

# ***Town of Hamden Fire Commission***

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**April 8, 2015**

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**Attending: Commissioners:** Henry Candido, James O'Brien, and Richard Reilly.  
**Absent:** Eric Curtis. **Staff:** Fire Chief Berardesca and Deputy Fire Chief Merwede and  
**Clerk:** Patrice LeMoine.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Candido called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2015 meetings. One correction noted: "2015-16 budget". Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to present.

**Communication/Public Media:** Articles from the local newspapers and press releases were distributed to the Commissioners.

**Reports and Updates from the Fire Chief:** Fire Chief Berardesca provided the Commissioners with the status of the 2015-16 budget. The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief presented their budget(s) before the Town Council. There were a number of concerns addressed, and the mayor has made recommendations to the Department. We hope the funds will be available when needed. The budget items that were addressed with the Town Council were shared with the Fire Commissioners.

Fire Chief Berardesca gave an activity report: 657 total incidents, 477 medical calls, response times are in the low 5 minutes, which is considered very good.

Engine 3 has been ordered and the expected delivery time is 220 days from now; the ATV was also ordered and the delivery time is 30 days. The spare rescue vehicle will be sent to Company 8 and used as a "brush" truck.

Also to note, the Firefighters' union contract was approved and signed.

Thomas Paranzino, the new Firefighter Paramedic, will be sworn-in on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

At this time, Mr. Candido asked to move Executive Session to the end of the meeting. With no objection, the recommendation was approved.

**New Business:** Nothing to present.

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**Old Business:** R. Reilly inquired about the status of the order for the ladder truck. Fire Chief Berardesca noted this is pending until the Department confirms the capital funds available and receipt of a report from Smeelle.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to go into executive session. At 6:12 p.m. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss current litigation and personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor. At this time, Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

At 6:36 p.m. Ms. LeMoine entered the meeting. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to end executive session, seconded by Mr. Reilly. The motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is held at the Memorial Town Hall first floor conference room.

**Adjournment:** At 6:42 p.m. Mr. Reilly motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. The motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by,

**Patrice A. LeMoine**  
Clerk for the Commission