

MINUTES OF THE 893rd BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Shillington at 19:16

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Others Present: D. Bianchi, M. Caron, A. Gelber, S. Gottlieb, S. Levine-Shein, S. McMahon, Dave Theriault and Bob Theriault

Minutes of the July 11th meeting were approved with the following correction: Under Chief's Report page 3 fourth bullet it stated that the old Dakota's building was going to be a Japanese Restaurant and it is the old printing company building behind Dakota's that will be a Japanese Restaurant.

Communication from Members:

- Dennis Bianchi – If the Corporation is going to do another golf tournament the Board needs to come up with a cause to raise the money and look into getting a 501 c 3 tax exempt certificate, so that we could raise money for other causes.
- Casey McDermott – The committee decided not to have children at this year's clambake, but did decide to have a family picnic on Saturday after the set up for the clambake. There has been no response for the family picnic. Not sure that will be a go. The committee decided to invite the three mechanics from the town. This year there will be lobster.

Communications from Board Members:

- Michael Galliher – The Department did receive the Neighborhood Assistance Grant which was for energy efficient heating systems for Company 1 and 2. Now we have to find companies to donate money. The companies that do donate will be able to take a 100% tax deduction of what they donate. Looking to get \$150,000.
- John Ryan – Would like to discuss maybe becoming a sponsor for the Rotary Golf Tournament on Sept 11, 2017. This will be brought under New Business.
- John Ryan – Would like to discuss replacing the softball equipment. This will be discussed under New Business.

President's Report: Rob Shillington

- Capital Improvement Budget will have to be started so that it can go to the town.
- Annual Report for the Town is being worked on.
- The following is a list of Board representatives for each company:
 - Company 1 – Tad Green
 - Company 2 – Ramona Mansfield
 - Company 3 – Matt Polesel
 - Company 4 – Peter Buonome
 - HQ John Ryan
 - Explorers - Mike Galliher
 - Fire Police – Jean Barton

- Chief Trick and President Rob Shillington will be meeting with a Risk Management representative from Travelers tomorrow night.
- ARGO will be delivered in a few weeks.
- Chief Appell reported to the Chief and President that the proposals for the Fire Police vehicle are out just waiting for them to come back.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk (On Vacation)

Town Representative Report: Jamie DiPace (On Vacation)

Chief's Report – Chief Trick (working)

Committee Reports:

- 75th Anniversary – S. McMahon
 - Steve and Dave Theriault are going to meet with a carnival company to find out what they have to offer to do a carnival the weekend of the State Convention, Will report back to the Board with this information.
- Membership Committee – Met last month and went over some items.
- Recruitment and Retention – Aaron Gelber – Three items that will be going on in the Fall:
 - Empty Nester Event will target parents of high school graduates that will not have children at home and might want to join the department.
 - PPQ Community Challenge
 - Avon Day – Will do some recruiting.
- SCBA – Nothing to report
- Company 4 Building Committee – Concrete is done in the basement.

Unfinished Business: None

The following items were motioned to bring under New Business:

- Mike Galliher made a motion to bring under New Business a discussion of having a position that would take over the management of the parades, Ramona seconded. Motion Passed.
- Mike Galliher made a motion to bring under New Business to set up a committee to explore having the Corporation establish a general scholarship Ramona Mansfield seconded. Motion Passed.
- John Ryan made a motion to bring under New Business being a sponsor at the Rotary Golf Tournament with Matt Polesel seconding. Motion Passed.
- John Ryan made a motion to bring under New Business replacing the softball equipment with Tad Green seconding. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- New softball equipment – John Ryan got a quote to replace the softballs, bases and home plate of around \$220. After some discussion which was brought up that there is a gaga pit in the field that a softball game might not work, it was suggested to still get some equipment. John Ryan made a motion to approve up to \$250 for replacement of softball equipment or other equipment that may be needed. Matt Polesel seconded. Motion Passed.
- Parade Drill Master – Since Mike Nolan resigned there has not been anyone in charge of getting everything organized for the parades. The Board felt that there should be a position in place to take care of all parades., Matt Polesel offered to do a job description and the Board will have to look at Bonus Points for that position, Tabled until next month.
- Exploratory Committee for General Scholarships – Mike Galliher would like to have a committee formed to look into this. After some discussion Mike Galliher made a motion to go forward with the committee with Matt Polesel seconding. Motion Passed.
- Sponsor Avon Canton Rotary Club Golf Tournament – It was discussed that for the Tunxis Hose and Simsbury Golf Tournaments the Corporation had done 2 Tee Signs at \$100 each and since the Rotary's Tee Signs sponsorship was \$200 the Corporation would do one tee sign. Mike Galliher made a motion to do one tee sign for \$200 this year to keep it consistent with the other departments we have sponsored. John Ryan seconded. Motion Passed.
- Honorary Membership Request – An honorary membership was proposed to the board to honor Mark Zacchio who is stepping down from being on the Town Council. Ramona Mansfield made a motion to make Mark Zacchio an Honorary Member with Mike Galliher seconding. Motion Passed. This will be done at the Annual Dinner.
- Membership Grid – President Shillington told the Board members how this came about. It was started by Jane Raczyk and Grace Bianchi who needed to know what each member level was entitled to and then this grid was sent to the Board in 2012 with a lot of question marks in some areas. The Board look at it in 2012 and filled in some of the questions and then again in 2015 for the rest of the questions that were still on the grid. The last items that were filled in was done recently by talking with the town about the insurances for the Explorers. Last month the Board members got a chance to look it over and make their suggestions for changes or to accept as is. After some discussion and with some suggestions that will be brought to the membership committee to look at and the Board members realizing that this is one of those items that could be changed as needed Ramona made a motion to accept as is with John Ryan seconding. Motion Passed with Tad Green opposing.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:52 (GB)