

MINUTES OF THE 890TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 2, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: J. Barton, P. Buonome, M. Galliher, R. Mansfield, M. Polesel, J. Ryan, R. Shillington and M. Trick. Excused: J. DiPace, J. Kowalczyk and W. Green

Others Present: D. Bianchi, M. Caron, A. Corrado, A. Gelber, S. Gottlieb, K. Matousek, S. McMahon, Dave. Theriault and Robert Theriault.

Minutes of the April 4th meeting were approved.

Communication from Members:

- Dennis Bianchi:
 - Flags on Members' Graves – Dennis brought to the Board an idea from Richard Rulon to purchase flags with a Maltese design on them to put on the members' graves at the West Avon Congregational Church Cemetery. There are 11 members buried there. The cost of the flags is \$2.25 ea. and the holders are plastic and cost \$8.50 ea. Richard Rulon would take care of putting them on the graves at this cemetery as he is the director. The Board liked this idea and asked Dennis to get pricing for more than just the 11 flags. He will do this and get back to the Board.
 - Golf Tournament – This year the tournament will be held on Monday, July 31st at Farmington Woods Golf Club. Dennis would like the raffle money to go towards the CT. Firefighters' Memorial. The Board did not see a problem with that.
 - Family Picnic – Plans are underway to hold the picnic on June 25th at Sycamore Hills and Dennis got approval for the families who attend to use the pool for free as long as they wear a bracelet which Dennis has and will give out that day.

Communications from Board Members:

- Peter Buonome requested the Board recognize the Explorers and their advisors for the great job they do on the fire scenes. Peter mentioned maybe the Board sending a letter to the Explorers and one to the Advisors. He also suggested that the department buy them new coats since some of the coats they have are really bad. The Chief told Peter that Tom does order coats for the Explorers and has already ordered 2 new coats for them. Peter thought maybe something could be done at the high school to recognize all the Explorers and what they do for the department,
- Jean Barton – Informed the Board that Dennis Shea, who was a fire police member and resigned when he moved out of state had died in a car accident.
- Matt Polesel – Feels that a Board member should be at the Officer Reviews and involved in the officers' selection. Some of the Board felt that the Chief has the say in who is made an officer and the review process of the officers is him or his designee's responsibility. Peter Buonome felt that the officers' meetings should be open to anyone who wanted to go. The Chief told the Board that the officers' meetings were his staff meeting and the officers should be comfortable to talk about things. He doesn't feel that these meeting should be open to members. He stated that any Executive Board member could come to the meetings. Rob has been to a few, but with his schedule and family he does not attend all the meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk (not present)

Chief's Report – Chief Trick

- Spending the Budget – Hose and Ladder testing will be done by the end of May or early June. Engine 9 was out for testing. No smoke device will be installed on Engine 9,
- Engine 10 should be done with taking care of the rust and painting. Waiting for Sign Pro to do the wrapping.
- Company 4 project is coming along slow. Need more priority put on this project.
- CAD system is up and running with the corrections for the new engines.
- Alpine Software is the best for what the department needs. We will be starting off with the basic package and add on as we need.
- Inviting the Board to attend the May 25th State FIO Commission's presentation review that will be held at Company 1 at 7:00 pm. President Shillington will send out an email invite to all Board members.

Committee Reports:

- 75th Anniversary – A budget draft was sent out to the Board in the email from President Shillington. Please look it over and bring any questions to the June meeting.
- Membership Committee – Met last month and will meet again in May.

Unfinished Business:

- Memorandum of Understanding – This is being looked at by an attorney.
- Wellness Program Initiates/Update – Captain Corrado updated the Board on this program and that it was ready to be put in the Ops Manual. Captain Corrado told the Board that Jeff Fleming will be bringing his truck to show the members and to also talk about what he is offering. Captain Corrado will explain the Wellness Program to the members at the Corporation meeting. (See attachments Baseline Fitness Training sheets and Functional Fitness Training).

New Business:

- Peter Buonome made a motion to bring under New Business the purchase of cemetery flags for members with Ramona Mansfield seconding. Motion was approved.
- Peter Buonome made a motion to purchase 20-25 cemetery flags with Ramona Mansfield seconding. Motion passed.

Jean Barton made a motion to go into Executive Session with Ramona Mansfield seconding. Motion passed. (Went into Executive Session at 20:40).

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to come out of Executive Session with Jean Barton seconding. Motion passed. (Came out of Executive Session at 21:30).

Meeting was adjourned at 21:32 (GB)