

Special Board of Directors Meeting, March 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Gina Kline at 18:07

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Brian Baldwin, Jeff Borges, Chip Carpenter, Nancy Crozier, Gina Kline, and James Speich. Excused: Bruce Appell, James DiPace

Board Members Present on Zoom due to illness: Tom Post
Member on Zoom: Kristen Shaw

Other Members Present: Connor Goldie, Tom Kline, Ramona Mansfield, Erin McCall, Steve McMahon, Dave Theriault, and Mark Wilson.

Minutes of the 959th Board meeting were approved.

Communications from Members:

- Steven McMahon brought a proposal to By-Law Article VI Election of Line Officers to the board of directors for their consideration. The board of directors will consider this change and discuss the correct procedure at the March 30, 2023, board meeting to give all board members a chance to look these changes over.
- Erin McCall asked the board if they would agree to do another blood drive October 28, 2023, if that date is still open at the Red Cross. This would be First Responder week. Board will take this up at the March 30th board meeting.

Communications from Board Members:

- President Gina Kline
 - Thanked Assistant Chief Tom Kline for all his hard work getting the radio tower at the landfill. The town was told that the state will take care of getting the higher tower installed at the land fill. This will make it easier to get the radio system going.
 - At the last officers meeting there was some concern how the board was using the policies. The policy committee is in place to make sure the board uses all the policies correctly.
 - There needs to be in place a policy on how to deal with FOI request. This needs to be spelled out so that going forward the board will have a guideline to follow.
 - President Kline would like to have a Board of Directors meeting with the officers so that the board and officers know what each are doing. President Kline will work on a date that will work for both groups.
 - There is one candidate for the open board seat. President Kline did talk to the other members that were interested but did not qualify for the position. May have to look into changing the qualifications.
- Town Representative: Jim Speich
 - The town council is looking at the long term debt forecast which is going down and allows for the towns to borrow more money. The town council has put in \$12million for all the fire stations to be renovated, new apparatus out until 2026.
 - It looks like it will be April/May time frame for a planning committee to be put together. The board should think who they would like to be part of this committee.
- Explorers: Tom Post was on Zoom but the board could not hear his report.

Old Business:

- Annual Dinner November 18, 2023: Jean Barton put together a report showing the breakdown of the Golf Club of Avon \$148.00/pp, Farmington Polo Club \$112.00/pp and AOF School \$150. Jean wasn't sure about other pricing since AOF school is not a typical banquet venue. After some discussion Chip Carpenter made a motion with Jeff Borges seconding to hold the annual dinner at the Farmington Polo Club. Motion passed with Nancy Crozier and Tom Post voting no.
- Open Board Seat – Kristen Shaw was the only candidate that was received, and she is qualified and has been on the board in the past. Kristen Shaw will be presented to the membership and a Secretary's vote will be cast since there is one open seat and she is the only qualified candidate.
- Board Vacancy – Appointed Board Member – President Kline told the board that she has talked to Stephen Gwizdak, CPA who is interested in volunteering to help as treasurer. Brian Baldwin made a motion with Chip Carpenter seconding to offer this position to Stephen. Motion passed.

Next board meeting will be March 30, 2023

Next Corporation meeting will be March 13, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 19:00 (GB)