

MINUTES OF THE 861st BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, December 2, 2014

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

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

Other Members Present: Matt Caron, Steve Gottlieb, Tom Kline and John Ryan

Minutes of the 860th Board Meeting minutes - Approved.

Company Representative Reports: No Reports

Committee Executive: Rich Shillington No Report

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- Corporate Budget – Starting with the new year Joe will be working on a Fixed Assets Policy to represent to the Board. Moved some items around on the Balance sheet to get everything ready for when an audit is done.
- Joe will work on getting a report together for the Chiefs to make the budget process easier to do a comparison for the past 3 years on what was spent and what to go in with on a new budget.
- Farmington Bank is not the easiest bank to deal with. Will have to look into another bank so that deposits can be done online instead of going to the bank. Farmington Bank online system is not great.
- The department will be going in with a 5% increase in the 2015/2016 budget.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Capital Improvement Budget presentation went very well. Great job on the power point from Gina Kline. Not sure if the department will get what was asked for, but after the presentation the Town Council seemed to get what the department's needs are.
- Jamie found out that the Town Planner was meeting with Brandon about the Northwest Station. Jamie did tell the Town Planner that it had to be on Lovely St. The Town Manager told Jamie that he was looking into several spots.
- Jamie will be meeting with Brandon and Bruce Williams about tearing down the old community pool building. Have to get the building dept. to look at the abatement. Could look into selling the property with the building on it.

Chief's Report: Chief Trick

- Looking into having a spring tanker drill for ISO rating.
- January 15th in Newington at the Chief's meeting Lt. Vance from the State Police will be there to talk about P.IO.
- In January the department will start doing driver license checks for half of the department.
- Planning to have new updates in the Ops manual ready for January.

President's Report: Rob Shillington

- Many thanks to Gina and Tom Kline with the Capital Improvement Budget power point and presentation.

- Went to a 2 day seminar on Value of Volunteering. It was about all volunteers and not just about volunteer fire departments. Very good information. There were also some people from volunteer fire departments. It was good to hear about other volunteer organizations that are facing problems like ours.

Old Business:

- Company 2: New stove – after some discussion John Boullie made a motion to stay with gas and purchase a new stove for up to \$1,500. Ramona Mansfield seconded. Vote was taken and passed with Rick Solari opposing.
- LOSAP forfeiture if a member is expelled. After some discussion the LOSAP agreement was read and there is a portion in the agreement that says no matter what transpires between a member and the department the LOSAP is not affected. If a change wanted to be made it would have to be in writing to the Board who then would have to bring it to the LOSAP trustees. Some Board members felt that if a member is vested that money cannot be taken away from a member who is expelled.
- Explorers' Advisors policy is still a work in progress.
- Trumpet award received in Collinsville parade will be kept together as a trophy.
- Station Soda Machine: The Chief will take the money for the cabinet from the All Companies budget up to \$300.00

New Business:

- Money from fundraising for Live Burn Training Facility – After some discussion Ramona Mansfield made a motion to take \$50,000 from the fundraising letter campaign and put towards the Live Burn Training Facility with Jim Reber seconding. Motion was approved.
- John Boullie made a motion to move a discussion on the flu shots to new business with Rick Solari seconding. Approved to move. After some discussion it was decided to keep the flu shots as is. Convenience and price are good.

Adjourned at 21:07. (GB)