



919th AVFD CORPORATION MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2026

Corporate Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Company One Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Board President Jamie DiPace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance for all fallen firefighters.

ATTENDANCE / INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

46 voting members; 7 non-voting members. Welcomed new members Brandon Soley and Donna Drier.

2. OATH OF OFFICE:

Membership Oaths were taken for the following new members: Brandon Soley, Donna Dreier. Oath of Office for Explorer Captain: Jacob Theriault.

COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

(All items from the audience are limited to five (5) minutes or less.)

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

918th Corporation Meeting, June 8, 2026: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Member Joe Person; second by Bob Theriault. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President DiPace thanked member chair Brian Baldwin and his committee including Pam Redman for their help at the 9/11 Ceremony. He also announced that the Fire Academy Memorial is this Sunday, Sept. 27th at 12:30pm. Still waiting for information from the committee on when to be there.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Jeff Bernetich read off the donations that were received.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

None. Treasurer Steve Gwizdak was not present at the meeting to provide an update.

6. OFFICERS REPORTS:

AC. Kline made remarks. Chief Gelber does not have info on tower training yet. Captain of Co. 1, Bobby Sanderson reported that the tower ladder will be in the state by the end of the week and the engine the week after that. Captain Tedone reported truck 16 is getting fitted and should be online at the end of next month.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Building Committee Updates (Town Rep): Member and Town Council Representative to AVFD Jim Speich discussed that the survey has been sent out to the town. Survey closes Oct. 9.
- b. Member Jenn Rosado will be stepping down as co-chair on the Recruitment and Retention team.
- c. Capt. Wright stated the Open House at Co. 4 went well. There was a steady stream of people and a great response. There were two applications.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Board Member vacancies. President DiPace stated that both his and Vice President Mark Wilson's board term is up. As well as the appointed position of Treasurer Steve Gwizdak. If anyone would like to be on the Board of Directors, please apply to the BOD and see if you're eligible. Send in a letter of intent, reason you would be a good fit and resume to the Board.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. History Presentation: Historian and Member Carol Baldwin informed that the committee meets every Tuesday at 4:30pm. Member Pam Redman and Vice President Mark Wilson are both co-chairs on the committee. She gave a brief departmental history of 9/11.
- b. Welfare & Cheer: Well wishes were sent out to two members.
- c. Attendance Drawing: money collection first; name drawn until a member who's present claims \$10.00 award. Winner: Member Carol Baldwin
- d. Pot of Gold Drawing: remainder money from Attendance Drawing; name drawn once only; if no winner, money carried to next meeting's Pot of Gold. Winner: Member Sid Shafran.

10. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn by Member Joe Person; second by Member Bob Sanderson. All were in favor and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Board Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Corporation Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.