

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – October 10, 2019

President Bob Mordecai called the 43rd regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 12:08 p.m. in the Hamden Elks Lodge on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chair recognized the families of Milner Benham, Bob Chadwick, and Doug Yocher, who were present to receive memorial plaques during a post-adjournment ceremony.

MINUTES – The secretary read the minutes of the July 10th meeting. A motion was made by Harold Mangler, seconded by Ralph Dievert, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

TREASURER'S REPORT - The secretary read the 2019 3rd Quarter Report.

July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

Checking balance as of July 1, 2019*	\$ 780.77
Shares balance as of July 1, 2019*	<u>1,640.18</u>
Total balance as of July 1, 2019*	\$ 2,420.95
*as of the start of the day	

Income:

3 rd quarter dividend (savings)	\$ 0.83
Dues: 2019	75.00
Dues: 2020	<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 120.83

Expenses:

Office supplies – 500 sheets of card stock	\$ 20.20
Preservation Supplies – 200 page protectors	29.76
Reimbursement – 2018, 2019 Sec'y/State Reports	100.00
Johnson (2 more large pizzas - April Meeting)	<u>29.57</u>
	\$ (-179.53)

Transfers from Checking to Savings - None

Checking balance as of September 30, 2019	\$ 721.24
Shares balance as of September 30, 2019	<u>1,641.01</u>
Total balance as of September 30, 2019	\$ 2,362.25

Activity from October 1 to October 10, 2019:

Income since 9/30: none

Expenses since 9/30: Plaques and postage \$206.96

TOTAL balance in Credit Union as of October 10, 2019	\$ 2,155.29
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A motion to accept the report was made by Ralph Tortora and seconded by Bill Fitzmaurice. There was no discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee – The Chair reviewed the COLA situation as of today. He noted that everything known to the HGSRA E-Board thus far has been disseminated to the members and the Board requests that members refrain from phone calls to the Board members.

Retirees are encouraged to attend future Retirement Board meetings, which begin at 3:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month, in the meeting room on the top floor of the Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue.

Sunshine Committee – Nothing to report, except there was a “Thinking of You” card for the Association members to sign for Dennis Baker, who was recently injured and hospitalized, but is now home. We are happy to report that Dennis was present at today’s meeting and, although still quite sore, he is doing very well.

History Committee – The Secretary was happy to report that we have finally heard from Roger Sullivan and Tom Hart. Sullivan and Hart were among the scores of retirees we tried to contact ten years ago, but they were among the very few we were unable to locate. The town would not reveal their addresses due to confidentiality regulations. We have a new member, Jeff Pechmann, who retired at the end of August. Nothing new to report on the Schoolhouse.

OLD BUSINESS – The members present voted unanimously to amend the by-laws, as proposed at the July meeting, to change the number of meetings held annually from four to three – in February, June and October. When possible, the February meeting will be a 9:00 a.m. breakfast meeting, the June meeting will take place no earlier than 5:00 p.m., and the October meeting will be an early afternoon meeting. All language in the by-laws will be changed to reflect those changes.

NEW BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – The Chair thanked the members and guests for attending today’s meeting, and the Elks’ staff for preparing the meal that will follow the plaque ceremony.

The Chair noted that the next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 12, 2020. As always, the secretary will notify all members at least one week before the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Chick Manware and seconded by Carl Backus to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. Motion passed.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION – Following adjournment, memorial plaques were presented to the families of the following members, whom we lost since September 2018:

The memorial plaque honoring the memory of Firefighter Ernest Braun was received on behalf of his family by fellow Platoon 3 members Tom Doherty, Ralph Tortora, Mark Pratt, and Carl Backus, all of whom worked with Ernie on Platoon 3. The plaque will be shipped to Ernie’s niece, Sherrie Braun, on behalf of Ernie’s brother, Walter, both of whom live in Florida.

Representing her husband Gil, who was unable to attend, Helen Spencer presented the plaque honoring the memory of Firefighter Milner Benham to his son, Burton, and his sister, Nancy. Milner Benham was Gil’s best man when he and Helen were married in July 1961. He and Gil

worked together on old Platoon 2 at Headquarters before the 42-hour workweek was adopted in 1970.

President Bob Mordecai presented the plaque honoring the memory of Lieut. Doug Yocher to his wife, Maryann, who was accompanied by their son Chris, daughter Carol Yale, and her children Hunter and Hannah. He then called up Trustee Bob Viglione to present Maryann with her certificate of Honorary Membership in the HFRA. Bob Mordecai and Bob Viglione both worked with Doug as fellow company officers on Platoon 2 for many years.

Tom Doherty presented the plaque honoring the memory of Capt. Bob Chadwick to his wife, Margaret, who was accompanied by her sister, Katie Underwood. Tom was shift commander of Platoon 3 when Bob served with him as a company officer at Station 3. The Secretary then presented Margaret Chadwick with her certificate of Honorary Membership in the HFRA.

The meeting and plaque ceremony were followed by a meal prepared by the staff of the Hamden Elks.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David G. Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

David G. Johnson
Secretary

18 members: Backus, Baker, Berardesca, DeBurra, Dievert, Doherty, Fitzmaurice, Frodel, Johnson, Leddy, Mangler, J. Mordecai, R. Mordecai, Murray, Pratt, Tortora, Viglione, and Williams. Guests: Vic Mitchell, Helen Spencer; Benham family: Burton Benham, Nancy and Tom Bergvik, Audrey and Joe Langella; Chadwick family: Margaret Chadwick and Katie Underwood; Yocher family: Maryann Yocher, Chris Yocher, Carol and Scott Yale and kids Hunter and Hannah. (15 guests)