

## MINUTES OF THE 907<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING February 10, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present 59

**Oath of Office:**

- Dave Theriault took his oath of office for Deputy Chief of Administration

**Member Status:**

- New Members: Pam Redman, Rakesh Kumar, and Jacob Jones
- Recent Retired Members: Dave Costill and Ramona Mansfield

**Member Comments: None**

The minutes from December 9, 2025, were approved by a motion from Jeff Borges and seconded by Alexa Shuck.

**Presidents Report: Jamie DiPace**

- Thank you to Gina Kline for doing an excellent job as President of the Board of Directors
- The board still has open seats.
- We need members to help the department to recruit more members by talking to friends and neighbors. Need members to help get our name out to the public through social media and other events that we do. We need members to respond to calls.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes were read.

**Financial Report:**

- The financial report was out for members to take. There n questions from members. Dave Bourgoin made a motion with Joe Speich seconding to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**AV-1 Chief Bruce Appell**

- The department presented the operating budget and the CIP budget to the Town Council on Saturday, February 8, 2025. The department went in with a 0% increase put did present back up information for an extra \$50,000 to cover recruitment and retention that is being covered by the Corporation. The town manager rejected the additional \$50,000.
- The fundraising Dinner for Deputy Chief Dave Theriault will be held on February 23, 2025, at the Farmington Polo Club. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 10. Flyer will be going out with this latest information, and if you have any questions, please see Chief Appell.
- Company 3's new generator has been installed.
- Town is looking into moving dispatch to Farmington on a permanent basis. Hoping to get this done by summer.

**AV-2 Assistant Chief Tom Kline**

- The radios are all in except for the radios in the truck, but that is being done and hopefully will be done this week.
- Explorers who are trained to respond to calls will have new stickers on their helmets stating they are able to respond to calls. An email will be going out with this information.

**AV-3 Assistant Chief Joe Speich**

- Some trucks will be going out for pump testing and servicing.

#### AV-4 Assistant Chief Ken Sedlak

- All entry firefighters please make sure you are signed up for LifeScan.

#### Training Report: Chief Bruce Appell

- The following members passed Firefighter I
  - Eoin Mogilewsky-Wilson      Rakesh Kumar
  - Jen Rosado                      Sam Schwarzhaupt
  - Andrew Lennon                Phil Kholond
  - Alexa Shuck
- The following members passed Firefighter II
  - Garrett Long
  - Jeff Borges
  - Phil Kholond
- The following members passed Fire Officer II
  - Mark Wilson
  - Captain Adriane Wright
  - Deputy Chief Dave Theriault

#### Old Business:

- **Building Committee – Jim Speich**
  - There is \$50k to continue work for the planning of the new firehouse and renovations to Companies 1 and 4,
  - The building committee will be working on prioritizing what is needed in all buildings.
  - The committee will be looking at the final cost for all projects and presenting this to the town council.
- **Board Vacant Seat**
  - Still need members to step up to join the board.

#### New Business:

- **Secretary's Vote for Open Board Seat**
  - There was only one member who applied for a board seat and that was Chip Carpenter. Dave Theriault made a motion with Chief Appell seconding to have the secretary place the vote to accept Chip Carpenter for an open seat on the board. Motion passed and Secretary Mark Wilson cast the vote.

#### Other Business:

- **Good and Welfare:**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Internal Communications: Ben Shapiro**
  - Ben Shapiro and Jen Rosado are the co-chairs of this work group. They will be working with Christine Adjian and Laura Ward once she has finished her onboarding to be a member of the department. They are hoping to meet in late February or early March.
- **Outreach Items: Dennis Bianchi**
  - Needs volunteers the day of the fundraising dinner to staff the dinner tickets sales, raffle tickets and to staff the silent auction table. Please contact Dennis if you can help.
- **Attendance and Pot O' Gold**
  - Pot O' Gold winner Sharon Levin-Shein
  - Attendance winner Jack McGuire
- Jamie DiPace did a slide show and talk about the truck accident at the base of Avon Mountain.

A motion was made by Jack McGuire and seconded by Dave Theriault to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 20:34. (GB)