

MINUTES OF THE 855th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, June 3, 2014

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours.

Board Members present were: J. Boullie, J. DiPace, J. Kowalczyk, T. Longworth, R. Mansfield, J. Reber, Rob Shillington, Rich Shillington and R. Solari. Excused: H. Reeser and M. Trick

Other Members Present: Brian, Baldwin, Matt Caron, Aaron Gelber, Sue Jansen, and John Ryan

Minutes of the 854nd Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Communications from Department Member and/or Officers:

- Company 3 – Lt. Mansfield - Members would like to know status of stairwell. Rob Shillington will email buildings to find out.
- Company 1 – Some members asked if new motion activated light switches could be add in the bay area.
- Fire Police – President Shillington did not get a chance to talk with them as a unit, but he will follow up looking into new membership benefits (i.e. dump passes for members and other incentives for members)
- Company 2 – No Report
- Explorers – Jim Reber Doing a lot of drills at the different stations. Will be going over to Simsbury this Wednesday to drill.

Committee Executive: Rich Shillington

- Lynn Sedlak has concerns with what members are supposed to be in HQ because there are a lot of members that were put in HQ because at the time no one knew where to put them.
- Rich Shillington will look into what the surrounding towns do for taxes as far as point's reimbursement and tax abatements.

Secretary's Report – Jim Reber

- No correspondence

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- Corporate
 - Corporate is off by \$17.02, still working on a report to show the Board and membership
 - Before we can have an audit done there has to be an RFP in place. Joe is working on this
- Operations Budget
 - Still working on the report of what was paid out in the current year by month and what was paid the same month last year.
 - Ensign Bickford Trust Fund – Found out it was established in 1952 with \$1,000. Joe is still waiting to receive some paperwork on this. The department does not own this trust. The department can only use the dividends that we receive from the trust.
 - AT&T Stock still trying to get more information about this. Will contact Bud Desmond to see what information he has.
 - Equity Adjustment – Will have to look into cleaning this up.
 - Fixed Assets – Need Capitalization Policy before Oct. 31.
 - Joe has set up online banking for both accounts,

President's Report: Rob Shillington

- This Thursday, June 5th the Town Council will be meeting in the Selectmen's room to look at the Neighborhood Assistance Grant applications. Any one from the department may attend.
- There was an inspection of the Company 1 kitchen. There were some things that were written down as things to get done. John Boullie made a motion to have someone come in and do a good cleaning of the kitchen with a second by Jim Reber. Motion passed.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Rob Shillington and Bruce Appell met with the Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bartha to go over the specs for the new truck. Bids should go out around June 25.
- AT&T shut off the line to the PD that handles the emergency alarm calls instead of changing the billing. It was finally corrected with the Help of Jamie DiPace and Tom Kline

Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Kline for Chief Trick

- IT Projects
 - Signed contract with Comcast to bundle phones, internet and cable TV. This will save the department money and provide better cable TV to all stations.
 - Finishing up the move to the old generator room. The servers should be moved there shortly along with all communications that are in the records room.
- Fire Police repeater is installed. Should have all radios changed over in about a month

Old Business:

- Goals and Objectives
 - All board members should be looking at this and taking responsibility to get things done.
 - Will put this document on the website so that all members can see what the board is working on and the progress being made.
 - Chief's Selection Process – take applications in July. Possible people to be on the panel to interview candidates. Outside Chief, Councilman and 2 Board members.
 - Will have to contact Chief Trick to see if he is willing to stay on as Chief.
 - President Shillington and 2 other Board members will meet with the Chief to evaluate his performance
 - Let the members know that the process for Chief will be open in July at the June training/member meeting.
- Explorers – Jim Reber has concerns about whether all the people helping with the Explorers have knowledge of the Learning for Life that the Explorers have which is through the Scouts. Jim is working to open up a line of communication and will meet with all advisors.
- June meeting will be training in IT and then an open forum for members to discuss any issues they feel they would like information on or concerns that the Board can consider.

New Business:

- Member Expulsion – Steve Doten
 - Lt. Ryan asked the Board if he could speak about Steve Doten before the vote was taken. Permission was granted. Lt. Ryan told the Board that Steve is now working in Long Island and is home only for the weekends. When he was able to attend drills and calls he was a member in good standing. It was brought to Lt. Ryan's attention, that there were numerous times that Captain O'Neil and then Captain Nolan reached out to him asking him to resign so that when or if his circumstances changed he could rejoin the department as a member in good standing. Captain Nolan even texted him about this, but never received anything back. The Board feels everything was done to have this member resign with no results.
 - Ramona made a motion that since every effort was made to get this member to resign with no results that the Board should expel Steve Doten with John Boullie seconding. Motion was passed.
- Need a committee to review Board member terms and requirements for President and Vice President. The committee will have to check AOG's and By-Laws before making any recommendations. Committee will consist of Rich Shillington, Rick Solari and John Boullie.
- Jim Reber made a motion to bring into discussion the credit card issue with John Boullie seconding. Motion was passed. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the current policy was followed, but the Board can always look into changing the policy if it so chooses.

Adjourned at 21:11. (GB)