Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Corporation Meeting Minutes

03/14/12

Meeting called to order:  7:15pm by Willi Matava

February 2012 Corporation minutes were accepted by Jon Gotaski and seconded by
Martin. Membership majority approved minutes unanimously.

Board of Directors

Tom mentioned that it is nice to see that this meeting is well attended.

Contracts have been signed for spring and fall seasons. Check for $3,000 received from Lacrosse; this is the first of two payments for 2012. Last check for 2011 in the amount of $2,800 received for Lacrosse. Checks were given to Willi, and in turn, to Debbie for deposit.

Lacrosse wants to use Fields 2 and 3 for the spring season. Fields 1 and 4 will be used by Soccer for the spring.

Revisions to Policies and Procedures is “on hold”. Need to meet again before other edits are made.

Vendor contract revisions for mowing are completed and are ready to go out to bidders. Please contact Willi or Scott of any bids.

Fields

Jeff met with Lawler Electric regarding electricity to the fields. Bus company is scheduled to go in down there resulting in 3 phase service at no extra cost. Electricity has to be run by the pole. Lawler offered to install a free standing panel which will have more strength. A price is being worked up. Job has to be done with specifications and completed this month as sports teams begin games in April. Due to time constraints, it would be better for Lawler to do all of the work. Both trees will be taken care of this week. Hinman or Langers will be doing the work.

Suggestion made to have windmills installed to generate electricity. This can generate income for the fields. Town can lease space from us. Also suggested that research be done on upper field to determine if beneficial to put in cell phone tower. Scott will research.

Work party needs to be organized to get work done on water pipes. Need to put in copper piping because plastic freezes. New meter box needs to be installed. Only trenching required is at the first hydrant to the fence. Hydrant near the pavilion is working and underground lines are good.

New electrical service is completed and connected.

Soda Machine

Call made to Pepsi to have them come down to service machine; some of the cans/bottles are trapped and dispenser needs to be fixed. Pepsi is in no rush to provide service because CVFD is not high volume. It would be better to buy soda at the grocery store.

2012 Jamboree/Parade

Trophies and tee shirts have been ordered. Tee shirts are in and will be sold for $20.00 each. (Polo shirts are a 5 year tradition.)

Letters sent out inviting fire companies in Connecticut municipalities to participate. Waiting for approval from the State for permit and plan for traffic patterns. Paperwork for permit was submitted past due date (State’s fault). Permit for previous parade was received 2 weeks before the parade date.

Canton Street will be helping out at this year’s event.

First 3 work parties have been scheduled at 10:00am on the following Saturdays:

3/24/12

4/14/12

5/5/12

Reno will be here at tonight’s Jamboree meeting to discuss the food.

2012 Bench Nominees

2012 Bench nominee names are needed by next Board meeting. Flagpole dedication (with plaque) should be part of this year’s ceremony.

No questions were raised to the Board.

Treasurer’s Report

Nothing to report.

Cheers and Tears

Thanks to all who attended the calling hours for Mr. Root. CVFD was very proud of those who were honor guards at the casket some who had never done this before. $300.00 budgeted for family gift, etc. came in at $233.17.

Thank you cards were received by both CVFD and Auxiliary. Thank you card to CVFD was read at 3/14/12 meeting.

Gas Card Drawing for February, 2012

EMS: Matt Bilts

Fire: Myles

Congratulations!

Old Business

Marilyn Drs served coffee at fire on Center Street. Her utensils are missing and she would like them returned.

Bunting for the building; Willi is looking into getting material of better quality.

New Business

Informational discussion headed by Tom Gotaski for ideas/recommendations for the fields and how much should be spent on them going forward. A lot of money has been spent over the past year due to the damage produced from the October storm. Fields are a money pit and will not produce wealth from sports leases (it is a breakeven). Sports leases of $15,000 do not cover the $100,000 put out for maintenance.

We can come up with other ideas for use of the fields that will make a profit.

Some suggestions were: renting it out, fall fundraiser, August (summer) car show when fields are dry. Use of fields is limited for other activities during soccer and lacrosse seasons. We have gotten smarter about taking precautions due to unforeseen weather events, etc. Considering renting to the town means we lose control of them.

Fields were “willed” to CVFD with terms stating that they cannot be sold to the town. They can be given or sold to a non-profit.

Burn center trailer (costing approx. $50,000) and be set up and rented out to fire companies.

(Town of Torrington has one).

Discussions will continue.

Good of the Order

Three new membership applications received:

Sharon Wolf voted in as unanimous for 6 month probationary period.

Christopher Melite voted in with 5 “yays” and 1 “nay” for 6 month probationary period.

Jennifer Tucker voted in as unanimous for 6 month probationary period.

Congratuations!

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Motion to adjourn made by Scott Goeben and seconded by Tom Gotaski.

Minutes typed and submitted by Dawn Guite on 3/27/12.