

MINUTES OF THE 865th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, April 7, 2015

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:13 hours.

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

Other Members Present: Matt Caron, Aaron Gelber, Dave Theriault and Bob Theriault

Members Comments:

- Bob Theriault told the Board that the stove for Company 2 should arrive at Avon Appliance on April 17. Once it is received he will make arrangements to have it installed at Company 2.
- Assistant Chief Kunzelmann emailed the Board the following statement to be read to the Board:
 - If we are going forward with buying a new vehicle to replace C17, it should absolutely come from O'Neils. Perhaps a few dollars could be saved buying from elsewhere (I doubt it) but they have been staunch supporters of ours. They have made significant donations to the AVFD, to include donating cars for extrication and being the primary sponsor of the golf tournament. We should support those who support us. Thank you.

Board Member Comments:

- Company 1 – Harvey Reeser
 - The soda machine will be replaced next week. The drain for this is being worked on. New cabinet and counter top was purchased,
- Company 3 – Ramona Mansfield
 - There is still some debris in the stairwell that the town needs to take care of. Captain Speich would like to have an Open House at Company 3. Ramona will meet with him to go over some ideas.
- Company 4 – Mike Galliher
 - Conor Thomsen would like to be an Explorer Advisor. Mike will have him email the Board with his request.
- Jean Barton – Parade season is going to start up soon and she would like to know is some type of schedule could be set up for who rides in the Mack for each parade. The Chief told her to write something up to go into the Running Card to ask if there are any Senior or Retired Veterans that would like to sign up for a certain parade to ride in the Mack. Jean will do this and submit it to the Chief before putting it in the Running Card.
- There will be a budget meeting held at the Senior Center next Monday, April 13 if anyone is interested in attending.
- Comments from Rob Shillington:
 - All company representatives from the Board should be communicating with the members of each company what is happening at the Board level and also to ask if there is anything that needs to be brought to the Board. There has been some feedback that this is not being done.
- Explorers – Ramona Mansfield
 - There has been some concern that the Explorers are not getting the appropriate physical, but Ramona will talk to Capt. Corrado on this matter.

Minutes of the 864th Board Meeting minutes were approved

Secretary Report: Jean Barton

- Jean Barton presented thank you notes, donations and other correspondences

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- Excluding town money, we current have \$245k of cash keeping in mind of that cash \$122k is due to the burn building leaving us with unencumbered cash of \$123k in the Corporation.
- There were \$650 of Burn Building donations in the current month which is consistent with the last few months (\$750 last month)

- The Corp continues to run at about \$13k loss which is strictly due to moving donations over to the Burn Building and the letter campaign not beginning.
- We were finally reimbursed by the insurance company for the fire in AvonWood, almost \$12k in cash that was.
- For budget, we spent about \$25k in the current month as compared to \$24k in the prior year for the same month. To date we have spent about \$285k of the \$643k leaving \$358k remaining to spend in just three months. In my humble opinion I think we should really start spending but when compared to prior we had spent about \$289k at this point which is somewhat consistent with current year but we also did get a \$31k increase in our budget from last year.
- Finally, as mentioned last month we received the AUP from Blum Shapiro which indicated 8 exceptions out of 40 selections picked. I have drafted and sent a rebuttal to Peggy at the town for her to pass along to Blum about two weeks ago. My hope is to remove 7 of the 8 exceptions. Currently, I am waiting to hear from Blum.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- The Live Burn Training Facility
 - Last night at the Farmington Town Council meeting they approved the agreement. Avon Council is expected to approve in May. Mark Zacchio and Brandon assured this will happen.
 - The Training Facility project is scheduled to go to bid before the end of the month. We have had a few delays, but this is to be expected when companies and people are donating services. We continue our fundraising efforts.
 - The abatement program at the Community Club should begin within the next two weeks. Once this is completed, we hope the building is down by the end of May. We are in the process of pricing out the cost of hauling and disposing of the building. The Town (Brandon) will not allow the material brought to the landfill.
- Jamie continues to work with Verizon on the siren pole agreement. They are proposing replacing the current pole and installing their antenna at the top. Verizon may need, Citing Council, Zoning, and State approval. Jamie will need to contact the Town Attorney regarding the project.
- VFIS Insurance
 - VFIS has introduced new property and casualty enhancements, most will be at no cost. They are offering primary auto liability coverage for volunteers' personal vehicles, there will be a small increase in cost which Bill Vernile says is very doable.
- We are working with Farmington Woods and Tunxis Hose Co. to host a wine tasting fundraiser on Friday April 24th from 6-9 pm. Profit will go towards the training facility. Farmington Woods is the lead sponsor. Tickets are only \$25 and available at Co. 1. There will be raffle prizes.

Committee Report: Ramona Mansfield

- Will start the Planning Committee going again.
- Ops Manual conversion – The officers have done a great job looking over their individual sections. The Board still needs to do their part. Hoping to review the Ops Manual in May.

Chief's Report: Chief Trick

- Moving forward with Ops Manual
- Membership was up in the month of April. Working with Lynn to come up with some type of orientation. Report will be run to get names of all the new members.
- Knox Boxes – The old Knox Box system can no longer be fixed. They are being replaced with new hardware and software. Assistant Chief Kline has put in an order for the new system.
- The abatement at the Community Club may cost more money due to some extensive training that was done by mistake.

- Drug and Alcohol abuse testing is very hard to implement with volunteer departments.

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Old Business:

- Bonus Points and Points Reimbursement – Tabled until May
- Car 17 Replacement – Car 17 has been condemned by the Town so we will have to replace it. The town has nothing to replace it with and if we ask for the funds to purchase a replacement vehicle we are afraid the town will take it out of the money put aside for the replacement of our fleet. Harvey was asked to get two quotes for a utility truck to replace Car 17. Northwest Hill Automotive (Sullivan's O'Neil's Chevrolet) is on the State contract.
- Harvey was also asked to get a quote to purchase a new enclosed trailer for the boat and all the rescue equipment that goes with it. The quote was \$6,650.
- Harvey made a motion to allocate \$42,000 for the package presented by Assistant Chief Appel for truck and trailer with Ramona seconding. After some discussion about why purchasing the trailer right now was necessary a vote was taken and all opposed.
- Harvey made a motion to approve spending up to \$35,000 for a new truck to replace Car 17 with Mike Galliher seconding. Vote was taken was approved with Rick Solari opposing.

New Business:

- New Trucks:
 - Assistant Chief Appell informed the Board that the new prints are in and will have them available after the Board meeting for anyone that would like to look at them.
 - There is no estimate for delivery date yet.
 - There will be three official inspection trips. The Chief made a suggestion that Laura Ward might be contacted to go with them to take pictures of the progress to maybe post on the website and Facebook. Could possibly try to get pictures into the papers.
 - New engines will be 7 and 11. Company 4 will receive one new truck just no sure which one as of this time.

Adjourned at 21:13 (KC)