

MINUTES OF THE 858th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 2, 2014

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

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

Other Members Present: Matt Caron, Aaron Gelber, Steve Gottlieb, Susan Jansen, Tom Kline, Chris Kunzelmann

Members who dialed in:

Minutes of the 857th Board Meeting minutes were approved Ramona Mansfield made a motion and it was seconded by John Boullie.

Minutes from the special meeting on August 18, 2014 were approved Ramona Mansfield made a motion and it was seconded by Jim Reber.

Communications from Department Member and/or Officers:

- Capt. Bob Theriault went around with Chief Trick, Jamie and President Shillington they created a list of Capital Improvements of all the stations. Bruce Williams provided quotes for the exterior doors at Co. 4 and to fix the brick walls at Co. 3. For now they chose to do option 2 and fix the one leaking wall at Co. 3. Thursday 9/4 the glass wall will be tinted at Co. 1. The carpet installation at Co. 2 will begin on 9/8 to help minimize the noise, 3 bids were received for this project.
- Ramona Mansfield announced the Blume Family is hosting a fundraiser on Friday September 5th at Briarcliff Swim, encouraged members to attend.

Company Representative Reports:

- Company 1 No Report
- Company 2 No Report
- Company 3 Concerns of the building
- Company 4 No Report
- Fire Police No Report
- Explorers Preparing for the Muster Competition and will be returning to weekly drills on Wednesday evenings.
- HQ No Report

Committee Executive: Rich Shillington

- Planning Committee – They received some feedback, hopefully getting together soon with those who showed interest.
- 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 is included and isn't left out. Ramona Mansfield is planning to get together with Gina Kline regarding the OP's manual and organize a meeting.

Secretary's Report – Jim Reber

- Jim represented a few thank you notes, donations and other correspondences. Theresa Brighenti donated a check for \$5,000 on behalf of her entire family for the Live Fire Training Facility.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- Joe and Grace were busy today with making variations to the accounts. Created the 1st proper balance sheet, moved the grant to the books. Profit and Loss report was cleaned up from previous years. Customizing QuickBooks report, Ensign Bickford is now on the books.
- Established a year to year report to compare how our department is doing. Last year at this time we had collected \$62,000 for the Annual Fundraiser. So far this year we collected \$69,000 results illustrate fewer people donating, but larger dollar amounts. Golf Tournament we raised \$32,000 expense were \$13,000 and net was \$19,000, job well done everyone who was involved.

- Audits will occur this doesn't change anything, making sure we keep Budget with Budget and Corporate with Corporate.
- Still waitlisted with remote deposit with Farmington Savings Bank. Deposited large check from the Town of Avon will be accessible next week. RFP is being drafted up and brought over to the Town tomorrow.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Town met with Town of Farmington Fire Dept. Rep. completed and created an agreement for the Training Facility. Both towns are pushing for this agreement, and then it will have to go to both Town Councils for approval. Hoping to break ground in the spring of 2015. A committee will take care of a training schedule. Donations are still being collected and the fundraisings have gone very well.

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Chief's Report: Chief Trick

- Regretfully announce the passing of Russell Peckham, he will be cremated and memorial service will take place at St. Matthews, details will soon follow.
- Meeting with Police Dept. tomorrow at 6:00. A grievance was filed; they feel we are taking work away from their Department.
- Moving forward with the trucks, Thursday night Town Council meeting for approval of bids.
- Calls have been sporadic attendance is low, need to look into the reason.
- September 11 ceremony will be held at Co. 1 please attend if possible.
- Spoke with officers about completing reports on time.

President's Report: Rob Shillington

- Clarified where we are on the Town Council agenda. Have a breakdown of the two trucks costs our expectation of about \$1,300,000 includes purchase and delivery. Also spoke about burn building, we are not asking for more money, but we can't live with less. President Shillington and Jamie met with Town Manager Brandon and he will be meeting with the Finance Dept. and will find the money. Thank you Chief Appell, Assistant Town Manger and committee for all your work.
- Northwest Fire Station- President Shillington requested assistance from the Town with finalizing a draft of the NW Fire Station Statement of Purpose. The Capital Improvement Budget is coming up the goal is to provide a final Statement of Purpose with supporting information on why there is a need for the NW Fire Station.
- Calendar cover hasn't been decided yet submissions were not posted on Facebook.

Old Business:

- Ladies Auxiliary member status- members are still looking into their coverage.
- Mack Committee- Matt Caron, Cliff Dudley, and Mike Moran took interest. Harvey would like the committee to visit the GK shop and have the individual(s) come up and assess the cost it would take to refurbish our Mack.

New Business:

- Rich Shillington made a motion to reelect Chief Michael Trick for another term as Chief it was seconded by J. Reber.
- R. Mansfield made a motion to review Explorer advisors, Rich Shillington will e-mail requirements that Explorer advisor position entails, and this was seconded by J. Reber.
- Open board seats- 3 available seats by the end of this year, any questions please e-mail President.
- EMS discussion of Jeremy Kaswer will be tabled for next Board Meeting.
- Feedback of this year's Clambake, whether changes were alright

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to go into Executive Session; this was seconded by Rick Solari. Went into Executive Session at 19:43 came out of Executive Session at 20:10.

Adjourned at 20:27. (KC)