

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – April 12, 2017

Following a complimentary 9 o'clock continental breakfast in the lounge area, President Bob Mordecai called the 34th regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 9:44 a.m. at the Hamden Elks Hall on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the members present observed a moment of silence in memory of brother Bill Davin, who passed away January 14th, following a long illness.

President Mordecai introduced the Association's newest member, Paul Tavaras, who retired last June following a serious spinal injury that ended his thirteen-year career with the department. Paul and fellow retiree C.J. Hedges were honored at last Saturday night's Local 2687 Retirement Dinner.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – The secretary reported that he had received emails that will be reported on under Committee Reports and New Business.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017

Checking balance as of January 1, 2017	\$ 626.01
Shares balance as of January 1, 2017	<u>141.25</u>
Total balance as of January 1, 2017	\$ 767.26
Income:	
Quarterly dividend	\$ 0.04
Password subscription	10.00
Dues – 2016	60.00
Dues – 2017	<u>660.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 730.04
Expenses:	
P.O. Box 185605 (one year)	\$ 108.00
Postage	34.00
Office Supplies (small envelopes)	6.36
Preservation supplies – page protectors (photos)	20.19
Refreshments – January meeting	<u>79.71</u>
TOTAL expenses this quarter	\$ (-248.26)
Transfers from Savings to Checking	\$ none
Checking balance as of March 31, 2017	\$ 1,107.75
Shares balance as of March 31, 2017	<u>141.29</u>
Total balance as of March 31, 2017	\$ 1,249.04

Activity from April 1 to April 11, 2017:

Income: Dues – 2017, 2018, 2019	\$ 45.00
Expenses: BET – CT DRS	<u>(-250.00)</u>
Checking Balance – 4/11/2017	902.75
Shares Balance – 4/11/2017	<u>141.29</u>
TOTAL balance in Credit Union as of 4/11/2017	\$ 1,044.04

A motion was made by Chick Manware, seconded by Don LaBanca, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee

The Secretary reported on the pension plan since the January meeting. The market continues to do better. The plan stands at about \$159 million. The COLA increase for May 1st will be 2.5%.

Sunshine Committee – No activity.

History Committee – The Secretary reported that former Hamden resident, Mr. Rich Iagrosse of Northford, donated several old fire photos to the archives. Mr. Iagrosse's donation was acknowledged with the Association's gratitude.

Harold Mangler obtained four I.A. Snederman photos for scanning. One of the photos appears to be the delivery photo of the 1941 Diamond-T ladder truck, pictured in front of old Station 3.

The Secretary reported that "Hamden Firefighting" will be ready for the publisher by the middle of next month. He thanked the many Association members, including Gil Spencer, Tom Doherty, Harold Mangler, Honorary members Chan Brainard and Shirley Mangler, many others for their contribution of many photos that will appear in the book. He noted that he has obtained permission from Time, Inc. and the New Haven Register to republish photos that have appeared on their pages.

He presented Bobby Viglione with a glossy 8x10 print of John Mongillo Jr.'s 1972 photo of the rescue of a youthful hockey player who fell through the ice off Mix Avenue. Other HFD rescuers in the photo included Walt Macdowall, Ed Charbonneau, Gerry Wolf and Co. 7 volunteer Wes DeGroot. This Register photo was republished in the February 4, 1972 edition of LIFE magazine.

Bob related how a man entered his North Branford barber shop a few years ago and introduced himself as the guy whose life Bob and his colleagues saved many years earlier.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – None

OLD BUSINESS – President Mordecai reported that he and the secretary are still investigating which IRS 501(c) tax-exempt status would be most appropriate for this Association. There are pros and cons for either a 501(c)(4) or (7) status. We are still liable for income taxes for 2017, but acquiring a 501(c) tax-exempt status by December 31st will inoculate the Association from federal and state income taxes for 2018 and thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS – The secretary reported that the Association had received a donation request from the Hamden Volunteer Firefighters Fireworks Committee, as we have in the past. (Full disclosure: Your secretary has been on the fireworks committee since 2011.) He noted that in

recent years Local 2687 has donated \$300 and we have usually donated \$100. The donations are gratefully accepted and are positive public relations efforts that help to support a longstanding Hamden Independence Day tradition. A motion was made by Don LaBanca, seconded by Harold Mangler, to donate \$100 toward the 2017 fireworks display on behalf of this Association. Motion passed unanimously.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – The Chair thanked Brian Forsyth for preparing the refreshments for this morning continental breakfast and thanked everyone for their attendance today.

He noted that the July meeting will be on Tuesday evening, July 11th. The members present agreed on a start time of 6 p.m. Brian reported that he will prepare a regular meal as in the past. The menu will be announced when meeting notices are sent in late June.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Don LaBanca and seconded by Brian Forsyth to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

David G. Johnson
Secretary

22 members: Dobbs, Doherty, Dunlop, Forsyth, Frodel, Johnson, Koutsopolos, LaBanca, Leddy, Mangler, Manware, Moore, R. Mordecai, O'Dea, Pratt, Reynolds, Spencer, Strawhince, Surprise, Tavaras, Viglione, and Williams.