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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2013.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the flag and a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held in memory of recent Boston Marathon Victims. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Warner. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Warner and a second from Asst. Chief Arturi that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment. All were in favor to submit for consideration.

#### BILLS

CNF Fit Testing	\$25.00	P/A Auto Parts	\$213.46
Campbell Supply	\$1,151.17	API Air Purifiers	\$850.00
Fire Safety Testing	\$1,429.10	Campbell Supply	\$125.38
Fire Fighter 1	\$2,447.50	Campbell Supply	\$3,000.00
Tanis Hardware	\$297.50	HFD Reimbursement	\$202.50
Fire Fighter 1	\$756.00	Ridgewood Press	\$117.00
I.R.S Inc.	\$428.25	Campbell Supply	\$2,266.62
Campbell Supply	\$3,158.13		

#### Communications:

- Letter of intent was received from resident and Junior FF David Morgan. An application was requested and to be assigned to Company 1.

The Board accepted the letter of intent.

#### Company Reports:

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### Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of April 2013, Company 1 responded to: 21 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chiefs call, 0 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 4 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 28 alarms.

Last months listed maintenance issues have yet to be repaired.

A completed overview report of E1 refurbishment was received and was handed into the Borough. The report confirms E1 cannot be refurbished due to its age. A meeting is expected to be scheduled in the near future to discuss the replacement of Engine 1.

A letter of intent was received from David Morgan and an application was requested.

Aside from the above Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

### Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of April 2013, Company 2 responded to: 20 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, and held 0 drill for a total of 22 alarms.

Tower 2 has been placed out of service. Vendor Campbell Supply is in the process of diagnosing the engine issues.

The ladder speed control was tested and no issues were found. It will continue to be monitored.

Vendor 10-75 performed some lighting work that was sub-par. A call was placed with owner of 10-75 to rectify same.

Tower 2 welcomes (3) three new members, Rebecca Morton, Javier Vargas and Jeff Marsch.

The Truck, equipment and all firefighters are in good working order.

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### Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of April 2013, Company 3 responded to: 21 box alarms, 1 drills (s) 0 radio alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 22 alarms.

The air leak of one of the service tanks has been repaired. There are still ongoing issues with the left side air intake valve and the front suction valve.

Vendor 10-75 came back out to repair their previous installation of lighting issues.

Company #3 will be attending the NY /NJ Volunteer Fireman's Parade on Saturday June 08, 2013. All are invited to attend.

Aside from above all firefighters and equipment are in working order.

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of April 2013, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarm's, 4 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 26 alarms.

Repairs were conducted to the air conditioning compressor.

Vendor 10-75 will be installing lights that were recently ordered.  
In addition 10-75 have to come back and make repairs to their previous work.

The light tower was repaired and is functioning.

FF Matthew Ryan successfully completed the Fire Fighter 1 program.

Equipment request – 1- suspender

1 SCBA harness and bottle has been sent out for repairs.

Aside from above all members and equipment are in good working order.

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Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of April 2013, Company 5 responded to: 21 box alarm's, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drills for a total of 23 alarms.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### **Borough Chief Speranza Report:**

On May 14, 2013, the Hawthorne High School will be touring Fire Headquarters at 12:30 pm. In addition the Youth Program (Fire Chief of the Day) will also be conducted.

We have been approved for 2 mini grants

- 1) \$2,500.00 National Firefighter Grant
- 2) October 19, 2013 - Incident Officer Officer Training Course

We have also received a \$750.00 Your Fire Setting Prevention DVD titled "Sean's Story - Fire Starting"

Tower 2 is out for repairs possibly due to a head gasket which will take some time. In the interim we will rely on our Mutual Aid contingents to respond.

Engine 3 will be out for some repairs that are scheduled for this week.

A meeting will be scheduled with vendor 10-75 due to ongoing installation issues.

Thanked Engine 1 & Rescue 5 for the overturned tractor trailer clean up.

The Engine 1 independent consultation report was received and has been sent to the Borough. The report again confirms that Engine 1 cannot be refurbished as it is past its refurbishing years.

June 2013 – DWI program at Hawthorne High School.

Request was made to the counsel to secure \$10,000.00 for the replacement of Unit 59.

### **Dates to Remember**

**May 14, 2013 HHS headquarters Tour – 12:30 pm.**

**June 01, 2013 – Department Coin Toss 9am -1 pm.**

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### COMMITTEES

**Communication Division:** No report at this time.

**Fire Prevention:** No report at this time.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** No report at this time.

**Junior FF's (Explorer Program) :** No report at this time.

**In School Program:** No report at this time

**Van Hook Scholarship:** 3 candidates were selected and will be announced in June.

**Open House:** No report at this time.

**Mutual Aid Meeting:** No report at this time.

**Hawthorne Day:** No report at this time.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Coin toss 06/01/13 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**Memorial Park:** The Comedy Dinner is not going forward. The Fire Department will conduct a fundraiser.

**Safety Officers:** Meeting held on April 22, 2013. The Captains and Safety Officers will develop a driver's program that will be completed by the end of June.

Captain Longo will conduct construction / building type training. Any company wishing to utilize Capt. Longo must contact him directly for his availability. Capt. Longo will conduct the initial class for Engine 1 on May 20, 2013.

### **Old Business:**

Company 1: Due to upcoming warmer weather the air conditioning and the windows need to be repaired.

*Company 2: Inquired as to the current status of the roof.*

*Chief Speranza stated that Capt. Sutherland will be conducting assessment this week and repairs are to follow.*

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: Inquired as to the repaving of the training center.

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*Chief advised that we are in the process of securing prices / donations.*

Company 5: No report at this time.  
Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

### **New Business:**

Oath of Office: Rebecca Morton, Javier Vargas and Jeff Marsch.

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Will be attending Waldwick's wet down on May 18, 2013 and will be out of services from 2 pm -8 pm. They will also be covering Waldwick during that time.

*Company 4: No report at this time.*

*Company 5: No report at this time.*

Chiefs Report: We have been approved to purchase 20 sets of gear. We are exploring options to save money for the Borough and will use cooperative buying and via the NJ State Bill.

### **Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: FF Alan Anema underwent a recent procedure to install a pacemaker. He is home and recovering. June 09, 2013 8:00 am to 10:00 am the Annual Flap Jack fundraiser. It will be held at the Applebee's in Totowa. See any Company 3 members to purchase tickets that are \$12.00 each.

*Company 4: No report at this time.*

*Company 5: No report at this time.*

*Chief: We need to conduct a fund raiser for the 911 Memorial Park.*

*A discussion was held. It was collectively discussed utilizing the initial June 01, 2013 Coin Toss to be air marked for this and the future ones for the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary.*

Chief Speranza will discuss same with the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Committee.

**Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to public.**

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Ex-Assistant Chief Mark Smith suggested that when we conduct the coin toss, to be cognizant of the times as there will be conflicts in the upcoming months due to sports and other organizations.

Suggested that we all get involved to raise funds for both the Memorial Park and the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. This will benefit us in the long run and also the future.

Recommend we conduct the chicken barbeque again.

As to the sign slogans, suggested that we have 115 members each must come up with a slogan for the sign and or come up with a contest for the public schools to come up with slogans.

Lastly, Vincent Corasio Sr. is having hernia surgery center.

Ex Asst. Chief Jack Kuiken added that Vincent Corasio, Sr. was quoted by stating "Hello and Good Bye".

Lt. William Seidel inquired if there are funds allocated to keep Tower 2 running to avoid future maintenance issues.

*Chief Speranza stated this was not previously anticipated yet, the Borough is already aware of same.*

No other requests were made from the floor; the meeting was re-opened to the Fire Board.

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Warner second by Asst. Chief Arturi that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary