

## MINUTES OF THE 897th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 5, 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, W. Green, R. Mansfield, M. Polesel, J. Ryan and R. Shillington Excused: J. DiPace, J. Kowalczyk and M. Trick

**Others Present:** A. Corrado, M. Caron, A. Gelber, S. Gottlieb, S. McMahon, Bob Theriault and Don Wilson

Minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Remove S. Levine-Shein from Others Present and on page 4 under Communications from Board Members the third and fourth bullets should be one bullet.

### **Dollars for Scholars Informational Presentation:**

- Past President Steve Hahn and Current President Joann Beers explained how the Dollars for Scholars program is administered. They told the Board that it really doesn't make a difference if the department wants to do a scholarship every year or just this year and that there is no set limit on how much to put towards an AVFD scholarship.

### **Communication from Members:**

- Matt Caron brought before the Board a need for a Transport Vehicle that would fit the needs of the department. Matt hasn't done an extensive search for actual pricing. The information he did get was doing a website search. A new vehicle would cost around \$50,000 and some used vehicles ran from anywhere between \$20,000 to \$45,000. The type of vehicle Matt was looking into was a 16 passenger with a wheel chair lift so that the back of the vehicle could be caged off to hold items that would be needed when being used. He has talked with Assistant Chief Bruce Appell. Once the Board gives approval they will look into getting all the information and bring a proposal with prices back to the Board.

### **Communications from Board Members:**

- Matt Polesel brought up for discussion the Dollars for Scholars after the presentation. After some discussion the Board decided that if this is what they are going to do, there are still some items that must be checked into. The Board will have the Treasurer, Joe Kowalczyk look into how this can be accomplished.
- John Ryan presented to the Board a survey he drew up to get feedback from the members about the Annual Dinner due to getting some comments from a few that attended. The Board decided to hand these out at the January Corporation meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Ramona Mansfield asked how much was each Company allowed to spend on their Holiday Parties. She was told it is \$20 per member.
- Ramona Mansfield asked if the Clambake items stored at Company 2 could be moved to Company 3 due to storage shortages at Company 2. The Board didn't think that was a problem as long as the Chief and Captain of Company 3 Dave Theriault had no issues with the move.
- Matt Polesel asked the Board if they should put out an email asking if anyone is interested becoming a Parade Marshal to contact the Board. Jean Barton did mention that she was having problems getting a color guard together.

### **Secretary's Report: Jean Barton**

- Jean Barton read a letter of resignation from Retired Chief Harvey Reeser.
- Jean showed the Board a Polo Shirt to see if that was what the Board was thinking of doing for the members this year. It was decided that the one she had looked good and told her at the October Board meeting the Board had voted on spending up to \$5,000. Jean will get pricing for these shirts.

**Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk (no reports received. Joe out of Town for Work)**

**Town Representative Report: Jamie DiPace (Not present)**

**Chief's Report – Chief Trick (Not present)**

**Committee Reports:**

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - The contracts are all set for the carnival and the food trucks.
  - January 17<sup>th</sup> the department will be hosting the State Firefighters Irregulars meeting and dinner. Maggie Light will do the cooking. Each Irregular will pay \$22.00 for the dinner.
  - Captain Theriault and Steve McMahon went to visit all the residents on Thompson Road to give them a calendar and explain what will be happening in the coming year. The residents that weren't home were left the information.
  - Fireworks are still being discussed due to logistics.
- Recruitment and Retirement Committee: Will start meeting after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Health and Wellness Committee
  - Contaminants & Control Plan – There is a lot of research and there will be some changes coming to prevent cancer in the 2018 NFPA 1500. The committee is working on this plan which the department already has in process. The Chief will address this issue with the membership at the January Corporation meeting.
- Company 4 Building Committee
  - Plumber is done for now. Will continue when the sheet rock is up.
  - Electrical should be done in a couple of weeks.
- SCBA Committee
  - Waiting for quotes from Scott and MSA for the AFG grant.
  - MSA will be here in January to meet with the SCBA Committee about their product and the Scott representative will be meeting with the committee in February.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Bonus Points – Tabled for further review – January 2018
- By-Laws Article III John Ryan made the changes that were suggested at the November Corporation meeting from members. The Board members had just suggested changing the verbiage about the president's term being extended.
- Ramona Mansfield made a motion to approve Article III with that one change with Mike Galliher seconding. Motion passed with Peter Buonome opposing. John will make this correction and will make sure Article III is posted as all firehouses by December 8<sup>th</sup> so that this can be brought to the membership for a vote to accept the changes.
- Capital Improvement Budget – Mike Galliher gave out the departments PowerPoint presentation to each member of the Board. There was no discussion on this. The department's presentation to the Town Council is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ramona Mansfield made a motion to bring under New Business a discussion on a Transportation Vehicle with John Ryan seconding. Motion was passed.

**New Business:**

- Transport Vehicle – The Board agreed that this was needed. Peter Buonome suggested that Matt Carron check with the State and Federal surplus to see if they have anything. Matt Caron will work with Assistant Chief Appell on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 22:14 (GB)