

Hamden Fire Commissioners
Administration Building, in the Large Conference Room
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2011

In Attendance: Henry Candido, Michael D'Andrea, Richard Reilly, and Donovan Shahid Abdul-Karim. **Absent:** Michael Iezzi. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Surprise.

Call to Order: Chairman, H. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The agenda was reviewed.

Minutes: H. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting. **M. D'Andrea made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Correspondence: Nothing to present.

Public/Media Comments on Agenda: Nothing to report.

Department Report: The reports for January were provided, copied to the Town Council. The call volume, with response times, were disclosed. Also enclosed were the Fire Marshal and Maintenance reports.

The Fire Marshal was sworn-in and is enrolled at the fire academy in the fire marshal certification program. The hours are split with three days at the academy and two days at the office.

With nothing further to discuss, **D. Shahid made the motion to accept the reports as presented. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Discussion with Department Head: Fire Chief Berardesca mentioned Engine 2 pumper will be replaced with a rebuilt. The pumper is coming from Nebraska and will take about 300 days before delivery.

Old Business:

Fire Headquarters: The RFP for bids received five competitive bids from contractors and three are being considered. More information is required before a final decision can be made. The bids are going before the building committee and engineering department. M. Iezzi has been appointed to the RFP Committee, which is good support for the Department.

Station 2 requires attention and there are numerous issues. When the inspection was conducted, there were numerous violations found. A presentation will be scheduled to go before Mayor Jackson and Curt Leng.

2012-13 Budget Proposal: Last Monday, the budget review was held with the Mayor. Mayor Jackson is very supportive of our requests. There are four unfunded firefighter positions existing. Some items were addressed and one or two adjustments will be made. Hopefully we will have approval on what we have requested. The Department's budget is still very lean, but the Department can work with this if approved as presented. Mr. Candido inquired about grant

dollars being available for the Fire Department and Fire Chief Berardesca responded with there are, but very competitive during this economy.

New Business: H. Candido met with the Fire Chief regarding fundraising for the Department and the upcoming Fire headquarters. An event should be held and continue on an annual basis. Please bring ideas to the next meeting. Everyone's support is needed. We always have the firefighters and union's support when we hold an event, and to show our support the Fire Commission should hold an event.

Tour of the fire stations: The fire commissioners are scheduled to tour the fire stations Friday, February 24. The commissioners will meet at the office of the Fire Chief at 3:00 p.m. and begin the tour from there.

Executive Session: At 6:25 p.m. H. Candido requested a motion to go into Executive Session. R. Reilly made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of holding interviews for the hiring of one Fire Captain position. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor. At this time, the Clerk for the Fire Commission left the room.

At 7:25 p.m. R. Reilly made the motion to end Executive Session. D. Shahid seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At this time, H. Candido requested a nomination for the Fire Captain position. M. D'Andrea made the motion to appoint Jason Blyth to the position of Fire Captain. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The promotion will become effective immediately and the swearing-in ceremony will be scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2012 at a time to be announced.

Next Meeting: The Commissioners discussed the scheduling of a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chairperson H. Candido requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Reilly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. D. Shahid seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

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