

## MINUTES OF THE 856<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, July 17, 2017

President Robert Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:31.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present-57; Absent-44.

The 855<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting minutes were approved with one correction. Under Chief Tricks report the wording was Dave Costill came in third in his age group for women and it is now corrected to read Dave Costill came in third in his age group for men.

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

- Thank You notes and donations were noted.

### **Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk- was away on vacation President Shillington Read Report**

- Reports were printed and picked up by the membership
- There is total cash in the Corporation of \$330k down from \$421k in the prior month (majority is budget spend). Of this, there is approximately \$187k (\$157K in May) of funds that are free of restrictions and belong to the Corporation. There is \$38k of restricted funds within the Corporation and the remaining cash all relates to Town grant money that we have received which totals \$105k. All of the \$105k related to 16/17.
- The Corporation fundraising season is in full swing and it is good! To date we have collected \$66k as compared to \$62k in the prior year over the same period. As expected
- Our net loss is gone and we have turned the corner with new income. We have \$28k of net income this month, year to date, as opposed to a \$13k net loss last month. The largest cash expenses to date are the Argo \$11k (not in P&L, or fixed assets), the annual dinner (\$8k), Live Burn (\$6k) and of course, fundraising expenses (6K).
- To date for the Live Burn Building we still have only spent around \$39k of our own funds in addition to the Board donations of \$75k. Remember we had thought we would need an addition \$50k. We are currently still at about \$6k in the fiscal year, consistent with the 4 previous months. We will be looking to offset this with our \$30k donation if possible depending on what further expenses are needed before 10/31.
- For Budget, it's over, that's a wrap, we spent the money. We have \$94k encumbered which is our lowest amount out of the four June 30ths I have been here. Great job everyone.!

### **Oath of Office:**

- Robert Sanderson took the Oath of Office for his position of Lieutenant at Company 1

### **Oath of Membership:**

- Greg Marcotte took the Oath of Membership so he is now a Regular Member of the department.

### **AV 3 Assistant Chief Tom Kline gave reports from AV1 and AV2**

- For the next 2 months, the water company will be putting in a new water main on the corner of West Main St. and Old Farms Rd. Please make a note of this when you are responding.
- The ARGO should be ready soon.
- Chief Trick along with Jamie DiPace are making available residential Knox boxes for any resident of Avon who would like to purchase them.
- Chief Trick would like to thank everyone who was at the Tunxis Parade and to congratulate the Explorers on winning a trophy for Best Junior Cadet Unit. Great job!
- Company 4 building is moving along.
- Working with Town to get the Fire Police vehicle

### **AV 3**

- Town Wide Radio Committee sent out requests for proposals. Five vendors responded. Vendor responses are due back mid-August. Once they're received Jamie DiPace's office of Emergency Management will look them all over and make a recommendation to the Town Council. Hoping to get this all done so that it can be included in the Capital Improvement Budget in September. Once it is approved it could take 2 years before it is implemented.
- We have had Firehouse since around 1999. We are now going to move to a new software system since Firehouse is not keeping up with the times. We will be implementing the new software sometime between now and January 1, 2018. Once the new software is up and running we will be running both systems at the same time while everyone who works with it gets trained.

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

- Congratulations to Lt. Bobby Sanderson
- Welcome to our new member at Company 1 Ben Roland

### **AV23: Captain Dave Theriault**

- There is a new ice machine at Company 3.

### **AV-24: Aaron Gelber**

- If anyone needs a physical please see Captain Gelber
- Company 4 will meet after this Corporation meeting.

### **AV-25: Lieutenant Bloom for Captain Ken Sedlak**

- Recall of Cliff Bars mint chocolate chip bars so there will be none on the rehab truck.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Captain Theriault:**
  - The 75<sup>th</sup> Committee decided to cancel the Firefighters' Ball and the Muster.
- **Fundraising and Community Outreach – Dennis Bianchi**
  - Fundraising letter has netted \$60,709.
  - We still need golfers for the Golf Tournament.
- **Parades**
  - At the Tunxis parade there were no color guard members. We did luck out and found 3 members to do it.
  - We need color guard marchers for the East Hartland Parade which is July 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to march in the color guard please see Jean after the meeting. We will also need color guard marchers for the Thomaston Parade Aug. 5, Winsted Parade Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> and State Convention which is Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Clambake**
  - Since the Nolan's had resigned as member we need to know if anyone will step up and do the clambake. There are two options and you can decide which one you want.
  - Option 1: Someone be the Chairperson and get a committee together and put it together
  - Option 2: Change venues and format and make it a family picnic. And do just lunch.
  - Jean took a vote and Option 1 was voted in. Casey McDermott said he would be the Chairperson and asked for volunteers to help him. He will meet with them right after the Corporation meeting.

### **There was no Unfinished Business or New Business**

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

Pot of Gold – \$43.88 Assistant Chief Tom Kline

Attendance Award – \$10.00 Matt Caron

**Meeting adjourned at 20:20 (GB)**