

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – April 11, 2019

President Bob Mordecai called the 41st regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 5:10 p.m. at the Hamden Elks Hall on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chair requested a moment of silence in memory of FDNY Firefighter Christopher Slutman, who was killed last week while serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan; Commissioner Dick Reilly, brother of our late brother, Ray Reilly; Margaret Purificato, mother of our brother member Ralph Purificato; and Eric Slater, son of Karen and brother member Robert Slater, who passed away suddenly yesterday.

The Chair welcomed our newest member, retired Firefighter Jay Connolly, who retired in November after having served on the department since January 1981.

MINUTES – The secretary read the minutes of the January meeting. A motion was made by Jim Koutsopolos, seconded by Chick Manware, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

TREASURER'S REPORT - The Secretary read the 2019 1st Quarter Report.

Treasurer's 2019 1st Quarter Report:

Checking balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 1,502.29
Shares balance as of January 1, 2019	<u>138.66</u>
Total balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 1,640.95

Income:

1 st quarter dividend (savings)	\$ 0.70
Donations received – (Carroll \$60.00 / <i>Hamden Firefighting</i> \$6)	66.00
Dues: 2018	15.00
Dues: 2019	748.00
Dues: 2020	30.00
Dues: 2021	15.00
Hamden Firefighting	114.00
Shipping fee	5.00
Website subscription	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 1,003.70

Expenses

Office Supplies – ink cartridges	\$ 68.58
PayPal – (Dues: \$5.18 / Subscription: \$0.59)	5.77
P.O. Box 185605 (1 year)	122.00
Postage – 100 postcard stamps	35.00
Refreshments (January meeting)	41.46
Shipping Fee	<u>7.25</u>
TOTAL expenses this quarter	\$ (- 280.06)

Transfers from Checking to Savings	\$ 1,500.00
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Checking balance as of March 31, 2019	\$ 724.63*
Shares balance as of March 31, 2019	1,639.36
Total balance as of March 31, 2019	\$ 2,363.99

Activity from April 1 to April 11, 2019:

**Not cleared as of March 31, 2019*

Check #159 - 3/4/2019 / U.S.P.S. - \$ 35.00

Check #160 – 4/10/2019 / Tonino’s Pizza – \$ 98.27

TOTAL balance in Credit Union as of April 11, 2018	\$ 2,230.72
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A motion to accept the report was made by Harold Mangler and seconded by Ray Dobbs. There was no discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Sunshine Committee – The Secretary reported that Joe Rahl is home from the hospital. Karen and Bob Slater’s son Eric died of an apparent heart attack yesterday. Helen McDermott notified the association that Joe is doing well and would love to have members stop by. Cards for Joe Rahl, John O’Hare, and Bob Slater were signed by the members.

Benefits Committee – Copies of the March 2019 Dahab Report from yesterday’s Retirement Board meeting were distributed to the members present. The Secretary reported that the plan is doing very well according to Dahab representatives and is currently valued at \$165.6 million. He also reported that the attorney for the Retirement Board, Marc Wallman, announced that the board will be investigating the town’s COLA error over the course of more than 20 years to see what recovery efforts may be permissible. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chair also mentioned that the HGSRA will be looking into the Medicare Reimbursement issue. Honorary member Lucianne Kenyon reported that her late husband Ricky had saved the retirement agreement under which he retired. The wording in the agreement she has states that the reimbursements are to be done quarterly. She will send a copy of the agreement to the Secretary when she returns home to Florida.

History Committee – Schoolhouse – The Secretary reported that Tom Doherty, Vic Mitchell of Co. 7, and he met with representatives from the Mayor’s Office on January 24th and were reassured that the \$50K that had been placed in a capital account to rehab the old schoolhouse is still there. The committee requested another walk-through of the building. The Mayor said he would like to wait until after the budget hearings are over before taking any action on the schoolhouse.

The Secretary reported that the weekly website updates will be discontinued at the end of June, but the website will continue as a bulletin board, with each month’s postings being archived.

OLD BUSINESS – Harold Mangler suggested some sort of honorarium to the officers, which the officers declined with their thanks.

NEW BUSINESS – The Secretary requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Local 2687, once again expressing the association’s thanks for retirement dinner invitations to all retirees and widows, and its appreciation for the hard work done by the dinner committee, Kevin Recca and Brian Gilson.

The fireworks will be held again this year, although this time it will be orchestrated by the town. It will be held Friday, June 28th.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – The Chair announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 10th at 5 p.m. and there will be a meal.

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 Ralph Dievert and seconded by Richie Lostritto to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Johnson
Secretary

21 members: Baker, Berardesca, Buechele, Castracane, Connolly, Dievert, Dobbs, Doherty, Forsyth, Johnson, Lucianne Kenyon, Koutsopolos, LaBanca, Leddy, Lostritto, Mangler, Manware, Moore, R. Mordecai, Murphy, Purificato, and Williams. Guest: Barb Johnson