

MINUTES OF THE 857th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, August 5, 2014

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours.

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

Other Members Present: Matt Caron

Members who dialed in: Steve Gottlieb and Tom Kline

Minutes of the 856th Board Meeting minutes were approved with two corrections. One Nick Shillington did not graduate from high school and the second correction was Ramona Mansfield also opposed the motion to have Corporate meetings every month from November to April.

Communications from Department Member and/or Officers:

- Harvey asked if there could be a committee formed to look into refurbishing the Mack truck. He was told to bring it up under new business.
- Harvey Reeser asked if the trailer at M.H.Rhodes could be sold. After some discussion Harvey made a motion to sell the trailer with the membership's approval. Jim Reber seconded and the motion was passed.

Company Representative Reports:

- Company 1 members would like to put shelving up in the lounge area for all the trophies that are on the wall and floor. They can use their Annual Allowance of \$500.00
- Company 2 No Report
- Company 3 No Report
- Company 4 No Report
- Fire Police Nothing to report Rob asked too late for them to get back to him.
- Explorers Ran one summer drill so far
- HQ nothing to report

Committee Executive: Rich Shillington

- Planning Committee – They will be sending out an email to Avonfire asking for members to join this committee.
- Job Description – Still in the process of looking over the description and need to look at the By-Laws and AOG's to make sure everything that needs to be changed is changed in all places,

Secretary's Report – Jim Reber

- Jim notified the Board about St. Baldrick's fundraising is being held on Sept. 13, 2014

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- All the Corporate accounts have numbers which will be helpful when doing the audit.
- Joe needs access to QuickBooks to save and print reports.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Bids for the new apparatus will be opened Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014 at 10:00.
- Company 4 - Engineer looked at Company 4 for total weight of apparatus that could go there. It is questionable. Might have to reinforce the floor.
- Air conditioner is in the window at Company 4, Need to get Brandon to spend the money for the heating, air conditioning and dehumidifier system.
- Golf Tournament – There are a lot of golfers signed up. We also need a truck at Farmington Woods during the tournament. We are getting publicity for the Golf Tournament explaining this tournament is for the Live Burn Training Facility.
- We have a company that has pledged \$50,000 but at this point they do not want their name known.

- We also have plans for the training facility which the two towns will have to approve.
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Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Kline for Chief Trick

- Encumbered Funds – So far Assistant Chief Kline has purchased a new phone system, a white board for the meeting room to help with training, new radios and new pagers.
- All AOG's will be going into the Ops. Manual, but they will be divided by sections, basic documents and a section for financials. Joe Kowalczyk will be able to look this over.
- Looking into possibly replacing PPE gear from Quaker with another company, Will have 3 members test the new gear before going out to bid. Looking at going out for competitive bids on a 3 to 5 year cycle.

President's Report: Rob Shillington

- Went to an intro to grant writing seminar. Was very informative. All the information I got from this seminar is on SharePoint in the training folder.
- Town Council meeting will be Aug. 12 at 7:30 to go over the bids that were received for the new apparatus and then there will be another Town Council meeting on Sept. 4 at 7:30 to approve the bids.
- Capital Improvement Budget due by Oct, 3, 2014. Planning committee will have input into this budget,
- Thursday, August 7 Rob will be meeting with all the Explorer advisors. This will be an open forum so the every one can voice any concerns they may have. Rob will report back to the Board about this meeting.
- Statement of Purpose for the Northwest station – Funding is needed. Jamie suggested that the Board approach the town for funding for this statement. Rob Shillington also needs someone else to take this on because he cannot to this alone.
- The Town of Avon is coming out with a new website. Rob is working the head of the library to update the fire department's information. Link will make is easy if there are changes to our website it will change on the town's website.

Old Business:

- 2014/2015 Goals and Objectives were updated. Please check out this document and work on getting them accomplished.
- AOG, By-Laws and Ops Manual- Board terms and requirements have to be looked at. A committee formed for going over and suggesting changes to the Board.

New Business:

- Planning Committee – Requesting members to participate Aug. 19th at 7:30 at Co. 1. This committee consists for the following board members: Harvey Reeser, Rich Shillington, John Boullie and Rick Solari, but any members of the Board are invited to attend these meeting.
- New Station – Funding of Statement of Purpose should be paid by the town. Rob will get estimates on the cost of such statement of purpose and then bring them to Brandon.
- Ladies Auxiliary – Chief Trick suggested maybe changing the name to just Auxiliary just in case there are men who would be interested in joining the department, but not as a regular member. Captain Theriault met with Ann Ryan and Louise Reeser and they want to get back to helping with Signal 12, but also in other areas that they can help out. There are a lot of things that have to be looked at before this can go any further.
- Jim Reber made a motion to bring into New Business forming a committee to look into the work and cost of refurbishing the Mack with Ramona seconding. Harvey would like to start a committee with 3 to 5 members to look into what needs to be done to the Mack and how much it would cost. Rob said he would send out an email to Avonvfire for committee members.
- No smoking policy – this was discussed and decided that Jamie would check with the town on their policy as far as the new electronic cigarettes are concerned.

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to go into Executive Session; this was seconded by Rich Shillington. Went into Executive Session at 21:25 came out of Executive Session at 21:40.

Adjourned at 21:45. (GB)