

## MINUTES OF THE 867<sup>th</sup> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, June 2, 2015

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

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

**Other Members Present:** Chris Balich, Matt Caron, Aaron Gelber, Mike Nolan, John Ryan, Dave Theriault and Bob Theriault.

### Members Comments:

- Lt. John Ryan presented to the Board a proposal to purchase new lockers for member gear. The gear is in the sun quite a bit and is getting UV damage along with other damage from exhaust, dust, etc. With the new lockers there would be room for more gear in the same amount of space.
- Capt. Nolan addressed the Board about having the trumpets that were received as trophies engraved. He is in the process of getting quotes for the engraving and will report back to the Board with pricing. Capt. Nolan feels that the trumpets should be used in parades.
- Capt. Nolan also asked the Board to approve the money to change the fire police uniform coat buttons from gold to silver, their hat bands and badges also from gold to silver so that every uniform is identical. Jean will get the pricing for this and report back to the Board.

### Board Member Comments:

- Jamie DiPace asked if the Board would approve sponsoring tee signs at the Simsbury and Tunxis Hose Golf Tournaments. This will be brought under New Business.
- Jean Barton got two quotes for cleaning the kitchen. One was from ServiceMaster and the other was from Hoodz Co.
- Ramona Mansfield – Cleaning problems at Company 3 and would like an update on the stair project. Need to have a no tobacco use policy. Members are complaining about cups being left with tobacco spit in them. Jamie DiPace suggested that members tell the ones that are doing this to stop.

Minutes of the 866th Board Meeting minutes were approved.

### Secretary Report: Jean Barton

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

### Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- Total cash in the Corp of \$253k, \$152k is set aside for the Live Burn leaving about \$101k unencumbered.
- Continued Corp losses on the year of about \$11k but this has improved a great deal since last month (15k in losses in prior month) due to some fundraising dollars and our annual letter campaign..
- For Budget we spent about \$23.5k in the current month compared to \$41k in the prior years' same month. Total spent in the current year is about \$335k versus \$370k in the prior year. Currently we have about \$321k to spend versus \$259k in prior year. Time to spend; everything must be encumbered by June 30.
- Blum AUP - Update
  - Comment on no encumbered letter from 2012 will stay and as with 2014 we will continue to do this.
  - Comments regarding no bid will recommend:
    1. Informal Board approval/notification through email
    2. Adoption of an exception based purchasing policy. Joe has town forms to help with this.

- Our 990 is ready for review. Joe will email it to the Board for them to look over and approve.

**Town Representative: Jamie DiPace**

- Cleaning of Fire Stations – Jamie has had talks with Brandon about the cleaning issues at the fire stations. He will continue to keep the town apprised of this. Jamie asked the Chief if he could have a report done on the key system when the cleaning people are in the buildings to clean.
- Community Club – Working on getting that taken down. Capt. Sedlak is looking into maybe his employer, Manafort Brothers, donating dumpsters. Suburban will take down the structure for free.
- Live Burn Building – Should have a pretty good idea how much the building will cost in about 3 to 4 weeks.
- Wine & Beer Tasting – We made around \$2,000 on this event.

**Committees Report: Ramona Mansfield**

- Recruitment and Retention committee will be starting up again. Will send out an email with details.
- Membership Committee met before the May Corporation meeting and they are looking into revamping definitions of membership.
- Ops Manual – Need to have the Board members who have not done their project to get them done and returned to Gina. Need Board members to take on some more items to look over from the Chief and Rob because they cannot do everything that was assigned to them since Rich Shillington has taken a leave of absence.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met decided that we would not be able to hold the State Convention here. A letter has to go out from the Board to Connecticut Firefighters Association letting them know of this decision.

**Chief's Report: Chief Trick**

- Aaron Gelber took Ladder 12 to the funeral of Chief Rick Bouchard of Tunxis Hose Fire Department.
- Jon Widing sent an email to resign as Chaplain of the department. He suggested someone to the Chief and the Chief will be talking to both Jon and the person he recommended and will report back to the Board.
- Company 4 floor. Will have to take \$14,000 out of budget to reinforce the floor at Company 4.
- Ladder 12 went through phase 1 for ladder testing.
- There have been a lot of emergency repairs on the trucks.
- Hose and ladder testing will be done next Friday.
- Officers' meetings will be moved to the last Thursday of the month so that they meet just before the Board meetings.
- Plans for the new trailer have not been completed yet. Chief asked if this could be tabled until next month.
- Truck 16 – Miscommunication with the dealer. Dealer thought that we were having a company supply the head so they did not order it. This is now straightened out and Truck 16 should be back in service soon.
- Staff meeting with Chiefs for budget review next Monday. Looking into what may be left to encumber.
- Trophy case should be gone over and cleaned out. Chiefs, Trick, DiPace and Reeser will take on this project.

**Old Business:**

- Enclosed Trailer and Equipment – Sale of Muster Truck Trailer – Tabled until July meeting

**New Business:**

- Mike Transue's Request – Mike Transue requested he be moved to Retired Veteran status. Harvey Reeser made a motion to accept his request with Ramona seconding. Vote approved to accept the request and bring to the membership.
- Joe Kowalczyk made a motion to bring into new business sponsoring tee signs at the Simsbury Fire Department and Tunxis Hose Golf Tournaments. This motion was seconded by Mike Galliher. Motion approved. After some discussion Rick Solari made a motion to sponsor tee signs up to \$200 each tournament with Harvey Reeser seconding. Motion was approved.

Adjourned at 20:45 (GB)

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