

982nd Board of Directors Meeting, April 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Jamie DiPace at 19:17

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Other Members Present in Person: Victoria Haskins

February 20, 2025, board minutes were approved with a motion made by Mark Wilson and seconded by Jeff Bernetich. Motion passed.

Communications from Members:

- Dennis brought to the board information and pricing on doing a member's event at a Yard Goat's game with food and tickets to a game on one of the patios. He also had information from Lake Compounce, the cost was too steep. He was asked by the board to get pricing and information from the Farmington Polo Club for a family picnic there as well.
- Dennis informed the board that the food drive will be held at Stop & Shop in Simsbury on June 21, 2025

Board Member Reports:

- Tom Post – Reported that the Explorers will be drilling at Simsbury's burn building along with Bloomfield, Farmington, Canton, and East Granby on May 1, 2025.
- Jeff Bernetich told the board that there were some members at Company 4 that are interested in pool and dump passes. Chief Appell suggested that Jeff talk to the town manager about these.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gwizdak

- Steve Gwizdak went over the financial report.

Old Business:

- **By-Law Changes:**
 - The proposed By-Laws changes for the 501c3 application will be posted at each station and a vote by the membership will be taken at the May Corporation meeting.
- **Building Committee**
 - The next meeting of the committee will be on April 21, 2025. This will be a Zoom workshop with all members and the architect to go over what the members would like to see in their stations.
- Gifts for past Presidents: The board decided to give the following past presidents bugles as an acknowledgement of their service to the corporation. They are Mike Galliher, Nancy Crozier, and Gina Kline. A motion was made to purchase the bugles and braids by Tom Post and seconded by Steve Gwizdak. Motion passed.

New Business:

- New candidate for board seat
 - The board received an email from Christina Adajian requesting she be considered for the open board seat. Jeff Bernetich made a motion with Tom Post seconding to bring Christina's name to the membership and to have the Secretary make the vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- Board representative for the Town 250 celebration committee.
 - President DiPace asked if any of the board member would consider going to the meetings for this committee.
- Board Representative for insurance.
 - President DiPace asked Jeff Bernetich if he would be the board representative for the insurances for the corporation. Jeff's background is insurance, and he will get together with Assistant Chief Sedlak to go over what insurance the corporation has.

Chief's Report:

- Fundraising dinner for AC Theriault brought in \$20,849.99/\$22,949.99.
- Went over a report that shows breakdown of member-type responding to calls and tracks the average call attendance.
- New truck should be built next month. Body manufacturer did not like the way the body came out and will be building us a new body from Poly at no extra cost.
- Company 4's boiler has been repaired.

Other Business:

- Fundraising letter
 - The communications workshop will look over last year's fundraising letter and do a new one for the 2025-2026 fundraising campaign.

Jeff Bernetich made a motion to adjourn with Mark Wilson second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 21:12

Meeting Schedule:

- Board Meeting April 24, 2025, at Company 1 7:00 p.m.
- Corporation Meeting April 14, 2025, at Company 1 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Grace Bianchi
Board of Directors Clerk