to Peter and Matt, welcome to the Board.

Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –

Pot of Gold – \$20.50 – Peter Delap

Attendance Award – \$10.00 Matt Caron (he donated the money back to the Dept.)

Meeting adjourned at 21:05. (KC)