

983rd Board of Directors Meeting, April 24, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Oath of Office: Christina Adajian took her Oath of Office.

April 3, 2025, board minutes were approved with a motion made by Jeff Bernetich and seconded by Mark Wilson. Motion passed.

Communications from Members: None

Board Member Reports:

- Dave Bourgoïn told the board that there should be some type of onboarding process for new members after they have passed the background checks and physicals so that someone could take them around and introduce them to the members and show them the equipment. Dave Bourgoïn will work on something and get back to the board.
- Steve Gwizdak told the board that he has found information that states what the 501c3 can and cannot do. He sent the link to the board members to look over.
- Tom Post – Explorer drill with other towns has been moved to June.
- Jamie DiPace would like pictures taken of the board members at the May board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gwizdak

- Steve Gwizdak went over the financial report.

Old Business:

- Building Committee Updates:
 - April 21, 2025, there was a meeting with the architect and all members of the department. The members had a chance to see the architects' drawings and to voice their opinions anonymously. It was also a time to see what the members deem necessary for all the stations in this proposal.
- By-Law Changes:
 - The proposed By-Laws changes will be explained better at the May Corporation meeting.
- Gift for Past Presidents:
 - It was originally thought that the extra bugle that the department had would be given to one of the past presidents, but it was dirty, and we could not find anyone that would be able to clean it. The board members decided to get a new one.

New Business:

- Board representative for the Town 250 celebration committee.
 - Carol Baldwin and Pam Redman will represent the fire department on this committee.
- Board Representative for insurance.
 - Jeff Bernetich will contact Assistant Chief Sedlak to go over what insurance the corporation has and report back to the board.

Other Business:

- Yard Goats outing
 - After looking over the packages that the Yard Goats sent to Dennis Bianchi, Dave Bourgoïn made motion to spend up to \$5,000 for tickets with adults paying half the cost this was seconded by Jeff Bernetich. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Appell was called to an incident.

Nancy Crozier made a motion to adjourn with Tom Post second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30

Meeting Schedule:

- Board Meeting May 29, 2025, at Company 1 7:00 p.m.
- Corporation Meeting May 12, 2025, at Company 1 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Grace Bianchi
Board of Directors Clerk