

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – July 13, 2023

President Bob Mordecai called the 54th regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the Hamden Elks' Hall.

The Chair opened the meeting by having members stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Honorary Member Rita Knudsen, who passed away on June 25th. Rita was the widow of our late brother, Firefighter Fred Knudsen (1922-98).

MINUTES – The Secretary read the minutes of the April meeting. There was a brief discussion about the fate of the \$50,000 capital improvement put in the budget several years by Chief Berardesca to help with the renovation of the old schoolhouse for a fire museum. Vic Mitchell will investigate. A motion was made by Jim Leddy, seconded by Harold Mangler, and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Secretary reported that the Association received a very nice thank you note from the family of Paul Turner, for the donation made in April to his GoFundMe page.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Secretary-Treasurer read the report for the first quarter of 2023.

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Checking balance as of April 1, 2023	\$ 522.94
Shares balance as of April 1, 2023	<u>4,024.22</u>
Total balance as of April 1, 2023	\$ 4,547.16

Income:

Donation (Harrison)	\$ 5.00
Dues (2023)	45.00
Dues (2024)	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL 1st quarter income	\$ 70.00

Expenses since 3/31/2023

4/10/2023 - The Flag Store – 4' x 6' Indoor Flag (Fringed)	\$ <u>100.00</u>
TOTAL 1st quarter expenses	\$ (- 100.00)

Transfers from Savings to Checking – 4/18/2023	<u>500.00</u>
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TOTAL 2nd quarter Checking payouts	\$ (- 100.00)
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Checking balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 507.94
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Shares balance as of April 1, 2023	\$ 4,024.22
Transfer to Checking – 4/18/23	<u>500.00</u>

Subtotal	3.524.22
Dividend (2 nd quarter - Shares Account)	<u>0.45</u>
Shares balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 3,524.67

Checking balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 507.94
Shares balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>3,524.67</u>
Total balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 4,032.61

Income since June 30, 2023:	
Dues (2023)	\$ 15.00

Expenses since 6/30/2023	
7/3/2023 – U.S.P.S. 200 postcard stamps	\$ 96.00

Checking balance as of 7/13/2023	\$ 426.94
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A motion was made by Chick Manware, seconded by Jim Leddy, to accept the second quarter treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee – The Chair reported that the HGSRA will continue to reach out to new fire and police retirees to ensure that we are prepared in case of another attempt to lessen or otherwise affect our benefits. The Secretary reported that the HGSRA has a new secretary, Dave Ciarlelli (HPD, Ret.).

Sunshine Committee – The Secretary reported that the card signed by all members present at the January meeting, with the group photo of those in attendance, was sent to Paul Turner and was acknowledged by his wife Mary, who expressed Paul's sincere thanks for the card.

There was a discussion on the need for more volunteers for the Sunshine Committee.

History Committee – The Secretary reported on recent changes to the website.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS – None

OLD BUSINESS – In connection with the final vote to change the by-laws, the Secretary explained the roles of the proposed Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. A motion was made by Harold Mangler, seconded by Paul Turner, to approve the by-law change proposed and voted on favorably at the April meeting, to create the positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. Motion passed unanimously. The change is approved. The by-laws will be amended accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS – Nominations were opened for the position of Recording Secretary. There were no nominees. The Secretary stated that if no one can be found to accept the position of Recording Secretary pro-tem and would continue until at least the next meeting or until someone accepts the permanent position.

The Secretary suggested we have shirts for our members. He reported that Dave Beaton knows of someone who does shirts. A member suggested the shirts might be used as a fund raiser. Kevin Shields volunteered to assist the Secretary with this project.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Tom Doherty asked if anyone knew the current health of the pension plan. The Chair estimated, based on the most recent Retirement Board meeting he attended, that it is around \$185 million.

Jim Leddy reported that Frank Critchett's son died in a fire in Texas a while back. The Secretary noted that it was reported on the website a few years ago. Jim Leddy asked if Station 5 has been turned over to the town yet. The Secretary reported that the donation of Station 5 is "in the works." The donation is something that Co. 5 members believe that the Company's organizers would have wanted once it went inactive. When the donation has been finalized, there will be a formal ceremony to officially turn the building of the to the town.

Victor reported that he had a meeting with the Mayor's Office regarding the proposed museum. They told him that once the 2023-24 budget is in place they want to do an evaluation of the structure in conjunction with the Building Inspector and the Town Engineer.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, October 11th at 2 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul Turner, seconded by the Jim Dunlop, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Johnson
Secretary

Members (17): D. Baker, D. Berardesca, T. Doherty, J. Dunlop, D. Johnson, P. Frodel, J. Koutopolos, D. LaBanca, J. Leddy, H. Mangler, F. Manware, V. Mitchell (H), R. Mordecai, J. Odea, K. Shields, P. Turner, A. Williams.

Guest (1): M. Turner