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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on January 7th at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Peter Van Der Velde, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Led by Chief Speranza

MINUTES:

Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Samson Metal Service (Training Center - Car Fire Simulator)	\$ 4,500.00
Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. (HFD - ICOM Radios)	\$ 1,923.00
Penguin Management, Inc (Service - January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020)	\$ 888.00
Perry's Florist (Installation Dinner Flowers)	\$ 232.99
Total:	\$ 7,543.99

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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Letter of intent to join the Hawthorne Fire Department Company 5 was submitted by Mr. Noah Troast of 112 Struyk Ave, in Prospect Park. An application will be provided to the Assistant Chief David Hughes.
- ICS-400 Class is available for members on March 9th, 12th, 16th and 19th. Contact your assistant Chief to sign up or for additional information.
- The department's yearly JIFF training on HazCom and Bloodborne will occur on Monday, January 13th at 7:00pm at Van Dyk's main meeting room.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

Engine CO. #1; presented by Assistant Chief John Trippichio:

- For the month of December 2019, Engine 1 responded to; 32 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill(s) for a total of 35 Alarms
- Engine 1 received the following equipment:
 - (1) Length of 5" hose
 - (2) New CO meter desk charger
- Members who had not previously completed their physical have and are back on as Class A.
- Handed in Company 1 Installation head count to Clerk Mogen
- Received a completed application from James Counsellor Jr. and was handed in to Chief Speranza.
- Wishing Asst. Chief Van Der Velde luck on his new role within the Department as Ex. Asst Chief. Although we had some run ins at least I know where it was coming from and at the end one way or another we understood each other and where we each stood.

With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.

Tower CO. #2; presented by Assistant Chief Ronald Walker:

- For the month of December 2019, Company 2 responded to; 32 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 2 Mutual Aid, 2 Drill, 1 Training, 1 Radio Alarms, for a total of 36 Alarms
- Congratulations to all the new officers of the Hawthorne Fire Dept.

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- Officers for Tower 2 for 2020 are Ronald Walker Jr. Asst. Chief, Travis Lodder Captain, Becca Morton 1st Lt., Dennis McCarvill 2nd Lt.
- Drivers for 2020: Vic Tamurro, Dave Maher, Brian Vanderhook, John Marsch
- Alternate drivers: Anthony Divincent, William Marra, Andrew Skae, Bill Siedel, Evan Woods, Jason Crawford, Mike Hechinger, Daryl Kallenberg
- List of members qualifying for LOSAP for the year of 2019 has been handed into clerk
- Members are having issues with pagers. Malfunctioning and batteries dying

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Engine CO. #3; presented by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:

- For the month of December 2019, Engine Co. #3 responded to 32 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, held 1 Drill for a total of 34 Alarms.
- FF. Jim Bakker remains on medical leave.
- Engine 3 is scheduled to be looked at for minor repair work to compartment and back section of body.
- Along with warranty work, time and date will be given to Company 3 as of when the engine will be taken out of service. Co#3 received a foam inductor and truck mounts for saws.
- All officers will stay the same for this new year.

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Engine CO. #4; presented by Assistant Chief Peter Van Der Velde:

- For the month of December 2019, Engine 4 responded to, 30 Box Alarms, 9 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 1 Radio Alarm, 0 Drills, for a total of 40 Alarms including 4 mutual aid calls to Glen Rock.
- Engine 4 onboard generator is out of service as of today, 1/7/2020.
- Firefighter One will be providing us with a quote for repairs.
- We are requesting a minimum of two (2) Glen Rock FD portables due to the fact we no longer have portables on our apparatus.
- FF. Flanagan is requesting a 3 month medical leave of absence.
- We are also requesting one set of helmet eye protection and one set of bunker pants need knee pad repair.
- The Line Officers for 2020 are; Asst. Chief Devin Hughes, Capt. Scotty Geier, 1st LT Marc Walker, 2nd LT Craig Irvolino



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Rescue CO. #5; presented by Assistant Chief David Hughes:

- For the month of December 2019, Rescue 5 responded to; 30 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarm, 0 Special Event, 1 Training /Drills, 1 Special Training and 0 Mutual Aid Drill for a total of 35 Alarms.
- Line Officers for the year 2020 are; Assistant Chief David Hughes, Captain Anthony Manzo, First Lt. Brian Patmos, 2nd Lt. Ted Thoms
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - An estimate is in process from Body Works, Midland Park, for repairing body damage to truck. Quote is pending due to Holidays and parts availability.
 - VHF radio needs reprogramming - Wyckoff frequencies are not working - also need a 12 volt charger to mount in cab.
 - Unit 58
 - Siren is burned out - needs replacement
 - Request Portable Radio for cab
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Rescue Task Force
 - Next drill scheduled January 27, 2020 at 1930 hours
 - Member Certification - Process to begin (Rescue Skill Sheet) and Completion of Rescue School will be required to maintain status
 - All Companies interested members list
 - Personal
 - No Issues

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- The Department is currently dealing with Macalous's fire alarms going off repeatedly. The business is aware and is in the process of correcting the issues.
- Boat House constructions and Fire Department concerns. Chief Speranza went over the new plans for the Lynack Road Residential buildings. Provided building sketches and blueprints with Engine driving radius and positionings.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Wishing each of you and your families a happy new year and hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. As we close out 2019, I wish to thank our officers who served the department for the past year as we will miss your dedication to the department and your passion. I would also like to welcome the new officers to their roles for 2020 and wish you well.
- As we begin a new year, we will continue to drive our department with training by utilizing not only our training center but Bergenfield as well. Companies looking to schedule Bergenfield should view their calendar online at Bergenfield Fire Training Center.
- The department will be focusing on projects in place and utilizing department members to accomplish our progress. To assist us in accomplishing the push with training I am glad to announce that Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde will be undertaking a new role for our department as Training and Safety Officer and will be assisted by Ex Assistant Chief DiBella and Training Associate P. Partridge.
- Our goal for 2020 will be to focus on completion of projects in progress, good focus on new projects and undertaking of bylaws, SOGs to improve the mission of our department.
- Tomorrow evening we will be meeting with Hawthorne EMS to begin a training agenda to benefit both organizations and will likely kick off with a cooperative Ice Rescue Drill in Feb, followed by a Ravine Rescue Drill in early March.
- Also, in March the ICS 400 course which is mandated to upper ranking fire officers will be held for the department, location to be determined.
- We are looking to certifying some members in CPR/AED instructor level to train others in the department.
- I slos am providing a lead to have one or two of our members attend the Industrial Scientific training course on CO meter repair to help maintain our meter repairs and general knowledge.
- Officer reorg meeting will take place on Jan 21st at 7:30 pm.

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- An update from Passaic County Mutual Aid is all current coordinators have been reassigned to a new term for 2020.
- An update from Bergen Fire Coordinator Alvarez is that he will be attending the next PCMA meeting to review radio listings as to which will likely be utilized in response and operation at Bergen Incidents. He also wished to thank our department for our assistance as of late and informed me that an increased involvement with Bergen is already in place.
- I especially wish to thank Tower 2's members for our response into Mahwah on Christmas morning, it was difficult to watch members with younger children facetime the opening of gifts from Santa.
- I can only say that our department and our members commitment to helping those in need as a never-ending gift of unselfishness unseen by so many.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• **Communications Division:**

- The Communications Division responded to 27 alarms, held 4 meetings, 0 work details and 3 Truck Checks with a total of 36 events. The computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order as of January 7th, 2019.

• **Cadets:**

- The Cadets program is expanding quickly with new members.
- Chief Longo will meet with the Assistant Chiefs to discuss future developments and growth.

• **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- Annual Fish Fry is coming up Friday, April 10th

• **Training Center:**

- Rebar and cutting station are in development.
- Car simulator is in the planning phase

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- Town is willing to provide a 30 yard dumpster. We will be meeting with Administrator Eric Maurer about moving forward with the project.
- Additional funds are required to proceed with these actives.

Exempt/Relief:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan 9th, 8:00 pm at Company 1

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- Be alert and aware when out on alarms.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Bank Charger Status - Checking with vendor ESS - 2 week delay
- Engine Company 3:
 - We've been waiting on feedback for 3 months. Was there any word or action from the Borough on the near miss issues the Companies expressed concerns about. Chief Speranza will again follow-up with the Borough Administrator Eric Maurer and the Mayor.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Expressed their appreciation towards Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde

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- Tower Company 2:
 - CPR certification training is available
- Engine Company 3:
 - Expressed their appreciation towards Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde
- Engine Company 4:
 - Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde thanked the department
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Expressed their appreciation towards Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde
- Chief Speranza
 - Chief Speranza asked Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde to step aside and welcomed the new Assistant Chief of Company 4, Assistant Chief Devin Hughes

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report
- Tower Company 2:
 - No new business to report
- Engine Company 3:
 - No new business to report
- Engine Company 4:
 - Thank you to the department
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No new business to report
- Chief Speranza
 - No new business to report

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Joseph Speranza

- *Ex. Asst. Chief John Arturi*
 - *Passaic County Sheriff - Department Hazmat, Boom Squad is interested in using the department Training Center. They will be contacting Asst. Chief Longo.*
- *Ex. Asst. Chief Mike Nelson*

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- *Radio Transmissions Status and Issues*
 - *Waiting on Borough Administrator Eric Maurer on answers on the following:*
 - *New receivers added to Company 3 and Rescue 5*
 - *The department is currently using spare parts to band aid the system*
 - *Chief Speranza has also added to the 2020 budget new radios for the department*
- *Chief Speranza asked Ex. Borough Chief Tamburro if he could spearhead the Honor Guard*
 - *Ex. Borough Chief Tamburro was in attendance and will follow up with Chief Speranza.*

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Very Truly Yours,

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk

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