

MINUTES OF THE 876th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, March 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Shillington at 19:00.

Board Members Present: J. Barton, M. Caron, J. DiPace, M. Galliher, W. Green, J. Kowalczyk, R. Mansfield, R. Shillington, R. Solari. Excused: M. Trick

Other Members Present: B. Appell, A. Corrado, A. Gelber, S. McMahon, J. Reber, D. Theriault, R. Theriault, Diane Theriault

Minutes were approved with a motion from Mike Galliher and seconded by Jean Barton

Communication from Department Members: None

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- Corporation – There is total cash in the Corp. of \$605k down from \$621k due to normal activity. This includes the following:
 - Encumbered Funds of \$20k
 - Town of Avon Grant Money of \$416k
 - Live Burn funds of \$65k (about \$8k is related to outside sources)
 - Corporation Funds of \$104k that are free of restrictions.
 - Biggest cash activity on the month was the Town paying back election day traffic fees with expenses being next to nothing
- Again, without the letter campaign and with no major expenses this month things are still very quiet for the Corporation. Trending extremely consistent with last month, we are showing a loss of about \$8k or \$9k. To be expected, as it is not our big fundraising season.
- Budget – We spent \$25k (\$73k in prior year for the month. Overall we have spent \$247k of our \$663k leaving \$416k remaining. Prior year at this point we had spent \$262k of \$642k. Tracking it by percentage, we are 37% of our spending compared to 41% in prior year.

Town Representative's Report: Jamie DiPace

- Company 4 floor - Having a meeting with structural engineer to see where we stand. We should have stamped construction plans next week and then we will be able to go for bids.
- Training Facility – Trying to get from the State the wage rates for construction. Once we get that then we can proceed. Avon Water Co. is donating material and supply some help to install the water. Looking into whether the town's public works could clean up site in preparation of starting the building phase.

Chief's Report: Pertinent Items were read by President Shillington

- Daytime response has fallen to critical levels. The most difficult period is from 0600-1000 and 1500-1900. We need to target recruitment for the daytime period. Our recruitment committee is very aware.
- Co. 4 floor reinforcement program under way. Engineer will provide stamped drawings soon so we can have Bruce Williams get quotes. Bruce has developed a plan in response to the town manager's request. The town representative is going to provide a letter to the town manager summarizing the need.

Unfinished Business:

- Peer Fitness Program – After some discussion and some explanations from Capt. Corrado Joe Kowalczyk made a motion to accept the proposal with the correction of points reimbursement to Bonus points with Jamie DiPace seconding. Motion was passed with Rick Solari opposing.
- By-Law Article V Revision – After some discussion and with some members emailing their concerns about the revision the Board decided to give the By-Law Article V revision back to the Membership committee to look into the suggestions made by some members and return the revision back to the Board with their recommendations before the April Board meeting.
- AVFD 75th Anniversary – Dave Theriault presented some details pertaining to what the committee is looking into doing and how much money the committee will need to start preparations. The committee is still looking into having the State Convention here in 2018. Need to work out some details. After some discussion Joe Kowalczyk made a motion to put aside up to \$10,000 to start with the stipulation that if more is needed they would come back to the Board. This motion was seconded by Ramona Mansfield. Motion was passed.
- Motion was made by Matt Caron to bring under Unfinished Business the appointment of Board reps for all companies. Motion was seconded by Ramona. Motion was passed.
- The following Board members were assigned to Companies:
 - Company 1 – Tad Green
 - HQ and Company 2 – Rick Solari
 - Company 3 – Ramona Mansfield
 - Company 4 – Mike Galliher
 - Fire Police – Jean Barton
 - Explorers – Matt Caron

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to go into Executive Session with Jean seconding. Went into Executive Session at 20:24

Came out of the Executive Session at 20:40

The Board voted to make Mike Galliher Vice President.

Meeting adjourned at 20:42 (GB)