

MINUTES OF THE 906th CORPORATION MEETING December 9, 2024

President Gina Kline called the meeting to order at 19:08

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present 52

The minutes from November 18, 2024, were approved by a motion from Dave Bourgoïn and seconded by Bob Theriault.

Member Comments: None

Presidents Report: Gina Kline

- Member in Good Standing will be discussed on December 19, 2024, with the joint meeting of board and officers.
- Assistant Treasurer Steve Gwizdak is looking into whether these service awards given out are taxable. He is checking with other accounts and will report back to the board.
- VCOs take aways were mostly about recruitment and retention. There were some interesting ideas mentioned especially duty shifts to help with recruitment.
- There were some members who approached President Kline after the November corporation meeting regarding helping with communications and social media. She has not had a chance to talk to them but will be doing so as soon as possible. She also had an outside person interested in working with the department and joining to do this type of work. President Kline will talk more to this person when she has the time.

Correspondence: Notes were read.

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

- The town has done a purchase order for a new generator at Company 3. The generator should be shipped out on December 3, 2024.
- The members need to get the word out that we are recruiting. Talking to family, friends and neighbors will help get the message out.
- Send a list of benefits you would like the town to give to the members. (i.e., dump passes, family pool passes and anything else you can think of). Chief Appell will put the list together and see what he can get from the town. Only ask if you are going to use the items on the list.
- If you still need your 2024 physicals please contact UCONN to set up the appointment and then let Captain Sedlak know you have an appointment date. If you need to do the PPQ, please contact Deputy Chief Gelber.

AV-3 Assistant Chief Joe Speich (Chief Appell reporting)

- The new hose for Engine 14 has been received.
- The new body for Fire Police Truck 16 is done and is waiting for the chassis to be built.
- The new engine and ladder won't be ready until summer of 2026.
- Engine 7 battery is in.

AV-2 Assistant Chief Tom Kline

- There is a delay in getting the new radios out to the members. There is a problem that is being worked on.

Training Report: Deputy Chief Gelber

- There are 5 members in Firefighter I classes right now.
- Phil Kholond is almost done with his Firefighter II class.
- Simsbury is hosting a Fire Instructor class. See Deputy Chief Gelber if interested in attending.
- We will be hosting a Fire Officer I class in September 2025. We will have 2 seats if anyone would like to take the class. Please see Deputy Chief Gelber.
- The calendar for the winter classes at the fire academy is out. If interested in any classes please see Deputy Chief Gelber.
- Mike Transue told the members if they had any feedback from the joint training with Simsbury to see him or Deputy Chief Gelber. He also told the members that the flashover training went well.
- Sometime in January there will be a Hazmat refresher.

Old Business:

- **Building Committee – Jim Speich**
 - The committee finished answering the questions that the town council had about the building project. Once the answers are finalized, the committee will send the questions and answers to Avonfire for the members to look at.
 - The committee will also be working on a fact sheet about the building project in case a citizen asks a member any questions they will have some facts to tell the person.
- **Board Executive Positions:**
 - President Gina Kline
 - Vice President Jamie DiPace
 - Secretary Mark Wilson
 - Treasurer Steve Gwizdak
- **Board Vacant Seat**
 - There is still an open seat if anyone is interested. The board will be looking into this more in the new year.

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:**
 - The Santa Express is postponed due to the weather forecast for December 12, 2024. It will now be December 18, 2024.
- **Attendance and Pot O' Gold**
 - Pot O' Gold winner Mark Wilson
 - Attendance winner Steve Gottlieb.

A motion was made by Ken Sedlak and seconded by Carol Baldwin to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 19:48. (GB)