

## MINUTES OF THE 858<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING November 20, 2017

President Robert Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:32

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present 59 Absent. 36

The 857<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting had some minor changes and then was approved.

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

- Thank You notes and donations were noted.
- If anyone's interred in attending the Broad Brook parade Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> please let me know.
- The color guard is needed in January at one of the wolf pack hockey games. Will keep you posted with the date.

### **Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk (away) - President Robert Shillington read the highlights**

- Financial reports were out for the members to take and read.

### **AV1 Chief Michael Trick**

- VCOS Conference -This year focused on prevalence of cancer in both volunteer and career fire fighters. The statics were quite alarming. A few known facts that will help prevent are: hood exchange, handy wipes on the truck and at the scene. Firefighters need to wipe down hands, face and around the neck. The groin area where we perspire the most is where the carcinogens accumulate the most. We need to focus on keeping ourselves healthier
- NFPA guild lines have enhanced. Sonograms and ultra sounds are now covered.
- Cancer reduction zones, warm and cold zones. Packs are in the back of the trucks where they should remain.
- Fitness incentives: if you sign up for the stair climb you will be reimbursed the registration fee.
- Trainer Katherine Matousek has offered more availability. Any questions at all, please contact her.
- Signed the application for dry hydrants at Oak Bluff Pond.

### **AV2 Assistant Chief Bruce Appell- Chief Trick spoke on his behalf**

- Engine 7 will not be back soon, will keep you posted with any changes.
- The new ARGO trailer has arrived and will be sent for graphics.
- Hoping to have the crib cleaned out and organized.
- New Trick 6 lighting and graphics will be installed
- Company 4 update, recently had a meeting with DPW along with Town Manager, Brandon Robertson. About the progress of the basement project. Hoping to move along with the progress.

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

- If you are around during the day and responding, the dispatchers won't say "full assignment."
- Radio project will be going in front of the Town Council on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will work together with the RFP presentation alongside the APD.
- Reminder Farmington Woods will no longer have an attendant at the main gate from 11:00pm – 7:00am. You can have the gate open by having the siren yelp for 5 seconds and it will automatically open. The card keys will still give the access to the gate. In the security guard building there's a KNOX box.
- It's still essential to log into I am responding. Thank you.

### **AV4 Assistant Chief Joe Speich- Chief Trick spoke on his behalf**

- Please watch your e-mails for any new classes or training that will be coming up.
- Fire Officer I class will be held on January 6, 2018 no location as of today. Must have Fire Instructor I certification in order to take this class, will keep everyone posted with any changes.

**AV-20: Jamie DiPace**

- Max A Mia hood fire, reminder it's important to clean the kitchen hoods on a regular basis.
- Possible new Chinese restaurant, located in the back near the Gulf gas station.
- Where Boyles resides, a new furniture store is looking to expand the building.
- On Sylvan Street, the builder is looking build 28 AHOZ (affordable living homes), on 6 acres of land. These homes will be equipped with sprinkler systems.
- Proposal was sent regarding the dry hydrant at Oak Bluff pond.

**AV21 Captain David Bourgoin**

- Department tools should not be used for personal use. We had to send our vent saw blade out to be fixed by Farmington Valley Equipment. It cost the department \$500 to have it fixed. Please take care of our equipment, if you don't know how to use it, ask someone who does. Thank you

**AV 22 Captain Ramona Mansfield**

- Company 2 will be meeting briefly in the conference room after the Corporation meeting, Thanks

**AV-24 Captain Aaron Gelber**

- Annual toy drive at, Walmart on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 3pm, please stop by, bring a toy if possible.

**Medical Officer – Captain Adam Corrado- Chief Trick spoke on his behalf**

- Congratulations 86 doses of flu vaccines were administered this year.
- Physical process looking to work with UCONN, and they understand our frustration.
- Stair climb will be April 21, 2018. Captain Ramona Mansfield has volunteered to be our team captain.

**Buildings-Captain Robert Theriault**

- Numerous work orders have been submitted for various locations, they will be handled.
- Visited Cliff Dudley at Apple Rehab, he's in good spirits and is waiting for the next surgery date.

**Committee Reports:**

- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Captain David Theriault:**
  - Advertisements are coming in for the ad book.
  - Signed the contract for the carnival and food trucks
- **SCBA- Captain David Theriault:**
  - Firefighter Frank Lupis will be assisting with the grant proposal of 2018 testing
- **Fundraising and Community Outreach – Dennis Bianchi**
  - Children's holiday party December 2, 2017, company 1. Please make sure your children's gifts are wrapped and clearly labeled, thank you.
  - Thank you for those who helped teach fire safety in the classrooms. Taught fire safety to roughly 1,185 kids and 425 adults in the Avon Public School system. Visited and taught about 189 students broken down into 3 groups at Anna Grace School. Appreciate the help that was received, but could always use more.

**Recruitment and Retention – Captain Adam Corrado- Chief Trick spoke on his behalf**

- About a month ago we held an AVFD bowling event, possibly looking into forming a league. Will keep you posed with any other information regarding the league

**New Business:**

- Three positions available on the Board and these are the candidates Jean Barton, Michael Galliher and Andrew "Andy" Ozmun. Two are returning and one is new.

- Jean Barton stressed her concerns with some of the changes that have taken place, some good while others were not so good. One in particular is her concerns of the department and its potential. She expressed her concerns people are not speaking up. We all have voices, so please use them especially when they are needed.
- Andy Ozmun voiced his opinion “ditto.”
- Vice President Mike Galliher expressed his enjoyment and his involvement within the Avon Volunteer Fire Department.
  
- AVFD Capital Improvement Plan: High Level Overview – Vice President Mike Galliher
  - Displayed on a well-organized PowerPoint. The department is focusing on 6 items in particular which will be explained in depth to the Avon Town Council and others who attend on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>. These are items are as followed:
    - \$400,000/year for the next 5 years to keep our fire apparatus on the roads and responding. Rather than in the DPW or GK garages being fixed.
    - \$5.2 million over the next 4 years for a new fire station that is greatly needed.
    - \$1.1 million over the next 3 years to replace the current SCBA
    - \$200,000 to improve all four current fire stations, various projects.
    - \$400,000 to cover expenses at Co. 4 renovations – gas furnace, improved front door, storage for equipment, renovate the station so the department trailers can be properly stored.
    - \$1 million to improve the fire stations, replace the current leaking doors with energy efficient ones.
  - The AVFD cannot stress enough how important some of these items really are, with your support we will see how the meeting does and keep everyone updated.
  
- **Article III Review – John Ryan**
  - John Ryan provided everyone a copy of the changes the Board was looking to make. These changes can be seen on the attachment provided.
  - Peter Buonome feels a president should not be for life.
  - Rick Solari voiced his opinion, the grammar needs to be cleaned up; and some orphaned language that he would have no issue with helping clean.
  - Jason Mickus said everything has to add up, he originally worked on this document and expressed his opinion.
  - Retired Chief DiPace expressed his point of view.
  
- **PPQ discussion**
  - Peter Buonome made a motion to speak about the PPQ it was seconded by Frank Lupis. Peter explained how the PPQ should not be timed and members who don't complete it, to the AVFD standards, they should not be taken off line. Members voiced their concerns of this matter including: Firefighter John Ryan, Captain Aaron Gelber and Chief Michael Trick. The members ended up taking a vote on whether the PPQ should be taken voluntarily the results were: (5)-were opposed, (39)-were pro (15)-abstained.
  
- **Good & Welfare:** Fundraiser Cop on Top, APD worked with the AVFD. It was raining and a few members were up in the ladder truck raising money for the Special Olympics, where we raised \$1,500.

**Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –**

Pot of Gold – \$17.25 Nick Shillington (he donated it back to the department)

Attendance Award – \$10.00 Sue Jansen

**Meeting adjourned at 22:44 (KC)**