

## MINUTES OF THE 868<sup>th</sup> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, July 7, 2015

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

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

**Other Members Present:** Chris Balich, Matt Caron, and Bob Theriault.

### Members Comments:

- Capt. Bob Theriault asking for a new stove over at Co. 3 it's well over due. An electric one quoted at \$1,700. The building does already have gas. Capt. Speich would like that to be looked into as an option. Also the overhead door and opener where the Mack is stored. It's an accident waiting to happen, will bring it up under new business.

### Board Member Comments:

- Harvey Reeser - Contributing Patron plaque replacement from discount trophy. It costs more to use same name plates than to duplicate everything for \$200. Title issue has been resolved we now have title for truck 18. Trucks 6, and 16 have no titles the DMV doesn't know their existence. Muster truck trailer was sold for \$4,000 and picked up.
- Jean Barton- Requesting at the upcoming corporation meeting, members help remove items out of the kitchen of Co. 1 so that the cleaning co. will be able to come in and do their job. Spoke to the secretary of the CT Fire Police Association under state statue Fire Police are considered police so they could still remain gold. Will still look into the pricing. Also will be stepping down as chairman from the clambake. After 7 years it's time for someone else. Hoping after the Corporation meeting announcement, whoever is interested could shadow this years.
- Jamie DiPace- have to praise for all the work Harvey Reeser did during the hose and ladder testing asked if we could send him out to dinner, please do something.

Minutes of the 867th Board Meeting minutes were approved with two corrections. One correction the trailer verbiage corresponds with actions that took place. The second correction is the title attachment, the minutes heading the numbering has to be corrected. Ramona Mansfield made a motion and Jean Barton seconded.

### Secretary Report: Jean Barton

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

### Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- There is total cash in the Corp of \$276k, with \$159k set aside and due to the Live Burn Training Facility. This leaves approximately \$117k of actual funds that are free of restrictions.
- The Corp for the first time this year is showing a nice little net income from operations of almost \$6k, (last month was a \$11k loss) which is clearly due to almost \$45k of letter campaign funds coming through in June.
- For Budget - see number 5, a lot was spent, not much more to say.
- Blum AUP - Update - it is being issued and we should receive the final report soon I hope which I will pass along as soon as I receive it.
- There are 2 new reports attached for you look at to show an overall view of the budget amounts in total. Report 1 labeled "AVFD Budget Look Back" is a three year look back, by budget line item, which will show spending in comparison. Report 2 labeled "Prior and Current Month" is a two year comparison of spending by month, by line item for comparison. Both I hope bring you some value.
- In the coming month there will be few adjustments to these statements which will be reflected in the August numbers and I will point out at the next meeting. The first change will be related to how we display encumbered funds, which once are final for the budget year, I will make the adjustment. The second change will be a review of the live burn building funds that have come

through the letter campaign which may or may not result in a change. I will explain both of these further at the meeting Tuesday.

**Town Representative: Jamie DiPace**

- Took Brandon Robertson down to see the chassis wanted to see what it looked like. Craig the owner says the chase has exactly what it needs.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> marking the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the accident on bottom of Avon Mountain invitations have been sent out. Will start at 7:15 our honor guard will work together with the Avon Police Dept.
- Engineer is looking at the floor at Co. 4 plans available next week.
- Verizon and the utility pole- DOT now say they need to think about it, might not be okay to do. We are continuing this effort and will keep the board posted with any progress.
- Community club dumpster quotes- Manafort 100 yard trailer would need four at \$1,600 a piece or suburban gave an estimate of \$580-\$600 for one 30 yard dumpster.
- Training Facility- sent out to bid as a package building and fees. We received a couple bids, looking to sit down with Farmington, in the next few weeks to see who we go with.

**Committees Report: Ramona Mansfield**

- Recruitment and Retention met they decided to place applications at all the stations and on every apparatus.
- Membership Committee formed a subcommittee to reevaluate all classification for membership narrowed it to a few. The whole committee will be meeting on Monday. Mandatory age requirement has come back up and will be discussed.
- Ops Manual – Conversion is moving along, some people still have outstanding items.
- Planning Committee is trying to come up with the next meeting date Chief Appell and Captain Speich have agreed to co-chair.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee need to reschedule the meeting.
- At the Membership Committee and Officers meeting we agreed to remove excused from attendance sheets so either you are there or not. Will make it easier in FH for stat reports, this is only a recommendation as of now.

**Chief's Report: Chief Trick**

- Gear rack has been ordered for Co.1
- Trophy case – The Chief, Jamie DiPace, and Harvey Reeser still have to meet on this project.
- Reminder St. Matthew 5K race will be this Saturday July 11, bring your pet.
- Tom Sherber, Jeremy Kaswer and Reece Newberg will be on military leaves shortly.
- Budget meeting- the President was included few items had to be cut. The windows at Co. 1 and Co. 4's door didn't make it in this budget. Engine 9 \$1,000 deductible was encumbered.
- Moving forward with the new budget we have to watch accounts for the apparatus and building expenses.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Joe Kowalczyk made a motion to bring into new business up to 4 dumpsters for the removal of pool club house this motion was seconded by Mike Galliher. Motion approved.
- Jean Barton made a motion and John Boullie seconded to discuss about the Mack garage door. John Boullie then made a motion to table this to have the door looked at if it's a safety issue we spend up to \$500 and possibly have the Mack truck moved to Co. 2 Joe Kowalczyk seconded, motion approved.

Adjourned at 20:40 (KC)