

## 989<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, November 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Jamie DiPace at 19:11

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The October 30<sup>th</sup>, board minutes were approved with the following corrections. Under AA-14 correct Chip Carpenter's name and Under New Business add Jeff Benetich will attend. by a motion from David Bourgoin and seconded by Mark Wilson. Motion passed.

**Communications from Members: None**

### Board Member Reports:

- Tom Post
  - There are 2 new applicants going through the membership process.
  - Andrew Kline resigned from the Explorers. Will be making Abigail Stamp the Captain.
  - Torchlight Parade is November 29<sup>th</sup>. Explorers will be decorating Engine 10.
  - Assistant Chief Tom Kline has resigned as an advisor to the Explorers.
  - VCOS – Tom attended and he will have a report for the board next month.
  - Jamie DiPace was presented the Citizen of the Year Award from UNICO.

### Treasurer's Report – Steve Gwizdak

- Steve sent out the report to all board members.
- Tom Post made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with Dave Bourgoin seconding. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

- Building Committee Update
  - Jim Speich is waiting for the town council to give the committee a number to work with regarding the building proposal that was given to them.
- Status of High School FF1 Program
  - Chief Appell attended a meeting on this topic. There is still some work to be done before this can be implemented.
- Stipend Transition – There is still a lot to be done before this can be implemented. The chiefs decided to keep the points system that is in place and add the stipend program. Once everything is worked out the department should make a presentation to the Town Council to show that our budget needs to be revised for more money in the points section.
- Capital Budget was given to the town.

### New Business:

- Board nominations: There are three open seats. The current board members who are running are Tom Post, Christina Adajian and Jeff Bernetich. These names will be posted before the December Corporation meeting on December 8, 2025.
- There will be a Special Board Meeting on December 11, 2025, to discuss the Operating Budget and another item.

**Chief's Report – Chief Appell**

- Apparatus/Equipment
  - The pre-construction meeting for the new tower ladder was held and the delivery is expected to be in June of 2025. The engine construction meeting will be held in December.
  - New Fire Police chassis is at the body manufacturer Ranger.
- Buildings
  - Co. 1 Exterior concrete side stairs were removed.
  - Co. 1 SERVPRO did professional kitchen cleaning on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. And did it as a donation to the AVFD,
  - Co. 2 New Generator contract was signed. Waiting for instillation date.

Tom Post made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mark Wilson seconding. Motion passed.

Adjourned: 21:05

**Meetings Schedule:**

Special Meeting December 11, 2025, Company One at 7:00 pm

Corporation Meeting December 8, 2025, Company One at 7:00 pm

Board Meeting December 18, 2025, Company One at 7:00 pm