

## **985<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, June 26, 2025**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Other Members Present:** Tom Kline

May 29, 2025, board minutes were approved with one correction under Building Committee Update to change Heath Safety to Health & Safety a motion made by Dave Bourgoïn and seconded by Jeff Bernetich. Motion passed.

**Communications from Members: None**

### **Board Member Reports:**

- Jeff Bernetich wants his "Carrot Not Stick" email added to the July Board meeting agenda along with new alarm system for Co. 2.
- Jim Speich – Tax Abatement for life after 25 years of service especially for non-Afon residents needs revisions in AOG's.
- Tom Post – Explorers had their multi-dept. Explorer drill in Simsbury. Only attended by 2 Avon Explorers but it went well.
- Steve Gwizdak – Commented on 501c3 revisions from Kenna Daly. Kenna has not provided her updates yet.
- Chip Carpenter – AOG Member in Good Standing need to be finalized.
- Jamie DiPace – The Mack garage needs to have weeds and moss on roof cleaned/removed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Steve Gwizdak**

- Steve Gwizdak went over the financial report.
- Other financial business – Bruce Appell and Tom Kline described Knox Box upgrades, Legal consultation regarding reimbursement/points and other items in the \$75,000 grant money left in this years' budget. Motion to spend \$17,545 and \$28,400 for Knox Box system upgrades made by Dave Bourgoïn and seconded by Nancy Crozier. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

- Building Committee Update:
  - The next meeting will be on July 29, 2025, the committee will be compiling information for new Company 3 and Company 1 and Company 4 revisions to present the final cost amount to the Town Council in September.
- Board Rep. for Insurance – Jeff Bernetich is compiling various insurance, accident etc. available to members – will have it ready for next Corporation meeting in September.

### **New Business:**

- Yard Goats Game Tickets – Jeff Bernetich made a motion to purchasing tickets for the Yard Goats CT Fallen Firefighters Memorial game with Tom Post seconding, Motion passed.

**Chief Report:** Chief Bruce Appell

- Membership Applications: Adults (excluding Explorer), 83 applications 7/1/2022- YTD.
  - 29 applications current fiscal year.
  - Current applications:1, Daniel Lake has just joined Co. 1 on hold.
  - 23 members have successfully joined: 7 Members in FY 23/24;9 members in FY 24/25
- Apparatus:
  - The new Fire Police chassis has been delivered, and it will be going to Sign Pro then to body manufacturer to have body installed.
  - The Apparatus Committee has made a recommendation on Chassis/Body for the new T-20.

**Other Business:**

- Medical Division Guidelines contains information that conflicts with NFPA 1582.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

**Meeting Schedule:**

- Board Meeting July 31, 2025, at Company 1 17:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Grace Bianchi  
Board of Directors Clerk