

MINUTES OF THE 866th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, May 5, 2015

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

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

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

Members Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Company 1 – Harvey Reeser
 - The new soda machine and coffee maker are working.
 - Truck 17 has been ordered and should be in middle of June
- Company 3 – Ramona Mansfield
 - There is still some debris in the stairwell it is worse than it was before. Would like to know why it is taking so long to get this done.
 - Waiting for Capt. Speich to give her a list of kitchen supplies.
- Company 2 – Rick Solari
 - Wanted to know when the stove will be put in. Was told that it was delivered today 5/5/15
- Fire Police – Jean Barton
 - Fire Police are wondering if anything was done about the traffic situation at the high school. Jamie was going to talk to the high school principle about conduct after school. Rob will talk to the PTA to put something in the newsletter that goes out to the parents.
 - Company 1 kitchen – Hood was inspected and the person told Jean that since the kitchen is not used that much the hood could be inspected just once a year unless the department wanted to do it every 6 months. The person also told Jean the name of a company that will clean the hood. Jean contacted that company and they will come to give a quote tomorrow. Jean thinks it is time to do a floor to ceiling cleaning of the kitchen.
- HQ – Rob Shillington
 - It was requested that the Membership Committee start up again.
- Comments from Rob Shillington:
 - Rich Shillington is taking a leave of absence for 6 months or possibly longer. This means that there is an open Board Seat and no Vice President,
 - Rob went to a conference about handing finances for Non-Profit companies. Rob thought that we were way ahead of some of the people at the conference and he found it very informative.

Minutes of the 865th Board Meeting minutes were approved with corrections in the Treasurer's report as follows: The current balance for Corporate is \$245k and with 122k for the burn building the total unencumbered cash is \$123k.

Secretary Report: Jean Barton

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

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- 1. Total cash in the Corp of \$242k, \$146k is set aside for the Live Burn leaving about \$96k unencumbered.
- 2. Continued Corp losses on the year of about \$15k due to the movement of money to the Live Burn and not sending our annual letter campaign.

- 3. For Budget we spent about \$31k in the current month compared to \$28k in the prior years' same month. Total spent in the current year is about \$311k versus \$321k in the prior year. Currently we have about \$341k to spend versus \$308k in prior year.

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- 4. Blum AUP - 8 comments
 - Comment on no encumbered letter from 2012 will stay.
 - Comments regarding no bid will be removed for the following recommendations:
 1. Informal Board approval/notification through email
 2. Use the same sole source provider worksheet the town of Avon uses
 3. Submit quarterly financial statements to Peggy in Finance at the town.

Town Representative: Jamie DiPace

- Would like to talk about the community club property in Executive Session
- The Live Burn Training Facility
 - Diane Hornaday and her husband George sent a check for \$500 for the Training Facility.
 - The Training Facility project is scheduled to go to bid this week or next.
 - The department has about \$380,000 plus what will be brought in by selling the 511 West Avon Rd. property.
- Wine and beer tasting event was very well attended. Not sure how much money was made. Still trying to get a hold of the person from Tunxis Hose for this information.
- Contract with Verizon to use the utility pole has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and he rewrote the agreement. We are asking for \$12,000 a year for their use of the pole. Now it is up to their attorney to look over the changes before signing an agreement.

Committees Report: Ramona Mansfield

- Membership Committee will meet on May 11th from 6:30 to 7:00.
- Planning Committee – Ramona will talk to Assistant Chief Appell to see if he would chair this committee
- Ops Manual – Gina will start working on this now that her work for the fundraising letter is done. Ramona will meet with her at the end of the month to see where she is.

Chief's Report: Chief Trick

- Truck 16 is still off line. Selig Ford has put in 3 sets of heads and they were all flawed. They don't know when the truck will be back. Chief has talked to them and told them that Truck 16 was needed back on line.
- New engine chassis are expected to be delivered May 12th
- The Chief would like the Membership Committee to revisit the membership levels.
- We will be doing the skills testing to make sure everyone can do the work at fire scenes. There are statistics showing an increase in injuries and court cases of paid and volunteer firefighters getting hurt at scenes.
- EMS Proposal – Chief Trick sent the proposal to Chief Rinaldo and when Chief Trick talks to Chief Rinaldo he was told that Chief Rinaldo sent the proposal to the Town Manager to review. Town Manager talked to Jamie on the proposal and he felt the Town Manager had no problem with it and sent it back to Chief Rinaldo.
- Knox Boxes – New ones were ordered but they were the wrong kind so they were sent back.
- License Checks – Looking into having license checks for all members. Will probably start with the members that have been to the most calls from 7/1/15 to 3/31/15.
- Would like to put up a chain-link fence inside MH Rhodes once our section is cleaned out.
- Tower Climb results – Ramona 1st in her age group, Dave Costill 1st in his age group, Tom Sherber 1st in his age group did it in 61/2 min. with pack. There were 8 members that did the climb. Carol Peckham (Russ Peckham's daughter) joined our team because she was by herself. She was 1st in her age group and fastest overall.

Old Business:

- The Muster truck trailer – Harvey priced used trailers on line and the price was \$3,700. Troy from T&J would give us \$4,000 for trade in for an 18' enclosed trailer for the boat which would make the cost for the department \$2,650 to purchase the trailer. Harvey did get an offer from a worker at public works for \$3,000. Jean Barton made a motion to table any decision on this for next month with Ramona Mansfield seconding. Vote taken and passes with Harvey Reeser and John Boullie opposing.
- 75th Anniversary – Harvey Reeser
 - State will not commit to close Rte. 167.
 - Don't know what will happen with MH Rhodes property.
 - Very expensive to host State Firemen's Convention.

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to go into Executive Session with Rick Solari seconding. Went into Executive Session at 20:50.

Came out of Executive Session at 21:20

Adjourned at 21:21 (GB)