

MINUTES OF THE 879th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 7, 2016

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

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

Other Members Present: A. Corrado, Steve Gottlieb, & Bob Theriault.

Comments from Members:

- Bob Theriault was concerned with the 2016 Fundraising letter the way it went out. People are confused with the return address being out of state. Residents want to make sure the AVFD is receiving their donations in its entirety. President Shillington reassured the board and others present, it was in numerous local publications such as local papers and on our website of the changes.
- Bob Theriault also mentioned his concerns and how the By-Law changes were presented to the membership. He shows interest on joining the membership committee.

Minutes of the May 5th Board Meeting had two minor changes. “**Cad**” changed to “**Card**” also Bruce **William** changed to “Bruce **Williams**” a motion was made by Ramona Mansfield and seconded by Matt Caron then approved.

Communication from Board/Discussion on published Board Reports:

Rob Shillington:

- Attended the town council meeting this past Thursday, a few topics were discussed. The Town Council took \$200,000 out of our Apparatus Fund and a certain portion of that was paid to the Engineer who worked on the floor renovations at CO. 4. The remainder which was about \$187,000 the council donated to the Training Live Burn Building as the Towns contribution. Shillington is waiting to hear back from Jennifer regarding a meeting with Town Manager Brandon Robertson.
- Neighborhood Assistant Act: put together a proposal with the Vice President, the presentation went very well.
- Meeting with Chief Trick, Jamie DiPace, Steve Kushner regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development. Each department should have a high level strategic document of what each department's needs are over the next 5-10 years, validated with supportive information.

Explorers: Matt Caron

- Graduation is this Thursday; we have 1 explorer graduating. Explorers will stop meeting on Wednesday nights over the summer and will attend Monday night drills until the school year starts up. Capt. Mansfield suggested the Station Officers be made aware of who is reporting to which station.

Chief's Report: Michael Trick

- Chief Appell and I will be pulling together quotes of fire department equipment. Looking into the dollar amounts of where we stand in our current budget and how we will spend the remaining.
- Board needs to be made aware of some earmarked savings we have incurred and will be using. The wall and storage area on MH Roads is being moved forward looking at \$13,800 (material, electrical, framing etc.) It's a 1/5th of the building size, AVFD will only have access, alarm system will be installed.
- Working with the State regarding traffic preemption system on route 44 from the bottom of the mountain all the way to the west. This would roughly cost \$14,000. Current system was originally installed 12-14 yrs. ago and has numerous issues. Also intersection with Country Club and West Avon is being looked into. It has never had one, starting one from scratch will run around \$13,137 lots of labor is involved.
- Considering Eagle Storage unit be placed near the patio of Co. 1. Move the gear from the bays and into a clean and dry environment. Due to lack of space, new Special Ops Captain would have his office in there temporarily. To purchase it'd be \$14,000 the company would work out a deal, lease to own and expenses would be built into our budget. Rental roughly \$5,000/year and % of it would go towards rental and the other % would be to pay to own, if we go that route.
- Muster Truck move it forward while the wall is being constructed at MH Roads. Looking at new equipment for E-11 possibly spare nozzles and to have extras of a good quality.
- Recommend a gift for Harvey Reeser for the time spent with the hose and ladder testing also GK visits.

- Supplied air system purchased with SCBA back in 2005. It's sitting languishing out in our trailer, has not been used. We are exploring ideas a possibly donating it to UCONN Medical Center Fire Department they are our Regional Haszmat resource and support for us. I'm working with Chief Brown looking into the process and how they can receive something like this. It will be obsolete in 4 years unless they maintain it. This will be discussed with the Town Manager when President Shillington has his meeting with him.
- Approached by my barber on RT44 and he is very interested in sponsoring a fundraising event. Capt. Mansfield suggested the Chief reach out to Capt. Gelber.
- Chief Trick gave an update on the radios project.

Unfinished Business:

- By-Law Article V – Ramona Mansfield said the membership committee did meet and suggested it to be broken up into sections nothing was done yet. There will be a meeting at the end of the month, and these topics will be brought back up.
- Some cleaning up of company lists and tasks of volunteers making sure everyone is active and following through with their tasks. HQ Director is working with the Chief on a spread sheet of volunteers and their job duties.

New Business:

- Medical Officer Adam Corrado requesting formation of a new Health and Safety committee. The number of projects on his agenda is exceeding his capability of getting it all done. Committee shall be made up of members and will be appointed by the Fire Chief. Requirements will be in the Operations Manual. Rick Solari made a motion to form a committee with Capt. Mansfield seconding.
- Physicals are progressing and anyone who doesn't have their physicals updated will be pulled off line according to the schedule posted by Chief Trick.
- After much discussion Capt. Mansfield made a motion with Rick Solari seconding for the following revisions of the Operations Manual Sections: 6.9.12, 6.11.1, 6.11.2, 6.11.3, 6.11.4, 6.11.4, 6.12.6 and 6.10.2. A vote was taken and was approved. AA3 in the AOG's won't have changes made just yet.
- Physical Performance Qualification Evaluation created to maintain standards a practical course was tested by a few members. The practical course entailed of 10 stations and was finished within 10-13 minutes. Participants were Chief Trick, Capt. Gelber, Capt. Corrado, Lt. Caron, everyone did very well.
- Lt. Caron made a motion with Mike Galliher seconding for the gift certificate to be discussed for Harvey Reeser. The \$150 dollar visa gift card amount was suggested a motion was made by Rob Shillington and with Mike Galliher seconding.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:36 (KC)