

954th Board of Directors Meeting, September 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Crozier at 19:04

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: B. Appell, B. Baldwin, J. Borges, N. Crozier, J. DiPace, J. Farzinzad, G. Kline, T. Post, and James Speich. Excused: K. Shaw, R. Deming.

Other Members Present: Jean Barton, Chip Carpenter, Peter Delap, Tom Kline, Sharon Levine-Shein, James Reber, Dave Theriault, and Mark Wilson.

Minutes of the 953rd Board meeting were approved.

Communications from Members: None

Board Representative Reports:

- Company 1 – No report
- Company 2/Fire Police – No Report
- Company 3 - No Report
- Company 4
 - Brian reported on feedback to the board that he received from one of the Company 4 members. Email sent to the board members to provide input on a response to the member's feedback.
 - Jeff has transferred to Company 4. The board decided to reassign Brian and Jeff. Brian will be the rep for Company 3 and Jeff will be the rep for Company 4.
- Headquarters – No Report
- Explorers:
 - Tom reported there are 16 active explorers. They are starting the Wednesday Night drills on 9/8/22. There are a couple new explorers pending physicals. There were a couple of resignations due to relocation.

Committee Rep: Jamie DiPace

- Jamie commented on the positive feedback he received for the clambake. He reported the attendance was low. He commended the remarkable job Matt Polesel and Frank Lupis did in response to a medical emergency at the clambake. There were reported (17) 911 calls for the emergency. All who reacted and responded to the emergency performed with utmost professional and calm demeanor.
- The Dream Ride was a great success, and the task was significant. Rescue 8 participated in the event.
- Jamie received an invitation from the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Memorial Fund to the benefit dinner on October 3, 2022, at the Aqua Turf.

Treasurer – No Report

Town Representative: James Speich

- Jim spoke about the success of the Open House at Company 4.

President's Report: Nancy Crosier

- Nancy also reported on the success of the Company 4 Open House.
- There is a 9/11 picture in HQ. A thank You to be sent out for the picture.
- Our department won two trophies in the Winsted Parade. One for Best in Line and one for Engine 13.
- Received communication from the Clambake Co-Chairs that they will chair the committee next year.
- Nancy will work with Gina on the Community Event/Town Recreation Grant.
- There are several events to plan for (Winterfest, Lions Carnival September 2023, etc.).

Chief Report: Bruce Appell

- Bruce reported on the following:

Chief's Report cont.

- The CGR report will be presented to the Officers and the Board on 9/13/22.
- 9/11 Events - Memorial Service at the Town Green, Lions Club Hero Appreciation fair at the Senior Center staffed with Rescue 8 and Tanker 20, and Lions dinner at the North Hose recognizing a few department members. The Lions Club will be splitting the fund raising proceeds between the Police and Fire Departments.
- New software transition is in process. Connection issue between the Police CAD and the software has been resolved. The Go-Live date is TBD, possibly late October. Training on the software to be determined.
- A new HQ Staff person has started. She will initially work three days in HQ and two days at the Town's Human Resources office until a permanent replacement can be found for HR.
- A speedometer came in for the MACK. Installation will be scheduled.
- Engine 14 is out for repair. They found additional body damage and will be making repairs.
- Bruce is working on getting some buildings in town to use for training. (Old 99 & Dakota)
- Assistant Chief Kline continues to work on the issues with radio system and will work on resetting the dispatch channel with the scanner app.
- The Task Force is planning a drill (possibly in October on a Sunday. Jamie suggests it be a tanker drill to help with the ISO rating.
- Bruce continues to work with the vendor to replace the foam on the engines due to the mandate for removal of all the old foam per DEEP.

Unfinished Business:

- Jim Speich is working on a draft RFP for a Public Relations person/firm.
- Policy Updates: JD-1, JD-2, and MEM-3 were reviewed. Edits to be made for final approval at the next Board meeting.
- Chaplain Position: Jeff submitted a job description for review.
- There is no update on the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Grant.
- Annual Awards: Tom and Joe will meet with Lynn to finalize.
- Suggestions from the Suggestion Boxes: The suggestions were pulled from the boxes and reviewed. Gina will add them to the spreadsheet.
- Out of Town Members Tax Abatement – Removed from the agenda. The town says the ordinance is good.

New Business:

- The Lion's Club is planning a carnival for September 2023. They are asking the department's help with the planning of the event.
- The Annual Dinner Invitation list was approved.

Other Business –

- The following items were added to Other Business
 - Lions Club Dinner 9/11/22 at North House: Reimbursement for cost approved for the Chief(+1), President(+1), and the award recipients attending the event.
 - Special Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the Special Board Meeting on 8/25/22 were approved.
 - CT Firefighters Association Dinner: Purchase of a table (\$500.00) for 10 guests approved. Announcement to be made at the Corporation Meeting 9/12/22.
 - Duty Vehicle: Bruce informed the Board that there is a need to add a second Duty Vehicle to the fleet. Bruce will draft a Needs report and submit it to the Board.
 - Board approved the start time 7:00 pm as the Corporation meeting on 9/12/22.

Next board meeting will be October 4, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 22:34 (BB)