

MINUTES OF THE 902nd CORPORATION MEETING June 10, 2024

President Gina Kline called the meeting to order at 19:18

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present 47

Member Comments: None

Nick Mathein made a motion to accept the May 13th Corporation minutes with Ben Shapiro seconding. Motion passed.

Presidents Report: Gina Kline

- Our application for the 2024 Neighborhood Assistance Grant has been accepted. This year, we are requesting funding to replace the refrigerator and dishwasher with energy-efficient units.

Correspondence: Kristen Shaw

- Thank you notes were read.

Treasurer's Report: Kristen Shaw

- Treasurer Shaw provided an overview of department income and expense through May 19, 2024.

Town Representative Report: James Speich

- Referendum was voted down again. The Board of Finance will be holding a meeting to look at the budget again. We went in with a 3% increase from last year. Hoping this will not have to be cut.

AV-2: Tom Kline (Report from Chief Appell)

- **News:**
 - The contract with the Secret Lake Association was dually executed. The SLA will put signs in the back parking lot for their 2 spots. AVFD activities take precedence.
 - The radio system is moving along. Site work has started.
- **Apparatus/Equipment**
 - Waiting for T-20 to be repaired. During service they found a broken spring.
 - Ladder 12 waiting for the service technician to repair cylinder and some sensors.
 - All other trucks have been serviced.
 - A large order was placed for new pagers, to be able to use with the new radio system.
- **Incidents:**
 - There were 54 incidents in April 2024 compared to 40 incidents in April 2023.
- **Technology:**
 - HQ Admin received continued training on First Due data entry.
- **Budget:**
 - We are working on purchasing end-of -the-year items.
 - Putting together a list of items to encumber.

AV-2 Tom Kline

- Assistant Chief Kline will be going to NorCom for testing of the radio system with police dispatchers. NorCom will be putting in the new dispatch console soon and once that is in there will be more training for all the dispatchers.

AV-3 Joe Speich

- The new air compressor is in. All the programming is not set up, but you can still fill bottles. There is still some information that needs to be inputted.
- Tanker 20 will be coming back sometime tomorrow.
- Truck 19 will be going out to have the camera replaced.

AV-3 cont.

- Ladder 12 will be out of service tomorrow for the day to put in sensors that came in today.
- Waiting till August to try a duty engine program based out of Company 3,
- Nick Mathein, Jamie DiPace, Mark Wilson, and Ron Salonia for taking the ladder to be part of the procession for Trooper First Class Pelletier.

Steering Committees:

- Recruitment:
 - Applications were handed out at all the open houses. Hopefully, we get some back.
- Clambake:
 - The clambake will be held this year on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. If you want to help with this event, please contact Captain Dave Theriault.

Old Business:

- Building Committee – Jim Speich
 - The Building Committee held a meeting with residents in the vicinity of the new Company 3 to get their feedback on the project. There were some concerns about the size of the parking lot due to the vicinity of houses and the view from those houses. There were also some concerns about noise.
 - The Building Committee held a meeting with residents in the vicinity of Company 4 with regards to the remodeling at that station. There were some concerns about noise, but not really anything major.
 - The next meeting of the building committee will be at 7:00pm on June 11th at Company 1. All members are welcome to attend as the meetings are open to the public.
- 501c3 Application Update – President Gina Kline
 - Our application to the IRS to convert to a 501c3 entity requires specific language to appear in our Articles of Association and that language is not present. The Board has reached out to an attorney to better understand the implications of making this change. Since the due date to correct the language is June 15th, the Board will let the application expire and pursue it at a later date pending legal review.

New Business: None

Other Business:

- Welfare and Cheer – Dennis Bianchi
 - Sent a gift card to John Barisano who has been displaced due to the fire at Avonwoods.
 - Sent out gift cards to Brian Baldwin and Adrienne Wright.
 - Will send out a gift card for a member who had a baby.
- Attendance: Lynn Sedlak
- Pot O' Gold: Ray Crozier

Future Meeting Schedule:

- Board of Director's Meeting – June 27, 2024 @ 7 pm.
- Corporation Meeting – July 8, 2024 @ 7 pm (tentative).

Jack McGuire made a motion to adjourn with Bob Theriault seconding. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 20:08. (GB)