

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.  
Minutes – October 11, 2017

President Bob Mordecai called the 36<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 12:02 p.m. at the Hamden Elks Hall on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the members present observed a moment of silence in memory of Edward Doiron, 29-year veteran of the department, who passed away on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair introduced Deputy Chief Gary Merwede, Ms. Wendy Vining, Ms. Lisa Hoffman, and Mrs. Margaret Doiron and family. Dep. Chief Merwede noted that Chief Berardesca sends his regards, but was unable to attend as he and his wife are away on vacation.

**MINUTES** – A motion was made by Jim Leddy and seconded by Chick Manware to dispense with the reading of the July minutes, which has been available online since April. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – The secretary reported O'Dea wished to donate an old HFD Rule Book (1962) to the archives, which he sent a few days later. Press releases were received from the chief's office regarding a fire at 4400 Whitney Avenue, a rescue at West Rock Ridge State Park, a rescue of a man from a burning car, and the swearing-in of Lt. Jay McCarthy. Photos were sent by Bob Freeman of the fire at 68 Maple Avenue in North Haven. An August 14<sup>th</sup> email from Chief Berardesca announced that a new E5, a quint, will be placed in service on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017

Checking balance as of July 1, 2017	\$ 954.36
Shares balance as of July 1, 2017	<u>141.33</u>
Total balance as of July 1, 2017	\$ 1,095.69

Income:

Quarterly dividend (Into savings)	\$ 0.04
Password subscription - Mike Devine – 7/30/17	10.00
Password subscription - Brian Crozier – 9/18/17	10.00
Dues – 2016	15.00
Dues – 2017	<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 80.04

Expenses:

PayPal Commissions (Devine, Crozier)	\$ 1.18
PayPal test reimbursement (David Johnson – Check #124)	10.41
Report to the Sec. of the State (Check #125)	50.00
Flowers and card – Rita Knudsen	<u>9.56</u>
TOTAL expenses this quarter	\$ (- 71.15)

Transfers from Savings to Checking	\$ none
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Checking balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 963.21*
Shares balance as of September 30, 2017	<u>141.37</u>
Total balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 1,104.58

Activity from October 1 to October 11, 2017:

Postage (100 postcard stamps)	34.00
Barker Specialty (4 plaques)	<u>164.83</u>
	\$ 198.83

TOTAL balance in Credit Union as of 10/11/2017	\$ 905.75
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A motion was made by Jim Leddy, seconded by Bill Fitzmaurice, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee** – The Secretary reported on the pension plan since the July meeting. The market continues to do extremely well. The plan stands at about \$164 million. The COLA increase for May 1<sup>st</sup> was 2.5%.

**Sunshine Committee** – A card was sent to Honorary Member Shirley Mangler on the sudden passing of her son, William Woodtke. Card and flowers to Rita Knudsen.

**History Committee** – An 1898 Hamden helmet was donated to the Chief's Office for eventual inclusion in the association's archives/museum. The Secretary reported that *Hamden Firefighting* has been completed and Arcadia Publishing has set November 20<sup>th</sup> as the date the book is due to go on sale.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** – President Mordecai noted that the association had authorized the purchase of 100 copies of Hamden Firefighting for \$8.50 each, to be re-sold online for \$20 plus postage. [Sec'y Note: It was learned later that books bought in that quantity actually cost \$11.69 each, so the association purchased 75, which sold out quickly.]

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION** –

The Chair thanked Brian Forsyth for preparing today's refreshments, and the members and guests for attending today's meeting and plaque presentation.

Brian reported that starting soon the Elks Lodge will be closed on Mondays and Tuesday. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the time and menu to be announced as the date nears.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carl Backus and seconded by Brian Forsyth to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. Motion passed.

**PLAQUE PRESENTATION** – Following adjournment, memorial plaques were presented to the families of the following members, whom we lost since last October:

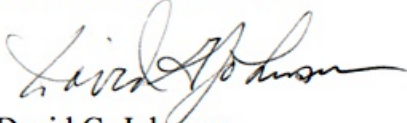
Tom Doherty presented a plaque in memory of Firefighter Walter Vining to his twin sister, Wendy, who accepted the plaque on behalf of Walt's wife, Barbara, who was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

On behalf of Patricia Davin, who was unable to attend, John O'Hare accepted the plaque honoring Firefighter Bill Davin, with whom he worked for many years on Platoon 4.

A longtime friend of Ed Doiron and his company officer for several years, Gil Spencer presented the memorial plaque honoring Firefighter Edward Doiron to Ed's wife, Peg, who was joined by several members of Ed's family.

President Mordecai concluded the ceremony with a surprise presentation to association and fire department chaplain Rev. Owen Sanderson, recognizing his recent 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Following a standing ovation, "the Rev" thanked the members and guests and offered a benediction, which was followed by lunch in the bar area.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David G. Johnson".

David G. Johnson  
Secretary

22 members: Anthony, Backus, Doherty, Forsyth, Fitzmaurice, Forsyth, Frodel, Johnson, Koutsopolos, LaVelle, Leddy, Mangler, Manware, R. Mordecai, O'Dea, O'Hare, Pratt, Proulx, Rev. Sanderson, Spencer, Viglione, Williams. Guests (10): Dep. Chief Gary Merwede, Wendy Vining, Peg Doiron, Patricia Doiron, Ed Doiron Jr., Barbara (Doiron) Miller, Tony DiCrosta, Lisa Hoffman, Barbara Johnson, and Victor Mitchell.