



RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK

VERNON VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

P.O. BOX 951
VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 30, 2012

Present: Andresen, R. Bowman, Call, Carpenter, Gauthier, Konarski, Lavoie, Lucas, Maguda, McKinney, Muniz, Schambach, Shepard, Turkington

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Robert Turkington, President. Motion was made/seconded (Gauthier/Lavoie) to accept the January 30, 2012 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob Turkington reviewed the 2nd Quarter report that was provided by David Galley. Total Expenses during the quarter were \$4,596; Income was \$4,783 for a check book balance of \$5,817 as of 4/30/12. The certificate balance was transferred @ \$3,137 and is included in the final reported balance. The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$22,546, and the checkbook balance is \$2,624. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Maguda) to accept the report.

Communications & Bills:

- A card of thanks and \$1,000 donation was received from the Kelly family for our effort in handling an Indian Trail brush fire.
- Thanks were received from Dave Maguda, Jeff Schambach and Jon Andresen for G&W items sent to them for recent events.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman reported that there was increased activity of the Committee this quarter.

Toys for Tikes:

- Toys will be ordered from Namco on May 18th for this year's drive. Delivery for 2012 will be completed on December 17th.

Christmas Party:

- The 2012 party will be held on December 8th. It is being sponsored by T-541.

Annual Banquet:

- The 2013 Banquet will be sponsored by R-641.

Old Business:

- Larry Redshaw has been coordinating the Department Fundraiser following the departure of Brian Johnston. Data Mail will be the vendor that completes the mailing. They are doing this for us free of charge. The letter has been updated, is in the final review stage, and should be sent to all residences and businesses within the month of May. An ad of thanks is being considered in The Reminder or Journal Inquirer in lieu of individual letters.

New Business:

- Jean Gauthier presented a fundraiser that is being held at VCMS for the purchase of book covers. We have been asked to provide an advertisement to be printed on the covers. Due to our limited funds, the Board of Directors did not endorse the project.
- A department picnic to encourage morale of the members was suggested. Tony Muniz suggested a pig roast at a local park. The discussion moved to the upcoming Wet Down ceremony that will be held for the new apparatus arriving this summer. It was suggested that a department/family picnic be held following the formal ceremony. It was discussed that the \$1,000 donation received tonight be applied to this event. Chief Call volunteered \$500 from the Recruitment/Retention budget. Additional funding will be necessary. A committee needs to be formed to organize the event. It is suggested that a member from each company be involved. It was also suggested that a \$1,000 working fund from the Association be provided. Motion was made/seconded Lavoie/Muniz to support the event.

Upcoming Events:

- ET-541 Mother's Day Flower Sale will be held on May 11-13th.
- E-441 bus trip to Boston on June 2nd.

Good & Welfare: None

Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Maguda) to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

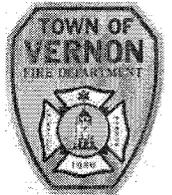


Diane Carpenter, Secretary



TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 54
Vernon, CT 06066
www.vernonfire.com



Department Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Fire Chief, William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Lafontaine) to accept the minutes from the January 30, 2012 Meeting.

Training Report:

- On Monday, May 7th an officer from each company should plan to attend an activity at Violette Propane on Clark Road.
- June Fire School information is available. The dates are 6-4 thru 6-9. There is no funding available for members to attend; pay needs to be provided by the member. A/C Eppler will be sending in applications soon because these classes fill quickly.

Administration Report:

- Awards from the Banquet were distributed to those who had not yet received.
- Dan Robertson has agreed to head the Honor Guard.

Health & Safety Report: None

Uniform Committee Report:

- A new Chairperson is needed for the Uniform Committee to replace Brian Johnston. Cory Lafountain was asked to fill the position. He accepted the assignment.

Board of Firefighters: None

Old Business:

- Apparatus construction is scheduled to begin within two weeks. An email with a link to Pierce Mfg. will follow so progress can be viewed.
- Hose testing will be conducted this month.

- The Ellington Fire Department has extended appreciation for our assistance at the Abbott Road structure fire.
- Members did a great job at the school bus accident.
- Chief Call discussed the importance of members responding to Carbon Monoxide calls even when there are no symptoms. He urged that we must provide this service to our community.

New Business:

- A letter has been received from Ken Kalos requesting retirement and Lifetime Membership status following his 22 years of service.
- T-541 members also suggested Lifetime Membership should be granted to Wayne Soucier.

The By-Laws need to be reviewed for procedures and discussion will resume at the July Department meeting.

- New Apparatus Wet Down needs to be pursued. Further discussion will occur at the Association Meeting.
- Kevin Bowman discussed Banquet Awards for those attaining 20+ years of service. It was suggested that recognition beyond a paper certificate be given to our long time members. This topic should be reviewed by the Awards Committee. Members should see Paul Jackson if updated hash marks are needed.

Correspondence:

- A \$1,000 donation and note of thanks has been received from a family for our efforts during a brush fire on Indian Trail.

Good & Welfare: None

Motion was made/seconded (Muniz/Lavoie) to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

P.O. BOX 951
VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066

ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Muniz) to accept the minutes from the January 30, 2012 Association Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob Turkington reviewed the 2nd Quarter report that was provided by David Galley. Total Expenses during the quarter were \$4,596; Income was \$4,783 for a check book balance of \$5,817 as of 4/30/12. The certificate balance was transferred @ \$3,137 and is included in the reported checkbook balance. The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$22,546, and the checkbook balance is \$2,624. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Muniz) to accept the report.

Communications & Bills:

- A card of thanks and \$1,000 donation was received from the Kelly family for our effort in handling an Indian Trail brush fire.
- Thanks were received from Dave Maguda, Jeff Schambach and Jon Andresen for G&W items sent to them for recent events.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman reported that there was increased activity of the Committee this quarter. Eight requests were received. Companies are doing a good job of notifying the committee of occurrences in a timely manner.

Toys for Tikes:

- Toys will be ordered from Namco on May 18th for this year's drive. Delivery is scheduled for Monday, December 17th.

Christmas Party:

- The 2012 party will be held on December 8th at The Adams Mill in Manchester. It is being sponsored by T-541.

Annual Banquet:

- The 2013 Banquet will be sponsored by R-641.

Old Business:

- Larry Redshaw has been coordinating the Department Fundraiser following the departure of Brian Johnston. Data Mail will be the vendor that completes the mailing. They are doing this for us free of charge. The letter has been updated, is in the final review stage, and should be sent to all residences and businesses within the month of May. An ad of thanks is being considered in The Reminder or Journal Inquirer in lieu of individual letters. It was suggested this be completed mid-way through the fundraiser to encourage additional donations from those who may have forgotten to respond.
- Discussion was held regarding the Annual Banquet and the number of allotted tickets given to the Chief for guests. After much discussion it was agreed that going forward 12 tickets paid by the Association will be available to him. His letter will be modified reflecting that a payment for guest spouses is appreciated. Motion was made/seconded Harrison/Maguda to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Upcoming Wet Down ceremony for the new apparatus arriving this summer was discussed. It was suggested that a department/family picnic be held following the formal ceremony. The \$1,000 donation received tonight will be applied to this event. Chief Call volunteered \$500 from the Recruitment/Retention budget. Additional funding will be necessary. Donations from companies receiving the apparatus may be interested in contributing also. A committee needs to be formed to organize the event. A member from each company should be designated to serve on the committee. Tony Muniz will chair act as chairman. A \$1,000 working fund from the Association was provided. The committee is requested to organize and advise progress as it becomes available. The Board of Directors endorsed the event.
- Steve Lavoie motioned that an additional \$1,000 be available to the committee upon Board of Director approval if funds are needed. Motion was made/seconded Dave Dube seconded the motion.

Upcoming Events:

- ET-541 Mother's Day Flower Sale will be held on May 11-13th.
- E-441 bus trip to Boston on June 2nd.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary