

## **MINUTES OF THE 909<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING September 15, 2025**

President Jamie DiPace called the meeting to order at 19010.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of Silence for the 9/11 victims was observed, after which Brian Baldwin said a prayer for all those lost or still suffering from that awful day.

Recruitment Team Leader Ben Shapiro talked about the Emergency Services Day which will be on Sunday September 21, 2025, from 12:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a signup Monkey link for members to sign up for times during the day to help out,

Guest Speaker: Mr. David Maikowski talked about the LOSAP program for anyone who was not familiar with it.

**Roll Call:** Present 58

**Oath of Office:** Ryan Wilson took the Oath of Office for the lieutenant position.

**Membership Oath:** Darpan Shah took the Oath of Membership

Minutes from April 14, 2025, were approved with a motion from Dave Bourgoin and seconded by Phil Kholond.

**Correspondence:** Mark Wilson – Read all the thank you notes,

### **President's Report:**

- Thank you to Brian and Carol Baldwin for doing a wonderful job putting the 9/11 ceremony together.
- Thank you to Tom Post and Christina Adajian for doing a great job with the Family Picnic at the Farming Polo Club, everyone who attended enjoyed themselves with their families.
- Thank you to Cristina Adajian for doing the Yard Goats event. Everyone who attended looked like they were having good time.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time at the Italian Festive on Friday and Saturday.
- There are 3 open board seats. An email will be sent out with all the information.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The report was out for all members to take. There were no questions. Jack McGuire made a motion with Dave Bourgoin seconding to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

### **AV-1 Chief Bruce Appell**

- Chief Appell's major concern is that not enough members are responding to calls, and he would like to know what he could do so the members will participate more in calls. The members are always volunteering for community outreach events, which is good, but we need to have people responding to calls as well. Chief Appell said there should be at least 15 members going to call. He told the members that if they have any suggestions on how to get people to respond to calls and any other suggestions that will get the members to spend time at the stations and going to calls.
- Chief Appell, Jamie DiPace and Jim Speich will be meeting with each company to just talk to the members to see what suggestions they may have.

### **AV-2 Assistant Chief Tom Kline**

- Jacob Theriault is now the Lieutenant for the Explorers; He will get his new helmet at the next Corporation meeting.
- Officers, please make sure you have all your incidents in so that HQ can enter them into First Due before we switch to NIFRS to NERIS.
- Assistant Chief Kline went over a few things that will change when the regional dispatch is up and operating.

**Training Report: Deputy Chief Aaron Gelber**

- Rich Shiffres and Jacob Jones both passed their FFI.
- Next week there will be regular training.
- The live burn will be on Monday September 29, 2025

**Fire Police Captain Peter Tedone:** The arrow sign is now on Truck 19

**Old Business:**

- **Building Committee – Jim Speich**
  - The building committee went before the Town Council on September 4, 2025, with their recommendations. With reducing space at Company 1 and Company 3 we were able to bring the project to \$57 million. Jim feels that the Town Council will not do anything until next year due to town elections this year.

**New Business:**

- **By-Law Change for 501c3 classification.**
  - New verbiage for Article I and Article VIII after President DiPace explained the reason for the new verbiage Peter Tedone made a motion with Jack McGuire seconding to accept the new changes. Motion passed.
- **Quorum Change for Corporate Meeting.**
  - The board has been working on deciding what the quorum should be for corporation meetings. Since the department did not have any solution and wanted to be able to conduct business at the corporations' meetings. Chip Carpenter was asked to look into this and report back to the board. He checked with someone who knew about Robert's Rules and there was verbiage stating that we could go down to 33% of voting members. The board decided to follow this rule and voted to change the corresponding AGO. Since it is an AOG and the members do not need to vote on it, the president wanted to inform the membership.

**Welfare and Cheer:** There was nothing to report,

**History Team: Carol Baldwin and Pam Redman**

- With two past members passing away the families asked Carol to see if there were any pictures and Carol was able to find some for the families, Carol thanked Assistant Chief Kline for getting the history team a scanner.
- Carol and Pam were looking for information about the Flood of 1955 and there was nothing in the fire department's history. If anyone has anything at home about the department that the history department could scan, please contact either Carol Baldwin or Pam Redman.

**Attendance and Pot O' Gold**

- Pot O' Gold
- Attendance winner Margie Bourgoïn

A motion was made by Jack McGuire and seconded by Dave Bourgoïn to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 21:00. (GB)

**Meetings Schedule**

- Board Meeting September 25, 2025
- Corporation Meeting October 20, 2025