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FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 29, 2010

Present: Bowman, Call, Carpenter, Galley, Gauthier, Goric, Hahn, James, Johnston, Lavoie, Konarski, Maguda, Schambach, Turkington

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Vice President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Galley/Johnston) to accept the August 30, 2010 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- David Galley reported the 4th Quarter report. Total expenses during the quarter were \$7,604; Income was \$3,087 for a check book balance of \$12,878 as of 11/29/2010. The certificate balance is \$3,118. The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$19,751, and the checkbook balance is \$4,289.

Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from Vinny Bifolck for the fruit basket sent and the Kelley family for everything the Association and members did for Chief Kelley's funeral.
- Dave Galley discussed expenses related to the Postage Bulk Rate permit that we hold. He stated the annual expense is approx \$170, however, if we were to cancel the permit, a new filing would be necessary the next time a mass mailing is pursued. It was agreed to continue paying the fee for future ease. There is also an annual fee for P.O. Box 951.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman reported that the recent order for Grave Markers has been received. The Fire Dept. budget will cover the expense. He is also investigating obtaining a supply of American Flags. Fire Dept. Flags will no longer be purchased due to the poor quality of the material.

Toys For Tikes:

- Diane Carpenter requested help with transferring & sorting toys on Saturday, 12/4 @ 11:00. At 1:00 the East Side Motorcycle Crew will be delivering toys to us following their toy run. Diane needs to see Captains to discuss the delivery routes. Toys will be delivered on Monday, December 20th.
- The Toys for Tikes name change should be reflected in our financial accounts to protect our funds. Dave Galley will investigate early next year.

Christmas Party:

- The Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 4th at A Villa Louisa in Bolton. Tickets and money need to be returned to Lt. Muniz tonight.

Annual Banquet:

- ET-541 will host the 2011 event. Georgina's in Bolton has been reserved for Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Additional details will be provided when available.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a granite bench in memory of Chief Kelley. Laurie Galley and Jean Gauthier are investigating options. Donations are being sought from members/companies for the purchase. It will be discussed further at the Assoc. Meeting.

New Business: None

Upcoming Events:

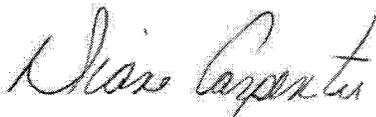
- Toys for Tikes Distribution on Monday, December 20th @ 6:00.

Good & Welfare:

- Former member Nate Lare was the victim of a recent structure fire at his home. Everything was lost. Donations are being sought (clothing/furniture, etc.) to help him rebuild. A \$200 donation will also be pursued at the Association Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Department Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chief William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Galley/Lavoie) to accept the minutes from the August 30, 2010 meeting.

Training Report:

- Eastern CT Fire Training schedule has been distributed.
- EMT Refresher will be held in February, 2011.
- New CPR Guidelines are being released. Training material is not yet available.
- Annual Fit Testing has been falling behind. More information will follow.
- Fire Police training class will be held on December 11th. Contact Charlie Konarski if anyone is interested in attending.
- Target Safety reporting changes were announced. The Captains will have accessibility for their companies.
- Nothing new is available on Firefighter I class.
- A/C Eppler has information for new Recruits.

Administration Report:

- Two interviews remain for the Captain list. Company election dates will be determined at the Staff Meeting.

Health & Safety Report:

- Injury events continue to be very low.
- Members were reminded to not freelance at scenes & drills.
- Department Vest Policy must be enforced to avoid reckless safety issues.

- Apparatus accidents were reviewed. Equipment checks must be done more consistently and accurately to protect the department.
- Door lock FOB's have been installed at Station 441. Station 141 is in progress.
- A spare FOB is located in HSO Hammick's mailbox @ Station 641 for those needing access to Station 441 for gear washing.
- Chico Parrott has joined Special Services to assist with SCBA activities.
- A policy needs to be developed regarding no pictures being taken inside yellow tape areas. This practice is designed to protect the privacy of victims/families. Training photo's may be allowed under the direction of the Chief. Discussion was also held regarding the taking of pictures at auto accidents by EMS personnel to display wreck damage.

Uniform Committee Report:

- Brian Johnston reported the last batch of uniforms has been received. Email to arrange pick up will follow. 20-25 members were outfitted this year.

Board of Firefighters:

- One issue was reported and cleared.
- The Board of Firefighters has been asked to review some wording of the By-Laws at the beginning of the year.

Old Business:

- The Knox Box change is now fully operational. Touch pad systems are available in ET-241, ET-341, ET-541, T-541, T-141, C-141, Duty Car and Police Sergeant cars. Thanks were given to those helping with the transition. There is a new box at VCMS (located in the front and boiler room). Skinner Road School box is in front on the pole. List will follow.
- Recent Country Lane fire was handled well. Some freelancing was observed.
- Mutual Aid coverage assignments were discussed for our Christmas Party. Sheet pizza will be delivered to the Stations.
- Hose testing of 28,000 sq. ft. was tested successfully. 4" hose from Somers has been received. Thanks were given to those helping to get this project completed.
- The recent Food Drive was a huge success. We exceeded Manchester with monetary donations and food items.
- Torchlight parades will be held in North Thompsonville, Ellington (12/4), and Manchester (12/11). Brian Johnston will provide details.
- Website work has been progressing. A great job is being done.

New Business:

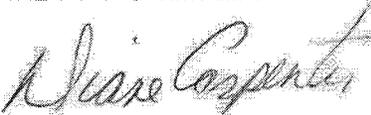
- Chief Call discussed the need for building repairs. The Permanent Municipal Building Committee has viewed our buildings and suggests repairs. Captains have been requested to provide lists of work needing to be completed in their stations by the Staff Meeting. This information will be presented to the Town/Capital Improvement Committee to improve our environment.
- Timing on the release of remuneration checks has been changed @ Town Hall. They will now be released at the start of the next quarter.

Correspondence: None

Good & Welfare: None

Motion was made/seconded (Robertson/Pearson) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Vice President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Babcock/Talty) to accept the minutes from the August 30, 2010 Association Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

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Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from Vinny Bifolck for the fruit basket sent and the Kelley family for everything the Association and members did for Bob's funeral. Diane also took the opportunity to thank all of the companies and members for their flowers, donations and participation in the funeral.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman reported that the recent order for Grave Markers has been received. The Fire Dept. budget will cover the expense. He is also investigating obtaining a supply of American Flags. Fire Dept. Flags will no longer be purchased due to the poor quality of the material.

Toys For Tikes:

- Diane Carpenter requested help with transferring & sorting toys on Saturday, 12/4 @ 11:00. At 1:00 the East Side Motorcycle Crew will be delivering toys to us following their toy run. Diane needs to see Captains to discuss the delivery routes. Members are also asked to not alter the delivery route that is assigned. Several businesses donate their trucks and time and their help is vital to our delivery needs. Toys will be delivered on Monday, December 20th.
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Christmas Party:

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Annual Banquet:

- ET-541 will host the 2011 event. Georgina's in Bolton has been reserved for Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Additional details will be provided when available. Confirmation was made that the format changes agreed to by the Committee included the invitation for spouses to attend and one event would be held.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Former member of ET-441 Nate Lare was the victim of a recent structure fire at his home. Everything was lost. Donations are being sought (clothing/furniture, etc.) to help him rebuild. Clothing donations may be dropped at Station 641. Coordination of larger items should be made through Brian Johnston & Robin Putnam. Discussion was also held regarding a \$200 monetary donation for Nate. Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Gauthier) for a \$200 gift card to be purchased (Dave Galley will handle). The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a granite bench in memory of Chief Kelley. Laurie Galley and Jean Gauthier have been investigating options. Donations are being sought from members/companies for the purchase. It was suggested that each company donate \$100 and a beginning donation of \$100 be initiated by the Association. It was agreed that a committee be formed to search with a preliminary report to be available in January. Laurie Galley (Chair), Jean Gauthier, Bill Call, Bob Turkington were initially selected. An email will follow from Dave Galley inviting others to participate. It was suggested that the Association be the central point for donations. Any input needs to go through the committee. The Mayor has also expressed a willingness for the Town to assist.
- Dottie Konarski discussed an Auxiliary fundraiser that supports the Citizens Fund. The Taste Dining and Activity Book for 2011 will sell for \$20 each.
- The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on January 31, 2011. Activation of a nominating committee was agreed to at the BOD Meeting to pursue interest for officer candidates of the Association. Dave Goric, Dick Bowman and Chris Hammick agreed handle.

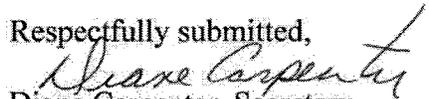
Upcoming Events:

- Toys for Tikes Distribution on Monday, December 20th @ 6:00.

Good & Welfare: None

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Shepard) to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane Carpenter, Secretary