

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.  
Minutes – October 13, 2021

President Bob Mordecai called the 48<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 2:11 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in the Liberty Community Church on Route 5 in North Haven, where the first three meetings of this Association took place in 2009. The reason for the change in venue was Hamden's reinstatement of the mask rule for all public places. The meeting was conducted simultaneously on Zoom, but with only one participant.

The Chair welcomed our members present, in person and on Zoom, as well as the numerous guests who were invited to participate in the memorial plaque presentations.

MINUTES – The minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting had been sent to all online members. A motion was made by Harold Mangler and seconded by Paul Frodel to dispense with the reading of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, as they had been sent to all online members with no corrections having been noted. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

Treasurer's Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021  
April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Checking balance as of April 1, 2021	\$ 930.98
Shares balance as of April 1, 2021	<u>2,973.65</u>
Total balance as of April 1, 2021	\$ 3,904.63
Income:	
Dividend (Shares Account)	\$ 0.37
Dues: 2020	30.00
Dues: 2021	105.00
Subscription	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 145.37
Expenses	
PayPal – (Dues)	\$ 0.74
PayPal (Subscription)	0.59
U.S.P.S. (200 postcard stamps @ 36-cents ea.)	<u>72.00</u>
TOTAL expenses this quarter	\$ (- 73.33)
Transfers from Checking to Savings	None
Checking balance as of June 30, 2021	\$ 1,002.65
Shares balance as of June 30, 2021	<u>2,974.02</u>
Total balance as of June 30, 2021	\$ 3,976.67

A motion was made by Chick Manware, seconded by Carl Backus, to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021  
July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Checking balance as of July 1, 2021	\$ 1,002.65
Shares balance as of July 1, 2021	<u>2,974.02</u>
Total balance as of July 1, 2021	\$ 3,976.67
Income:	
Dividend (2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter - Shares Account)	\$ 0.37
Dues: 2022	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 15.37
Expenses	
Dues Cards, Fine Stationery (Invitations to families)	\$ 70.67
U.S.P.S. (100 forever stamps @ 58-cents ea.)	<u>58.00</u>
TOTAL expenses this quarter	\$ (- 128.67)
Transfers from Checking to Savings	None
Checking balance as of September 30, 2021	\$ 888.98
Shares balance as of September 30, 2021	<u>2,974.39</u>
Total balance as of September 30, 2021	\$ 3,863.37
Expenses since September 30 <sup>th</sup> :	
Barker Specialty Co. – 5 plaques	\$ 214.95

A motion was made by Carl Backus, seconded by Paul Frodel, to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee** – The Chair reported on the current status of the HGSRA lawsuit. The Chair reported that the Retirement Board voted in favor of a resolution hammered out by the HGSRA attorney and the attorney representing the Retirement Board, leaving final acceptance to the Legislative Council. He mentioned that the regular monthly meeting of the board is at 3 this afternoon.

**Sunshine Committee** – The Secretary noted the presence today of member Ray Dobbs, who had been in and out of the hospital since our June meeting. Don Buechele just had some serious surgery and regrets that he is unable to attend today. John O'Hare has slowed down a bit but is still sharp. Gil Spencer was admitted to Midstate just yesterday for a serious leg infection. He noted that on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Gil will observe his 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of join Co. 5. The Spencer family, including Gil, Gil's father Raymond K. Spencer, John Spencer, and Gil's grandfather, together represent over 180 years of service to the Hamden Fire Department.

Gil Spencer is still recuperating at home and frequently keeps in touch with the Secretary.

**History Committee** – The Secretary reported that the website is no longer being updated weekly and will eventually become an archive that will be added to occasionally. He also acknowledged the 70-year old photos that were recently donated by Bill Rahl, son of Joe Rahl. Bill has donated many other photos over the past several years.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – None

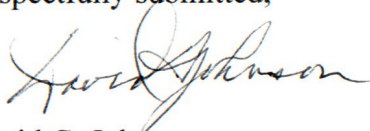
**OLD BUSINESS** – The Secretary acknowledged that the by-law change that reduced the number of meetings from four meetings a year to three meetings a year was a bad idea. He noted that the members at the June 10th meeting had voted to change the by-laws back to the four-meetings-a-year schedule, but that a second vote at a subsequent meeting is required for the by-law change to become effective. Accordingly, a motion was made by Jim Koutsopolos, seconded by Jeff Pechmann, to adopt the by-law change that will return the meeting schedule back to four meetings a year. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION** – The Secretary acknowledged with thanks to Rev. Ralph Purificato for letting our meeting take place in the Liberty Community Church, where we held our first three meetings twelve years ago. The reason for this temporary change of venue was due to the unexpected reinstatement of the mandatory mask rule for all Hamden venues, public and private.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carl Backus and seconded by Jeff Pechmann at 2:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Johnson  
Secretary

19 members: Carl Backus, D. Baker, R. Carney, S. DeBurra, R. Dobbs, T. Doherty, W. Fitzmaurice, P. Frodel, D. Johnson, J. Koutsopolos, T. Lunn, H. Mangler, F. Manware, R. Mordecai, J. Pechmann, M. Pratt (Zoom), Owen Sanderson, R. Tortora, R. Viglione, Guests (9) Pat Carney, Judy Frodel, Helen McDermott, Gerry Keniry, Luci Kenyon, Peter Laffin, Debbie Laffin, Dustin Prescher, Bill Rahl