

MINUTES OF THE 880th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Shillington at 19:03.

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

Others Present: Eagle Scout Jack Eschert and Mr. Eschert

Minutes of the June 7th meeting were approved with a motion made by Ramona Mansfield and seconded by Joe Kowalczyk.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Jack Eschert Eagle Scout Avon Troop #274

- Jack's presentation was a project to construct Modular SCBA Maze. He is basing his designs on the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department's Modular SCBA Maze. He has preliminary ideas and was asking the Board if this is something they would be interested in. After some questions and looking up the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department's web site and see what the project would look like the Board said they were interested and would take this up under new business.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- There is total cash in the Corporation of \$335k, of this there is approximately \$164k of funds that are free of restrictions and belong to the Corporation. There are no donations for the Burn Building remaining and no restricted Board money. The \$171k remaining are Town grant funds to be encumbered or spent.
- The Corporation for the first time this year is showing a very large net income from operations of almost \$52k, which is clearly due to almost \$62k of letter campaign funds coming through. These are very strong collections to this point, last year, we were only \$45k through June 30th.
- For Budget there is not much to say. Everything is spoken for basically.
- We will be changing our credit card processing once the golf tournament is over to save us a few bucks a month and consolidate everything with Simsbury Bank & Trust.
- We will be closing the Farmington Bank accounts and moving all remaining money to Simsbury by 7/29 at the latest. There are no remaining checks with outstanding and all credit cards are paid and activity has ceased, we will then open a sweep account with Simsbury Bank & Trust.

Town Representative's Report – Jamie DiPace

- Brandon has asked a couple of questions about the storage containers, hopefully these can be answered so the project can move forward.
- Training Facility – The foundation is completed and the floor has been poured. This week the outside slab will be completed. The erection of the building will begin on July 12th and should be completed in 60 days. Jamie is working with UTC for their final part of the donation. (\$30,000). They want to provide a system that they produce (like a fire alarm). I have asked for a fire standpipe system, unfortunately they do not own a company that installs this type of system. We have paid roughly \$169,00 so far. I am unable to provide what PW has provided in kind services. (Laurie Rotondo has been out) Bruce believes it is at least \$100,000. This does not include his or Paul Welsh's hours. The town has \$186,000 set aside which will be used for the paving and other items. The AVFD will have more bills to pay, some will be covered by the UTC donation and others will come from the other corporate donations,
- Company 4 – The engineer has the steel submittals, he needs to review and approve.

Chief's Report – Mike Trick submitted via email

- Wall at MH Rhodes is up and waiting for electrical. The town's schedule will be 2 weeks. Then garage door and locks can go in. Alarm is going in but that's on town's dime. We must be vigilant to keep the door locked prior to the electronic locks.
- The hydrant has been raised and other small improvements made. The Chief doesn't want to put too many funds there as our training building will be open soon. It is nice to have a backup.

- The FF qualifications course will run there on July 16th.
- New hose washer is downstairs.
- Part of the LDH system showing up. We have a staff meeting planned next week to look at an overview.
- New truck has begun its training phase. Going well.
- We received final approve from the P&Z for the satellite office space. The town representative showed some caution as we try to make station improvements we don't skew the results of a study. We are waiting for the town to level a pad then we can get the container. Chief Kline is ready for the communications and the town will wire it up.
- Company 4 floor has been saw cut and steel submittal is pending. Bruce Williams feels another few weeks to get submittals then 4 weeks for steel. The concrete person will have everything ready by then. Hopefully mid-August truck will be at Co. 4.
- Chief is waiting on information about the supplied air system. The state can take it when we want. I will need transfer papers.
- We have 6 new drivers who passed last Saturday. Chief thanked Capt. Mansfield and Lt. Carron for all the prep and work to get them there. Chief did send out previous email.
- The traffic signals fix is going to start about July 20th. The new signal is being sent to the Chief of Police for his endorsement probably on Wednesday night when I get a minute to finalize the package. I asked for comments from some and I incorporated that in the request.

Unfinished Business:

- By-Law Article III – After looking over both the original and the revision of this article. Ramona Mansfield made a motion to accept the revision with going forward removed from Section 3, paragraph 3. Matt Caron seconded and motion was passed.
- Restoration of the Mack – The Board would like a plan and estimates of what it will cost to do the restoration. Matt Caron will talk to Harvey and get the information for the next board meeting.

New Business:

- 9/11 Memorial Trip – After some discussion whether the Corporation should subsidize this trip for all members and their families, Some of the Board felt that it would be nice for recruitment and retention. Joe Kowalczyk made a motion to pay \$40 per member and family member up to \$1,500 with Ramona seconding. Vote was taken. Results are as follows: Mike Galliher, Matt Caron and Rick Solari voted against with Ramona Mansfield, Jean Barton and Joe Kowalczyk and President Shillington voting because of a tie. He voted for. Motion was passed.
- Eagle Scout Project – The Board decided to have Jack Eschert put together the information for what he will need and how long it will take for him to complete this project. Mike Galliher will contact Jack and let him know the decision of the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:30 (GB)