

Town of Hamden Fire Commission
Minutes of the meeting
March 9, 2011

Attending: Henry Candido, Michael D’Andrea, Richard Reilly, Fire Chief D. Berardesca and Deputy Chief Surprise

Absent: Robert LaToracca, Duane Wetmore

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Candido called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. LaToracca and Mr. Wetmore not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chairman Candido entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the regular meeting of February 9, 2011 and the Special Meeting of February 15, 2011. Mr. Reilly motioned to accept the minutes of February 9, 2011 and February 15, 2011, seconded by Mr. D’Andrea. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED)

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT REPORT

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Berardesca reviewed the reports provided to the Commission. Also included in the packet is a photo of the new truck being delivered today, March 9, 2011. The truck is going to be in North Haven for some updates then brought to Hamden for additional work then it will go into service. The vehicle it is replacing was sold to a volunteer fire department in Indiana so the department was able to get funds to apply towards the new truck.
- b. Items of concern – nothing at this time.
- c. Correspondence – A thank you letter from Ms. Nancy Colleran for help in the snow storm.

Mr. D’Andrea motioned to accept the reports as presented, seconded by Mr. Reilly. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Equipment – As noted above by Chief Berardesca the new truck has arrived.
- b. Budget Review – Chief Berardesca will be meeting with Mayor Jackson on March 17, 2011 to present his budget for 2011-2012. There will be differences between the Mayor’s budget and the department’s budget but that is the normal process.

OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chairman Candido asked the Chief if there were flooding problems and the Chief said that no they have been lucky. What the next rain storm will bring though is questionable depending on the amount we get.

Chairman Candido inquired about the progress of the new fire station. The Chief advised the Commission that the RFP will be going out.

Chairman Candido commended the Chief and the Deputy Chief for the continued service especially with the closing of the Town Hall station and the distribution of the equipment and staff to other stations. The Chief noted that the response time has not been overly long considering the changes. The Chief praised the Volunteer Station on Whitney Ave., they have been working very hard.

Chairman Candido said he was at the fire on Grandview and would like to see a commendation to the first responders. The Chief said that letters did go to them and were placed in their personnel file.

Chairman Candido also wanted to commend the Chief and the Deputy Chief on how they work together. The Deputy Chief noted that it is actually one year today that he was sworn in and is thankful for the recognition, as is the Chief.

Mr. D’Andrea noted he heard good things about the department on the response of the Wakefield Ave. fire and the elderly neighbor who was in distress.

NEXT MEETING DATE – The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28 p.m. Mr. D’Andrea motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reilly. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 13th, 2011, Hamden Government Center, Third Floor Conference Room, 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Substitute Clerk