

Town of Hamden Fire Commission

Minutes of the Special Meeting

September 14, 2016

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

Call to Order: Chairman Candido called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Hamden Memorial Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Curtis motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting as presented. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Nothing to present.

Chairman's report: On September 11th Mr. Candido visited each firehouse to thank the employees for all of their hard work and loyalty to the Town.

On October 6th the Dunbar-Davenport Resident Council is holding an event to recognize the great work the Hamden Fire and Police departments bring the residents of the facility. The Hamden students will be making a presentation and reading to each department.

Fire Chief's report: Fire Chief Berardesca provided the Commissioners with updates and recent activities. A new Patient Care reporting system was implemented and everyone received training. The system will go live effective October 3rd with the patient records filed electronically, no paper record.

The Town is waiting for capital funding from the State and each department will receive approval to spend on capital purchases. Therefore, orders for new uniforms for the firefighters are on hold.

The new engine 9 and a vehicle for the Battalion Chief are ordered and the Department will look to rotate the vehicles in the next years.

Executive Session: Mr. Candido requested a motion to go into Executive Session. At 6:08 p.m. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose to conduct interviews as noted on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor. At this time, Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

At 7:25 p.m. Ms. LeMoine entered the meeting. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to end executive session and was seconded by Mr. Curtis. All were in favor.

Appointments: Mr. Candido requested a motion for the following positions:

Mr. O'Brien motioned to appoint Alan Sedlak and William Heiney to the positions of Certified Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The letter of appointments will be issued, however, the start-date and swearing-in ceremony will be announced at a later time.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is held at the Memorial Town Hall first floor conference room.

Adjournment: At 7:32 p.m. Mr. O'Brien motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Curtis. The motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by,

Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Commission