

Town of Hamden Fire Commission
Minutes of the meeting
July 18, 2012

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

Absent: Shahid Abdul-Karim

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Candido called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Abdul-Karim not present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chairman Candido entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2012. Mr. Iezzi motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Reilly. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

CORRESPONDENCE – Chief Berardesca provided a copy of a thank you letter to the members. Chairman Candido inquired if this could be sent to the local newspaper but the Chief wasn’t sure if the sender wanted it to be made public. A suggestion was made to contact the sender to see if it could be published with the initials only. The Chief noted that the donation was put in to the fund used for incidentals.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Berardesca provided the Commission members with three months of reports for review by them. At this time there were no questions regarding the reports. Chairman Candido wishes to thank the department and personnel for response time on Mt. Carmel, with Mr. D’Andrea adding with the disruption due to the renovations of Station 4 a job was well done by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chief Berardesca advised the Commissioners that Station 4 is occupied and the men are working out the small things. He also advised the Commission that the new pumper in Nebraska is coming along and a final inspection will take place in September. He noted a rescue on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at Sleeping Giant. There were some logistical problems with the closing of Tuttle Road but everyone worked very hard for the good outcome. Chairman Candido inquired about the old jewelry store building north of the station and if the town owned it. The question came up because of the parking for the men as some clean up had to be done and space made available in the old parking area to the north of the station. This situation will change once the new parking garage is completed, hopefully by December 2012.

Mr. D'Andrea inquired if there is any new information on Station 5. The Chief noted he has been in touch with the parties involved. He would like to see something be built but isn't sure how this could be accomplished right now.

The question of Circular Ave. came up and right now nothing is currently in the works or discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED)

At 6:22 p.m. Mr. Reilly motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing information and interviewing candidates for Certified Firefighter. Those present will be the Commissioner's, Chief Berardesca and Deputy Chief Surprise, seconded by Mr. D'Andrea. *The motion carried unanimously.*

At 7:52 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to reconvene from Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Reilly. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Candido entertained a motion to hire Lawrence DeBurra. Mr. Iezzi motioned to hire Lawrence DeBurra, seconded by Mr. D'Andrea. *The motion carried unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS - nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – nothing at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE – The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:54 p.m. Mr. D'Andrea motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reilly. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th, 2012, Hamden Government Center, Third Floor Conference Room, 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Substitute Clerk