

MINUTES OF THE 889th CORPORATION MEETING November 14, 2022

Vice President Gina Kline called the meeting to order at 19:32
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: 57 Absent: 49

Oath of Membership:

- The following probationary members took their Oath of Regular Membership:
 - Graydon Salonia
 - Ronald Salonia
 - Christine Adajian

New Members were announced:

- Ryan Bagley Company 3
- Erin McCall Fire Police
- Ben Shapiro Fire Police

Members Who Passed Firefighter II Exam:

- Sean Freiman from Company 1
- Graydon Salonia from Company 3

The 888th Corporation minutes were approved.

Presidents Report – Gina Kline

- November 16th the department will be hosting the Hartford County Fire Chiefs' dinner and meeting.
- Annual Dinner is this Saturday, November 19th.
- Engine 10 will be decorated for the Simsbury Torchlight Parade and will stay decorated for the Santa Express.
- We still need a department, Chaplain.
- We are going to look for a new Treasurer with CPA qualification.
- After receiving feedback from the members regarding the Member in Good Standing AOG the committee will be meeting this Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 at Company 1. If you are interested in attending, please do.

Secretary – Brian Baldwin

- Correspondences were read.

Treasurer's Report – No Report

Committee Executive – Jamie DiPace

- Santa Express – Dennis Bianchi
 - If you are interested in participating, please let Dennis know the names, ages and what type of toys your child/children would like. He will be going out to purchase the toys within the next week. Looking to do this the first or second week in December.
- History Committee Carol Baldwin
 - Carol will be sending out an email for the next meeting.
- Secret Santa Party is December 10th at Company 4. RSVP by November 25th.
- Holiday Station Decoration Contest – Adriane Wright
 - The voting for the best decorated station will be done by the public. Something will be put on our social media account to have the public vote between December 11 and December 18th. The board approved \$200 per station for decorations.

Committee Executive Report cont.

- Fundraising – Dennis Bianchi
 - The fundraising letter has raised to date \$45,475.00. This total is after expenses.
- Fire Prevention – Jamie DiPace
 - STEP program is being taught to the 6th grade at Thompson Brook School by Jamie and Chief Appell.

Chief's Report – Chief Appell

- Chief Appell introduced Susan Guimaraes to the membership.
- Home Goods is starting demolition today. They have to be finished by spring. That whole plaza is going to get a new facelift.
- The Old Farms Road project is going to referendum to realign and straighten the road. This referendum will be just a yes or no vote.
- Old Farms School is having a problem with their CO2 alarm due to an issue with the ovens.
- Nod Rd. development want to put in 50 or so units. This will be up for review by the zoning and planning committee.
- CGR Update
 - The Town is waiting for the official letter from the board to go ahead with the recommendations from this report.
 - Town is working on a contract for new apparatus
 - Building phase – Site across from Company 3 is being looked at by wetlands engineer to get a report to the town. Possible location for the new Company 3 station.
 - Town is ready to turn everything over to a building committee,
 - Phase III of the report is Recruitment and Retention of membership.
 - Incentive programs to keep members. Will have a group to look into member benefits which will mean a bigger impact to the town.
 - Board will be looking at the whole membership picture.
 - Committee to look at what is good today and what will be needed in the future.
- There is a citizen that lives in Hunter's Run that is looking to donate some furniture and other items.
- CIP budget presentation to the Town Council is schedule for December 1, 2022.
- Operating Budget – The chiefs are working on this now and will present it to the board at the December Board meeting,
- November 16th is the Hartford County Chiefs' dinner.
- Rehab unit request have been coming in. If you would like to be involved, please let Chief Appell know and he will make sure you get trained,
- Officers, please make sure you have all paperwork from September or earlier into HQ so it can be entered before the tax abatement reports have to be run.
- If you need Firefighter I or II classes, please see Deputy Chief Gelber because the spring classes fill up fast.

AV2 - Chief Tom Kline

- It is hard to get hardware and batteries for the pagers. The batteries are taking a couple of months to get them in. Please take care of your pagers,
- Radio Project – Upgrading the tower all the paperwork has been filed with the state to approve. Chief Kline will send out the link so that you can let the commission know if you are for or against the approval. Working with the state to help fund the project for the department,

AV3 – Chief Joe Speich

- Truck 16 is out of service.
- Truck 17 is located at Company 3
- Engine 13 should be returned tomorrow.
- Engine 9 is being taken out of service permanently. Everything is being taken off and Chief Speich will be doing an inventory. If you need something, please ask Chief Speich before you take anything.
- The new Hazmat trailer is back from Sign Pro,
- The town is going to do a contract for a new ladder and engine sometime in February or March. We probably won't see the new trucks until 2024. Once the town signs the contract then the trucks will be put in a queue for the building of the truck by when the contracts are received. Then there will be a final meeting to go over the specifications to make sure we are ready for when the trucks will be built.
- Please make sure you put the equipment back when you are done at a call. Whatever equipment you use should come back with you. We are having to replace missing equipment or broken equipment which is something that is not budgeted.
- Green foam can be used but you still have to notify DEEP when you use it.
- Ladder 12's extension ladder was broken. There is one at M.H. Rhodes if you want to use that one until a new one comes in.

Old Business:

- Election of 3 board members for the 3 open seats.
 - There are only 2 applicants that qualify. Gina Kline and Chip Carpenter
 - The secretary will cast the vote for these two members and Secretary Brian Baldwin will post the remaining open seat and that third applicant will be approved by the board after checking to make sure they qualify and will be presented to the membership for the vote at the December 12th corporate meeting.
 - Andrew Bloom made a motion to accept the two applications, Gina Kline and Chip Carpenter, with Jack McGuire seconding. Secretary Brian Baldwin cast the vote. Gina Kline and Chip Carpenter are the two new board members

New Business:

- Carr Hardware held a yellow bucket sale fundraising event and gave Dennis Bianchi a check in the amount of \$344.14 from this event.

Pot O' Gold: \$32.26 Dave Bourgoin won
Attendance - \$10.00 Nick Mathein won.

Next Corporation meeting is December 12, 2022

Adjourned: 20:42 (GB)