

## 981<sup>st</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, February 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jamie DiPace at 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance

**Board Members Present:** Bruce Appell, Jeff Bernetich, Dave Bourgoïn, Chip Carpenter, Nancy Crozier, Jamie DiPace, Steve Gwizdak, Tom Post, Jim Speich, and Mark Wilson

**Other Members Present in Person:** Tom Kline

The January 30, 2025, board minutes were approved with a motion made by Dave Bourgoïn and seconded by Mark Wilson. Motion passed.

### Communications from Members:

- Tom Kline asked the board to approve giving the department's old radios to the Board of Education to be used at the different schools to help with security.
  - After a discussion Jeff Bernetich made a motion with Tom Post seconding to give the radios to the Board of Education. Motion passed unanimously.

### Board Member Reports:

- Tom Post – Reported that the Explorers just finished CPR and AED training. Doing inside drills for right now. Will be drilling with Farmington sometime soon.
- Jeff Bernetich had some questions from Company 4 members about some confusion on the new radio channels and pool passes to Sycamore Pool. Chief Appell told Jeff to have the members who are interested in the pool passes to let their captain know so he has a true count to ask the Recreation department about this.

### Treasurer's Report – Steve Gwizdak

- Steve Gwizdak went over the financial report. (See Attachment A)
- Chip Carpenter, Mark Wilson and Steve Gwizdak added the new verbiage to the current By-Laws for the department to go from 501c4 to 501c3. The board looked this over and President DiPace asked for a clean copy so he could send to the town attorney to look over before presenting the changes to the membership.

### Old Business:

- **Building Committee – Jim Speich**
  - The next meeting of the committee will be on February 27, 2025
  - Will be going over priorities of all the stations.
  - Will be looking to see if there could be some cost cutting.
  - Will be setting up workshops with members.
  - May look at alternate building designs.

### New Business:

- Election of Vice President
  - Jeff Bernetich said he would be interested. Chip Carpenter made a motion with Tom Post seconding to vote Jeff Bernetich as Vice President. Motion passed.
  - After Jeff Bernetich was voted in all the members of the board took their Oath of Office.
- Gifts for Past Presidents
  - President DiPace told the board that in the past outgoing presidents were given a trumpet. He would like to see that come back and to make sure Mike Galliher and Nancy Crozier along with Gina Kline are given one if the board chooses to do this. He asked Grace Bianchi to get quotes, and the board will look at this at the next board meeting.

### New Business cont.

- 2 New Laptops for Executive Officers.

- President DiPace asked Assistant Chief Kline if he had any money in his budget for 2 new laptops for the Vice President and Secretary. Assistant Chief Kline said he did and would order them.

**Chief's Report:**

- Went over a report that shows Incidents by day and hour.
- Told the board that Mike Bozzuto from Hometown Foundation offered the Farmington Polo Club big hall, and all the food as his way of donating to help Deputy Chief Dave Theriault. All proceeds raised that day would go to the Hometown Foundation and Mike Bozzuto will present Dave with a check for the total raised.
- President DiPace asked if the board would consider purchasing of tickets for the pasta dinner. After a discussion, Tom Post made a motion to purchase \$500 worth of tickets to the pasta dinner with Chip Carpenter second. Motion passed.

Nancy Crozier made a motion with Dave Bourgoïn second to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30

**Meeting Schedule:**

- Board Meeting March 27, 2025, at Company 1 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Grace Bianchi  
Board of Directors Clerk