

MINUTES OF THE 905th CORPORATION MEETING November 18, 2024

President Gina Kline called the meeting to order at 19:01

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present 56

New Members to the Department:

- New Fire Police Members who took the Oath of Membership
 - David Harris
 - Martial Kepler
 - Gabrielle Liquori
 - Pamela Redman

Service Stipes Given Out:

- Melinda St. Onge 4 yrs.
- Robert Sandersen 8 yrs.
- Jeff Bernetich 8 yrs.
- Phil Kholond 8 yrs.
- Robert Theriault 28 yrs.
- Peter Delap 48 yrs.

The minutes from the October 7, 2024, were approved by a motion from Jack McGuire and seconded by Phil Kholond.

Member Comments: None

Presidents Report: Gina Kline

- Annual Dinner is this Friday. Let Jean Barton know if you are attending and your food choice.
- The CIP budget presentation went well. There were no questions from the town council,
- AOG CM-3 was amended to make the start time of the Annual Meeting from 7:30 to 7:00 to coincide with all Corporation meeting.

Correspondence: There were thank you notes read and donations were received in memory of Shirley Kirchoff who was a member of the ladies' auxiliary.

Financial Report: Gina Kline

- The financial report was out for members to take. Gina noted some of the higher spent categories. There were no questions from members.

AV-1 Chief Bruce Appell

- Chief Appell thanked all the members who did a great job with all the incidents while he was away at VCOS especially the garage fire. The members who responded had it knocked down before it could reach the house.
- VCOS had a lot of classes and speakers about recruitment and retention.
- Truck 15 and 18 were shipped out to the buyer in October.
- The new fire police truck chassis has been ordered and should be in in 4 to 5 weeks. Once the chassis comes in then it will be sent to have the body put on.
- Still working on new generators for Companies 2 and 3.

AV-2 Assistant Chief Tom Kline

- Thank you to the members who did a fantastic job at the fire. The quick response helped keep the fire contained to the garage.
- The radio system is almost complete. December 1, 2024, all radios should be delivered. Need to use old radios until new ones are all received and programmed.

AV-3 Chief Appell for Assistant Chief Joe Speich

- Now that the duty shift has finished its trial run A.C. Speich will be evaluating how it worked and what can be done to make it better. He will report his findings when he is done with the evaluation.

AV-4 Assistant Chief Ken Sedlak

- If you need accountability tags please take a picture of only your shoulders and head and send it to A,.C. Sedlak.
- January 1, 2025, there will be a state statute in effect to pay for cancer treatment for all firefighters. An email will be sent requesting all members to fill out the information to comply with this statute.

Lieutenant Peter Tedone:

- There are now a total of 11 fire police members. Our new members will be going through training and will have our long time members be mentors to help out the new members.

Town Representative Report – Jim Speich

- The building committee will be meeting on October 17, 2024, at Company 1 to look over the cost estimate of the renovations to Company 1 and 4 and the new Company 3 firehouse. This committee will also be looking at areas where we might cut costs.

Old Business:

- **Building Committee – Jim Speich**
 - The committee will be bringing to the December town council meeting the answers to questions they had and Jim is sure they may have more.
 - The committee will also be bringing to the board a request for more funding for the projects/
 - At the next meeting of the committee the committee will be looking a prioritizing what really needs to be done and how to reduce costs.
- **Communications Steering Committee**
 - We talked about needing more presence on social media. Need a dedicated person to take on this role. It might be something to look for someone in the department or someone outside of the department to do this. If anyone is interested in this role please contact President Kline.
- **Member In Good Standing**
 - The focus group met on October 29, 2024. There were 20 members in attendance from all the companies and some officers.
 - There was a lot of discussion on the criteria for being in good standing.
 - It was suggested to find a way to turn some of the extra time activities to training.
 - Another suggestion was to make the duty shift hours count towards incidents. How to work the duty shifts into the percentage amount for incidents.

New Business:

- **Board of Directors Election**
 - There are three open board seats, but only two candidates. The candidates were presented to the membership. A motion was made by Peter Depal and seconded by Alexa Shuck to approve both of these candidates for the board. The vote was taken by a show of hands. Motion carried.
- **Board of Directors – Optoin Consideration for Vacant Position**
 - The board was looking for feedback on how to proceed with the open seat on the board. Some of the suggestions the board considered to reduce the board by one seat, which the members didn't think was a good idea. The board will look for other feedback from the members and bring back any proposed changes to the membership.

Other Business:

- **Good and Welfare:**
 - Chip Carpenter, Susan Mathein (Nick's wife) and Bruce Shien (Sharon's husband) are all doing better after some medical issues.
- **Outreach Items:**
 - Fill the cruiser will be on December 8, 2024, at Walmart from 8 to 2. Dennis would like at least one person and a truck. Please let Dennis know if you can help.
 - Dennis is looking for members to help wrap presents for Santa Express. This will be on December 7, 2024, starting at 8:30. If you can help please let Dennis know.
- **Attendance and Pot O' Gold**
 - No one won the Pot O' Gold
 - Sue Andersersen won the attendance award.

A motion was made by Dave Bourgoïn and seconded by Nancy Crozier to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 20:30. (GB)