

## MINUTES OF THE 857<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, September 11, 2017

Vice President Michael Galliher called the meeting to order at 19:30

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present-64; Absent- 39

The 856<sup>th</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 Vice President Galliher read the highlights**

- The fundraising letter has brought in \$77,000 which is down by only \$150.
- Received money from the town for our budget.

### **Vice President's Report – Michael Galliher**

- Big congratulation to Casey McDermott and the Clambake Committee for a great job.
- Thank you for Drew Bloom for taking over the 9/11 Ceremony. Great Job.
- There are committee signup sheets in the foyer. Please sign up if you can help any of these committees.
- We have received the Neighborhood Assistant Grant. We were awarded up to \$150,000. If you know of a company that would like to donate please let Vice President Galliher know. Whatever the amount is donated it will be 100% tax deductible since we are going to use the money for energy conservation.

### **AV1 Chief Michael Trick**

- Jane Raczky and her husband Rich are doing well after Irma hit. Their road was flooded, but the house did not get any water in it. Their dog also did well.
- Drew Bloom great job with the 9/11 ceremony.
- Casey McDermott and his committee did a great job with the clambake.
- Empty Nester Reception was a success. The people that did come were very interested in the department.
- Last Thursday night at the Town Council meeting the department presented to Jean Nadeau the Life Saving Award for getting her patient out of the room that was filling with smoke on May 22, 2017.
- Thank you to all the members who stood casket vigil for Paul Regeness.
- ARGO was delivered and Casey McDermott will be taking the ARGO to the State Convention this weekend.
- Washing machine should be delivered to Company 4 soon.
- Fire Assessment Committee is moving along. Will be making recommendations to the Town Council soon.
- A lot of events are happening in the next few weeks.
  - September 16 will be the PPQ for firefighters that need to do it and on the same day there will be the Community Challenge.
  - September 17 is the State Convention Parade
  - September 23 Celebrate Avon – Need EMTs and a apparatus at this event.
  - September 30 Department photo at Avon high school outside on the bleachers, if rain Chief will see if it can be done inside,
  - October 15 at 4 p.m. Veterans Wall dedication at River Ridge.
  - October 21 Farmington Car Show to raise money for Training Facility.
- Still need to finish the Training Facility. Waiting for Planning and Zoning to approve the finishing touches of lighting, planting, storage shed and shelter.

### **AV2 Assistant Chief Bruce Appell**

- September is the start of the budget process. The first one is the Capital Improvement Budget and then the Operations Budget. If any of the Captains have items that they would like to put into either one of these budgets please contact Bruce Appell. Any questions please contact Assistant Chief Appell or Vice President Mike Galliher.

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

- Town received 2 bids from vendors for a new radio system. They will be going to the town council with a recommendation.
- New Record Management System should be up and running by the first of the year. Working with the Fire Marshal's office on the new system.

### **AV4 Assistant Chief Joe Speich**

- October 14 will be the live burn. Every entry firefighter has to do one live burn a year from January to December. Avon and Farmington can each do 15 live burns. Each company can do a live burn any time instead of just doing it on Saturdays.
- Fire Officer I class will be held on January 6, 2018 no location as of today. Must have Fire Instructor I certification to take this class.
- John Ryan will be running a Pump class on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 there will be a new transit bus here so that members can see what they are and how to respond if they are called to an accident involving them.
- ARGO Training – Company 1 and 4 were trained first because the ARGO will be stationed at either one of them. Once the procedures are written up more members will be trained on the ARGO.
- Training Facility – There will be a meeting to decide what is left to be done at the facility.

### **AV22 Captain Ramona Mansfield**

- Lt. Sanderson is now signed off on Engine 10

### **AV-25: Captain Ken Sedlak**

- Pop Up Tent was returned.
- Need Fire Police for Celebrate Avon parking. Will ask fire police first and then other members. The pay is \$30 an hour.

### **Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado**

- Member Physicals – Plainville office of Hartford Healthcare is not doing the department physicals due to billing issues. Members can still go to West Hartford and Wethersfield,
- Flu Shots – Captain Corrado and Frank Lupis, MD will be doing a lot of flu clinics this year. Captain Corrado has on order 20 high dosage flu shots and 40 regular flu shots. The first flu clinic will be 10/2/17. The last flu clinic will be at the November Corporation meeting,
- PPQ and Community Challenge – Rain or Shine the PPQ for firefighters who haven't done theirs yet will be this Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 10:00. The Community Challenge will start at 10:00.
- Wednesday physical workout will be every month on Wednesday night at each station.
- Received a grant for \$3,000 to be used as a reimbursement for physicals and Firefighter 1 training.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Captain Theriault:**
  - Went over the 2018 calendar of events for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.
  - Explained the proposal for the carnival and food truck festival, and fireworks to all the members. The only thing members will have to do is parking and taking care of cleaning up the area every night.
  - Jim Keith made a motion to bring under new business discussion and voting to approve the proposal presented to the members with Casey McDermott seconding. Motion passed.

- **Fundraising and Community Outreach – Dennis Bianchi**
  - Fundraising letter has netted \$65,000.
  - Proceeds from the Golf Tournament were \$10,490
  - Still need one person in the afternoon to help in the booth for Celebrate Avon,
  - Proceeds from the Raffle, Tea Cup Raffle and Silent Auction is \$2,145.00
  - Fire Prevention day will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 7:30 Company 3. Will try to have donuts or bagels. Will supply lunch. Fire Police, firefighters and apparatus will be needed that day. Please contact Dennis if you can help out that day.
  - Will be having a holiday party this year. This will be the first Saturday of December which is December 2, 2017. Will have gift bags for each child, pizza and drinks. Will get entertainment for that day.
  - There were 5 left over prizes from the clambake they are as follows:
    - ✓ 2 Shop vacuums
    - ✓ Admission to Kids Play in Torrington
    - ✓ Admission to Adventure Land in Storrs
    - ✓ Gift Card to Cahoots Hair Salon
- **Recruitment and Retention – Captain Adam Corrado**
  - The physical fitness of a fire department goes hand in hand with the recruitment and retention of members. If you don't recruit or retain members it is more likely that there will be more injuries and if you recruit and retain members then there is less injuries.
  - Empty Nester program went well. The people that did come were very interested in the department.
  - The Community Challenge was very heavily advertised, Cards were put out in different locations.
- **PPQ Concerns AV4 Assistant Chief Joe Speich**
  - The PPQ is very important to help our firefighters to do their jobs correctly and well so that there will be less injuries at calls. Some membe3rs are not happy, but this is not a way to get rid of members. It is only to help them do their jobs better.
  - Some people wanted to know who Captain Corrado works for. He works for the Chief and also the Training division. He does the leg work to get these programs going.
  - The PPQ actually goes back to when Captain O'Neil was in the department. We had no way of knowing what the members know or how to evaluate them. It was decided that we needed a process that is the same for every member. We based the process on NFPA 1500 standard. If anyone wants to look at the NFPA let Assistant Chief Speich know.
  - There is a binder to look at the PPQ, will put this on the website on the members only section.

## No Unfinished Business

### New Business:

- Carnival Proposal – Brian Baldwin made a motion to approve the carnival, food truck festival and fireworks as long as the town approves. This was seconded by Dave Theriault. Motion passed with Bobby Sanderson and Gina Kline abstained. Ken Sedlak voted no.

### Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –

Pot of Gold – \$8.11 Conor Thompson

Shop Vacuum – Matt Caron

Gift Card to Cahoots Hair Salon – George DeFranzo

Admission to Kids Play – Brian Baldwin

Attendance Award – \$10.00 Sharon Levine-Shein

Shop Vacuum – Frank Lupis

Admission to Adventure Park in Storrs – Ray Crozier

**Meeting adjourned at 20:55 (GB)**