

## MINUTES OF THE 890<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING December 12, 2022

President Nancy Crozier called the meeting to order at 19:16.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present: 48 Absent: 56

### **Oath of Membership:**

- None

Motion made to approve the 889<sup>th</sup> Corporation minutes: Andrew Bloom. Motion seconded: Joe Farzinad.  
Motion approved by majority.

### **Presidents Report – Nancy Crozier**

- Dave Theriault has been appointed in charge of Good & Welfare. Anyone can reach out to Dave to help, if interested.

### **Secretary – Brian Baldwin**

- Correspondences were read, received from the following: Carol Lintell, Jennifer Albanesi, and Michael B. Mason.

### **Treasurer’s Report – No Report**

### **Committee Executive Report – Jamie DiPace**

- Connor Goldie reported on the Prince Thomas of Savoy Society donation joint event of the AVFD and Avon PD.
- Carol Baldwin reported on the History Committee working meetings, located on the second floor of Co. 2. If there is anything from the stations to add to the historical collection, please leave them for Carole at HQ.
- Jamie DiPace stated that a pension committee would be formed with the intention to motivate people to join the AVFD.

### **Chief’s Report – Chief Bruce Appell**

- The Board of Finance will proceed with a referendum for the ladder truck and engine purchases. The date will be set at the January Town Council meeting. The cost of operations will increase considering CGR’s Avon Fire Department Plan for the Future, at the recommendations of the AVFD.
- The Referendum for Old Farms Road Phase I (North/South Section) Project (State Project. No. L004-0001) will take place on December 14, 2022, at the Avon Senior Center.
- Companies 3 and 4 were presented with framed photos of their station engines to hang at their stations. The same photo will be the visual centerpiece for this year’s AVFD holiday card.

### **Old Business - AV2 Chief Tom Kline**

- The cell tower replacement project at 277 Huckleberry Hill Road to improve coverage for emergency radio systems continues in discussions at the Connecticut Siting Council in January 2023.
- The AVFD 2023-2024 operating budget submitted to the Town of Avon requests a 31% increase. The operating budget derives from a Town of Avon grant. The Board of Finance will have the ultimate decision on the final budget amount.
- Definition of Member in Good Standing- previous vs. current, was discussed at some length, including the challenges of redefining the department’s criteria to achieve this status. The Town of Avon ordinance titled Regulations for Tax Relief for Volunteer Firefighters allows for a reduction in assessment of any property, motor vehicle, or personal property of an eligible volunteer member or retired member according to the regulation’s eligibility criteria, which includes being a Member in Good Standing according to the Department’s By-laws. It is the Department’s duty to present fiscal responsibility to the Town of Avon. Secretary Brian Baldwin mentioned that the matrix criteria need to be evaluated for fairness among companies and differing position types. There is a committee in place

that requests membership input regarding comments and suggestions on the Member in Good Standing eligibility determination, that is fair for all membership.

- Election for the Open Board Seat: Tom Post was nominated for election to the open Board seat. The issue of Member in Good standing was discussed at some length. Captain and Medical Officer Adam Corrado rebutted the Board's finding for this nomination. Board Vice President Gina Kline stated that the Board found Tom Post to be a Member in Good Standing. Member Mike Galliher stated that the Board of Directors had already taken a vote nominating the person as a candidate.

Motion made to elect Tom Post to the open Board seat: Steve Gottlieb. Motion seconded: Jack McGuire. Captain and Medical Officer Adam Corrado abstained. Motion approved by majority.

### **New Business**

- Service Stripes awards were presented by Chief Bruce Appell. 4 Year awards: Jennifer Albanesi, Marjorie Bourgoïn, Maria Brighenti, Marita Corrado, Kenna Daly, Victoria Haskins, and Jack Shillington. 8 Year award: Aidan Shuck. 12 Year award: Steward Sharon Levine-Shein. 20 Year awards: Jason Mickus, and Asst. Chief Kenneth Sedlak. 36 Year award: Chief Bruce Appell.

### **Conclusion**

- Good and Welfare: Dave Theriault reported that something will be sent to member Dave Costill. He mentioned also that retiree and former Lieutenant David Wilcox had passed away.
- Pot of Gold & Attendance Drawings: Margie Bourgoïn won the Pot of Gold drawing. Jean Barton won the Attendance drawing. Member Peter Tedone, Lieutenant Mark Wilson, and Member Carol Baldwin won shopping bags.
- Next meeting: January 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
- Clean-up: Company Headquarters

Motion made to adjourn the Corporation meeting: Member Frank Lupis, MD. Motion seconded: Captain Andrew Bloom. Motion approved by majority.

Meeting adjourned at 20:47 p.m.

Susan Guimaraes, AVFD Administrative Coordinator