

MINUTES OF THE 915TH CORPORATION MEETING March 9, 2026
The Avon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
25 Darling Drive, Avon, CT 06001

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice President (Donald) Mark Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Pledge of allegiance recited.

2. ATTENDANCE/INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Roll call: 33 voting members; two non-voting members.

3. OATH OF OFFICE – BOARD MEMBERS:

None that evening. Donna McNeill's oath is outstanding.

4. Communication from Audience:

None at that time.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

914th Corporation Meeting minutes were approved with the correction to change AC Gelber to correct title abbreviation of DC Gelber. Motioned by Assistant Treasurer Christina Adajian; seconded by member Alexa Schuck. Motion passed.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Jamie DiPace was absent.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Jeff Bernetich read thank you cards/notes from residents regarding incidents. He read several condolence cards in memoriam of Deputy Chief David Theriault. A thank you card to the membership from the Theriault family was read aloud. Donations were mentioned.

8. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

None. Treasurer's report was not available at this meeting.

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Chief Bruce Appell stated that member turn-out at incidents is essential and more member participation is needed. No other officer updates.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Building Committee Updates:

Member and AVFD Representative to the Town Council Jim Speich stated he was unimpressed with the first draft of the town newsletter to inform citizens regarding renovations. The next meeting will be March 19th, and a tentative newsletter approval is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on March 31st.

b. Communications Group Department Activities:

Members Ben Shapiro stated that the Company 3 Open House is scheduled for April 26th.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. History Presentation: none.

b. Welfare & Cheer: none.

c. Pot of Gold Drawing: See notation directly below.

d. Attendance Drawing: See notation directly below.

Notation: The order of drawings was clarified for future procedure to be the following:

Collection of voluntary member monetary meeting donation (\$1.00/member) is the first

order. 1) Attendance Award: A name will be drawn from the membership, possibly repeatedly until there is a claim, and the winner will receive \$10.00 from the collection. 2)

Pot of Gold Award: Any remainder money from the collection would be added to last month's remainder, if any (kept in the HQ Office safe), for a winning name to be drawn once only. If the member whose name is drawn is not present, the remainder money goes back into the envelope kept in the safe for the next meeting.

13. ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting adjournment **motioned by ?; seconded by ?** Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan Guimaraes, Administrative Coordinator, on behalf of Secretary Jeff Bernetich.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Board Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Corporation Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.