

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – February 12, 2020

President Bob Mordecai called the 44th regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 9:25 a.m. at the Hamden Elks Hall on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chair requested member Rev. Ralph Purificato to lead in prayer to remember Joe McDermott (11/9/19), Joe Rahl (12/23/19), and Harold Prescher, who passed away this morning.

The Secretary noted that Rev. Sanderson called him yesterday and reported that he would be unable to attend today because he will be attending an event for his granddaughter's upcoming wedding.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Clark Hurlburt reported on the passing yesterday of NHFD Commissioner William Celantano, who was a historian of the New Haven Fire Department. The Secretary also noted that Cmmr. Celantano was a follower of and contributor to our website and and gave the HFRA permission to use images from the Box 22 book, *New Haven Firefighters* (2004 – Arcadia Publishing).

The Secretary noted that the association received a Christmas card from Joe Mulligan, a note from Helen McDermott thanking the Association and the Honor Guard for Joe's funeral. "The send-off was sensational." We also received a thank-you card from Bill Rahl for arranging the Honor Guard at his dad's calling hours.

TREASURER'S REPORT - October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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

Income:

4 th quarter dividend (savings)	\$ 0.83
Donations received – (Lubowicki – subscription)	10.00
Hamden Firefighting	57.00
Dues: 2020	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 157.83

Expenses:

PayPal (from \$10 donation)	\$.59
Elks – Meal for members October meeting	150.00
Plaques	171.96
U.S.P.S. – 100 postcard stamps	35.00
U.S.P.S. – postage Braun plaque to FL; Baker card	<u>13.15</u>
	\$ (-370.70)

Transfers from Checking to Savings - None

Checking balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 507.54
Shares balance as of December 31, 2019	<u>1,641.84</u>
Total balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 2,149.38

Activity from January 1 to February 12, 2020:

Income since 12/31: Dues - \$345.00

Expenses since 12/31: Office supplies, PayPal, and postage \$126.65

TOTAL balance in Credit Union as of February 12, 2020	\$ 2,367.73
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The Secretary then presented the Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2019, which is included with these minutes.

A motion was made by Harold Mangler, seconded by Ray Dobbs, to accept the Treasurer’s reports. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee – The Chair reported on the town’s intention to recoup the funds that were overpaid to retirees until May 1, 2012. He noted that a meeting of the Retirement Board is this afternoon at 3. He reviewed the reasons for forming the HGSRA in 2012 to protect our pensions and benefits. The HGSRA E-Board believes the town is wrong and have received pro bono advise from an attorney and from an accountant.

That HGSRA E-board does not dispute that the Retirement Board has a fiduciary responsibility to recoup the overpayments, but the E-Board does take issue with the town’s not addressing this issue as far back as 2002, when they were first made aware of the problem. The town has given the HGSRA no indication as to how they are going to address this problem. We are also not sure if we will receive a COLA on May 1. [Note: Retirees did receive a COLA on May 1, 2020.]

Sunshine Committee – The Secretary reported that there was a good turnout of retirees to stand Honor Guard for Joe McDermott and Joe Rahl.

In the recent municipal elections, Bob Viglione won the most votes of the North Branford council members and thereby has become Mayor of that community.

Condolence card to the family of Tom Doherty, whose son Tom passed away just before Christmas.

Several retirees assisted our active members in the annual Thanksgiving turkey distribution at the Senior Center and M.L. Keefe Center.

He and Tom Doherty visited member Clark Hurlburt in late November as he was recuperating from open-heart surgery.;

With Kurt Vogt’s recent promotion to lieutenant, the new Badge #1 Firefighter is Don Pazcowski.

The memorial video has been revised and is presently on YouTube.

The Chair just received word that today’s Retirement Board has been cancelled due to it being a holiday.

The Secretary reported that Bill Fitzmaurice’s son Bill was just appointed to the department.

History Committee – The Secretary noted that it was Harold Prescher who was solely responsible for the adoption of a department map book when, as a new recruit in 1981, he made his own map book that was soon adopted by the department and placed in all apparatus.

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing new on the schoolhouse.

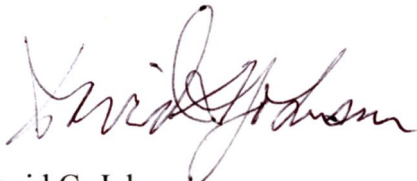
NEW BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – Chair thanked the members for their attendance, and the Elks for the use of their hall.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be an evening meeting on Thursday, June 11th. 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, seconded by Don LaBanca to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

David G. Johnson
Secretary

21 members: Backus, Baker, Dobbs, Doherty, Dunlop, Hurlburt, Johnson, Koutsopolos, LaBanca, Leddy, Mangler, Manware, J. Mordecai, R. Mordecai, O'Dea, Poe, Purificato, Strawhince, Surprise, Tortora, and Williams. Guests (1): Vic Mitchell

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019
January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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

**Not cleared as of January 1, 2019 - Check #154 dated 12/24/2018 / Staples - \$35.60*

Income - January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Dividend Income (Shares)	\$ 3.18
Donations received	
Richard Carroll	\$ 60.00
Donations: Book sales	6.00
Total donations received	66.00
Dues	
Dues – 2018 – \$	30.00
Dues – 2019 –	958.00
Dues – 2020 –	195.00
Dues – 2021 –	15.00
Total dues received	1,198.00
<i>Hamden Firefighting Sales</i>	171.00
Shipping fee received	5.00
Website subscriptions (3)	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL 2019 INCOME	\$ 1,473.18

Transfer from Checking to Savings – 1/14/2019 \$ 1,500.00

Expenses - January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

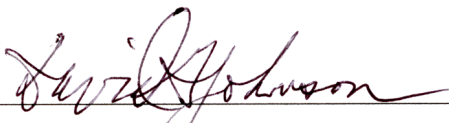
Dining/Refreshments	
January Meeting – Continental breakfast	\$ 41.46
April Meeting - Pizza	127.84
October meeting – Elks all members	150.00
Total – Dining/Refreshments	319.30
Office Supplies	
Ink cartridges (1/2 of cost)	\$ 68.58
250 sheets of card stock (for postcards)	20.20
Total – Office supplies	88.78
Reimbursement – Sec’y of the State Reports (2018, 2019)	100.00
PayPal Commissions	
Dues	\$ 5.77
Website Subscriptions	1.18
Total - PayPal Commissions	6.95
Plaques – Memorials for Oct. Meeting	171.96
Preservation Supplies – 200 page protectors	29.76

U.S.P.S.

P.O. Box (rental – one year)	\$ 122.00	
Postage (200 postcard stamps)	70.00	
Postage – Plaque to Braun niece / Card	13.15	
Postage – Hamden Firefighters R. Carroll	7.25	
Total – U.S.P.S.		212.40

TOTAL 2019 EXPENSES \$ (- 929.15)

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Attest: 
David G. Johnson, Treasurer