

## **MINUTES OF THE 886<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING July 11, 2022**

President Nancy Crozier called the meeting to order at 19:33  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present: 56 Absent: 46

### **Oath of Membership:**

- The following Oaths were taken
  - Zoey Hatinen Captain of Explorers
  - Ian Doukas Lieutenant of Explorers
  - Eamonn Ferry Lieutenant of Explorers
  - Michael Galliher Engineer
  - Thomas Waldeck Engineer
  - Syed Hussain Regular Membership

### **Guest Speaker –**

- A representative from the EAP company came in to do a presentation of all the services that are available to the members and their families.

March 14, 2022, and May 9, 2022, minutes were approved.

### **President's Report – President Nancy Crozier**

- Board approved AOG AA-6 Restricted Duty and Light Duty
- AOG EX-4 Points Reimbursement was approved to increase all points from 5 to 7.

### **Chief's Report – Chief Appell**

- It has been a busy couple of months. Thank you for the turnout and hard work at the recent fires.
- Wyngate fire is still under investigation. This was a very labor intensive fire. A lot of resources were needed.
- July 13, 2022, will be the review of the Wyngate fire. One of the items that was noticed was a problem with accountability. This is something that will be worked on to come up with a system that will work better. The other problem that was noticed is there was no staging area away from the fire. The staging area was a section of the lawn as far away as possible from the fire.
- The town has hired a temporary person to fill in for us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She will work Tuesdays and Thursdays for the Engineering Department.
- The chairs and tables that are being used tonight were donated by Women's Health,
- July 18 and 19, 2022 the police department will be doing an Active Shooter drill and they are looking for people to be victims and helpers during this training. The fire department will not be part of the training, just need people to help out. Please let Chief Appell know if you can volunteer for this.

### **Town Representative's Report – James Speich**

- The company who did the study should have their report July 28, 2022. They will share their report with the fire department first. There should be a special board meeting to present the report to the department. The report will be presented to the Town Council at their September meeting.

### **AV-2 Assistance Chief Tom Kline**

- Radio Project – Quote is back from Motorola. Will be meeting with the new Police Chief to get his opinion on the project.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Thank You notes and other correspondences were read.

### Treasurer's Report – Reports were out for members to take.

- Corporate:
  - As of month-end we have total cash of \$454k which includes restricted cash of \$253k leaving us with unrestricted cash of the Corporation of \$201k.
  - For our fiscal year to date revenues, we have total revenues of \$529k. \$496k is from the town grant income. The remaining amounts are from donations and fundraising in current year and release of previously temporarily restricted net assets.
  - Expenses for the fiscal year to date are \$572k of which \$496k is from expenses associated with town grants. Corporation expense amounted to approximately \$76.5k in total. The largest spend categories are as follows: \$33.9k for Company 2 roof and driveway repairs, and \$12.9k annual dinner expenses. These remain basically unchanged since last month.
- Budget:
  - For the budget year our total for the 2022 fiscal year (July – June) is \$589k compared to a total budget of \$789k which is approximately 74.6% of total budget. ***Please note this is prior to encumbering for points reimbursements and other items which will be done later this month.*** When those amounts are finalized, I will provide an update on the final 21/22 budget year spend.

### Committees Reports: Jamie DiPace

- Fire Prevention – Dennis Bianchi
  - Taught some classes at Roaring Brook School in the spring. Will be back in both elementary schools next year. Will be able to do Fire Prevention week in both schools next year.
- History Committee – Carol Baldwin
  - The committee will be meeting on July 20, 2022, at Company 2 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested may attend.
- Recruitment Committee- Lt. Adriane Wright for Connor Goldie
  - Leadership change – Adriane Wright resigned as chair and Connor Goldie stepped up to fill position.
  - New Members – Company 4 has a new member, Garratt Long. Explorers: There are 5 new members that should be online in the next month or so. Fire Police has a new member. Nancy Haskins,
  - Upcoming Events:
    - August
      - ✓ Block Parties at Companies 3 and 4 dates still to be determined.
    - September
      - ✓ Recruitment event, looking at September 10<sup>th</sup> as potential date.
        - ❖ Mini carnival style event with extrication demo & hopefully fire extinguisher training as well.
        - ❖ Lions Club 9/11 ceremony: AVFD requested to bring truck and people.
        - ❖ West Avon Congregational Church Fall Festival – September 17, 2022
        - ❖ We discussed more public events the fire department can host such as pancake breakfasts and pasta dinners. The idea would be to start in September and try to do an event once every month or once every two months. Plans under development.
    - October:
      - ✓ Italian Festival, October 7 & 8, 2022 AVFD requested to bring a truck.
  - Printed Materials:
    - New tri-folds printed. All calendars (2 time normal order) distributed, none thrown away.
    - Crew spent a large chunk of one day distributing calendars and recruitment flyers, covering most of Avon businesses.
    - Pens will be going out to local businesses soon. Our name is everywhere.

**Committee Reports: cont.**

- Social Events – Dennis Bianchi
  - Annual Dinner needs a chairperson and a committee
  - Clambake Raffle – Dennis has received some prizes for the raffle.
- Fundraising – Dennis Bianchi
  - Last year the fundraising letter raised a net profit of \$77,705.91
  - This year's letter will be going to the board for their approval.
- Food Drive – Dennis Bianchi
  - The first food drive was done at Whole Foods. We did better than Dennis thought we would.
  - The second food drive was a big success. Having it at Stop and Shop in Simsbury is a very good location. We had the best year ever. We filled the food pantry plus filled a small closet and a lot of the floor space.
- 9/11 Ceremony – Captain Bloom will chair this.

**AV-3: Assistant Chief Joe Speich**

- All vehicles are back from the annual inspection.
- Hose testing is complete.
- Engine 14 needs body work done.
- Engine 10 has body damage. If anyone knows what happened, please let Chief Speich know.
- There is some equipment missing from the Wyngate fire and some ladders burnt and will have to be ordered. Ladder lead time is 18 months for delivery.
- Engine 7's radio is not working .parts need to be ordered. Please make sure you have a mobile radio on when in Engine 7.
- New trucks – there is no news from the town.
- Motor on Marine 2 is out for repairs.
- Please keep track of all equipment when at a call. If you go in with equipment, make sure you come out with the same equipment.
- Chief Speich has some questions about the foam we are using. He is waiting for the answers from DEEP. As of right now if you use the foam, you must report it to DEEP.

**AV-4: Assistant Chief Sedlak : No Report**

**AV-5 Deputy Chief Gelber**

- Graydon Salonia and Sam Schwarzhaupt passed Firefighter I course.

**Officers Reports: No Officers' Reports**

**Medical Officer – Adam Corrado**

- Fire Police members just completed their Performance Physical Evaluation.
- There have been some injuries. There are guidelines for what happens and what paperwork needs to be filled out in the Medical Guidelines folder at each station.

**Steward Report: Sharon Levine-Shein**

- We now have 2 places to bring uniforms to be altered. They are Battiston's and Men's Warehouse. If you bring anything to be altered, you must have the items dry cleaned before any alterations can be done.
- If you need anything from the steward, please be considerate and don't call her at 4 in the morning or the day before an event.

**Old Business:**

- By-Law Article I and Article V Revisions Voting
  - Ballot votes were given out the results are as follows: 32 votes for both Articles, 2 for just Article I and 2 for just Article V and 5 No votes and there were 15 votes not returned. Captain Bloom questioned the validity of the vote since there was nowhere on the ballot for a no vote.

**New Business:**

- Dream Ride – August 26, 27 and 28, 2022. The event director is asking if we could supply a truck. Chief Joe Speich will let Steve Gottlieb know if a truck will be available.
- Clambake – Captain Sanderson asked if a vote could be taken to see if the membership would like to keep the old Clambake format or go with a family event. The vote was to keep the old Clambake format not a family event.

**Good and Welfare – Brian Baldwin**

- If anyone is interested in doing the Tower to Tunnel run, please see Brian Baldwin,

Attendance Award: Nancy Crozier \$10.00

Pot O' Gold: There was only 75 cents collected. Will hold until next Corporation meeting.

Next Corporation meeting is August 2, 2022

Adjourned: 21:46 (GB)