

MINUTES OF THE 908th CORPORATION MEETING April 14, 2025

President Jamie DiPace called the meeting to order at 19:10

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present 50

Oath of Office:

- The following new officers took their oath of office:
 - Captain Adriane Wright
 - Captain Mike Transue
 - Lieutenant Mike Galliher
 - Lieutenant Sam Schwarzhaupt

Membership Oath:

- Laura Ward took her oath as a new member of the department.

Reports:

- Member Welfare: Dennis Bianchi
 - Dennis informed the membership that Chip Carpenter is at McLean's and would like visitors, but please call him before you go to make sure he is up for company.
 - Bob Theriault is doing well.
 - Dennis reported that \$1,000 was made by the sale of shirts to help Deputy Chief Dave Theriault.
- Community Activities: Dennis Bianchi
 - April 18 Blood Drive
 - Fire truck ride to school is scheduled.
 - May 10th is opening day for little league. Would like to have a truck there and need members to volunteer for that day. Please let Dennis know if you would like to help.
- Recruitment: Ben Shapiro
 - Open house is on April 26, 2025. There are a lot of activities planned for the day. Please sign up on the sign-up genius link that will be sent out via email.
- Communications – Laura Ward
 - Starting to put information on the department's Facebook page and Instagram.
- History Group: Carol Baldwin
 - Carol introduced herself and Pam Redman to the membership. Carol talked about the role of the History group. She asked if anyone had anything at home to do with the history of the department to please contact her so she can scan it to be added to the department's history.
- LOSAP: Sue Jansen
 - She wanted the membership to know that there is this program. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sue.

The minutes from February 10, 2025, were approved by a motion from Victoria Haskins and seconded by Ray Crozier.

Presidents Report: Jamie DiPace

- Changes to the By-Laws Article 1 and Article 8 to change from a 501c4 to a 501c3. There were copies for the members to take and look over. There was feedback from members and the consensus was to have a tax attorney look over the changes before going forward.
- Jamie DiPace and Mark Wilson went to the 250th celebration meeting. Jamie is not sure what this group is expecting the fire department to do, but he asked if there were any members that would like to be part of this group to represent the department.
- VFW is doing a magazine and Jamie took out a ½ page advertisement for the department in their magazine.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financial report was available to the members. There were no concerns or questions from the members. Victoria Haskins made a motion to accept the financial report with Dave Bourgoin seconding. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Mark Wilson read the thank you notes.

AV-1 Chief Bruce Appell

- The chief congratulated the new officers.
- Old Farms Road will be closed from Tilston Rd. to Thompson
- The chief will be putting up a survey on Survey Monkey for members to let him know how many members are interested in pool passes and dump passes. Once he has this information, he will go to the town with the numbers of members who would like these passes.
- April 21 at 11:30 Hometown Foundation will be at Company 1 presenting a check to Dave Theriault from the proceeds of the pasta dinner

AV-3 Assistant Chief Joe Speich

- The pump testing is done. On May 29 and 30th there will be hose testing done at Company 1. AC Speich needs one member who will be available to work these 2 days. You must be signed off on all the trucks to do this. Please let AC Speich know if you are interested.

Training Report: Deputy Chief Aaron Gelber

- Leadership class will be on April 27, 2025. If interested, please sign up with signupgenius.
- Basic Pump Operations classes will be May 4th and 10th. If interested, please sign up with signupgenius.
- Congratulations to Marcin Rugar for passing Firefighter I

Old Business:

- **Building Committee – Chief Appell**
 - April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting on Zoom and in person with all the members and the architect regarding what the members would like to have in their stations. The participants will be anonymous, so the members will not have to worry about answering the questions. Chief Appell showed the members what the format will look like. Everyone who attends must have a smartphone, iPad, or laptop to be able to participate.

New Business:

- **Secretary's Vote for Open Board Seat**
 - There was only one member who applied for the open board seat and that was Christina Adajian. Brian Baldwin made a motion with Dave Bourgoin seconding to have the secretary cast the vote to accept Christina Adajian for the open seat on the board. Motion passed and Secretary Mark Wilson cast the vote.
- **Attendance and Pot O' Gold**
 - Pot O' Gold no winner
 - Attendance winner Mark Wilson
- Jamie DiPace did a slide show and talk about the fire at the Brown House on the property of Old Farms School in 2007.

A motion was made by Dave Bourgoin and seconded by Kristen Shaw to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 20:36. (GB)