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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order on February 5th, 2019 at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief 2019*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief 2019*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Peter Van Der Velde, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Amber Hechinger, *Fire Dept. Clerk*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT: All are present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: *led by Chief Speranza*

MINUTES: Previous month's minutes have been dispersed. None who are opposed.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES; provided by Christopher Mogen, presented by Amber Hechinger:

• P&A Auto Parts (Blanket PO—Cover 2019 Expenses)	\$200.00
• Firefighter One (On-board compressor is tripping breaker & transmission leak):	\$1,524.03
• Tanis Hardware (Blanket PO--Supplies):	\$300.00
• Firefighter One (HQ SCBA Generator Repair):	\$563.80
• Fremgen's Power Equipment (Engine 3 – Saw Repair—QV-8000, QV-670):	\$225.00
• Firefighter One (Engine 1-6" Helmet Shield):	\$82.64
• Passaic County 200 Club (Membership Dues--2019):	\$250.00
• First Responder Newspaper (Renewal 1/19-12/19):	\$85.00
• HFD (80 Stamps):	\$41.25
• Passaic County Community College (Capt. Joseph Pagnozzi—ICS 400):	\$45.00
• Firefighter One (HQ—Compressor Service/Inspection):	\$2,740.63
• ESS, Inc. (Engine 3—Removal of 2 radios from old engine, Installation of 4 radios in new engine. Antenna UHF & Quarterwave VHF roof mounts):	\$1,438.68
• HFD (HFD Installation Dinner—Glen Rock FD Standby—Market Basket):	\$262.93
• HFD (HFD Installation Dinner—Perry's Florist):	\$267.48
• HFD (Officer's Re-Organization Refreshments—Andy's Corner):	\$30.00
• Dunkin Donuts (Blanket PO—Cover 2019 Refreshment Expenses):	\$200.00
• Tastee's Pizza (Blanket PO—Cover 2019 Refreshment Expenses):	\$400.00
Total:	\$8,656.44



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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD; received and presented by Clerk Amber Hechinger

- Resignation of FF Chris Cerda of CO#4
- Doctor approval for return to duty for Rashawn Byfield.

SWEARING IN:

With permission from the Board of Fire Commissioners, the swearing in of two (2) new firefighters, *Carley Tamburro* and *Christopher Tamburro*, moved to commence after Communications were reported.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

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

- 27 8-8 alarms; 2 1-1 alarms; 0 RA alarms; 1 drill(s) for a total of 30 alarms. Engine 1 held 3 additional trainings.
- **Equipment Requests:**
 - Mask Cleaner
 - 9V and AA SCBA Batteries
 - 60 Minute SCOTT SCBA RIT Bottle
 - Chief Speranza: 60 minute bottles are expensive which is why we use the 45 minutes spares. Will look into the purchase of the 60 minute bottles.
- Tom Kennedy remains on Medical Leave of Absence.

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

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

- 20 box alarms; 3 still alarm; 4 mutual aid(s); 2 drills; 0 additional trainings for a total of 29 alarms.
- **Equipment Request:**
 - AA and 9 Volt batteries for air packs
 - AA batteries for 2 rechargeable battery packs for flashlights
 - Three (3) PFD (Personal Flotation Devices) as CO#2 only has one (1) currently
 - Mask Cleaning Wipes
- Received two (2) completed applications for membership from Chris Tamburro and Carley Tamburro.

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

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

- 21 box alarms; 3 still alarm; 0 mutual aid(s); 0 drill(s) for a total of 24 alarms. Engine 3 held 0 additional trainings.
- Firefighter Rashawn Byfield is now back to active duty as of 1/18/19 per his medical doctor.
- Engine CO. #3 has received its new 2018 KME customer pumper and would like to thank the Mayor, Administration, and Council for their support in the purchase of this apparatus.
 - This project to design and build this custom pumper has taken over three (3) years and over three thousand hours and still continues on. We are getting in the last phase of this project which is getting this pumper into service which will be the most time-consuming part of the project.
 - CO#3 is hoping to have the apparatus in service by the early part of March.



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- AC Longo would like to personally thank his Truck Committee for their outstanding dedication, hard work, and long hours put into the project to make it a success.
- CO#3 would like to specifically thank Chief Joseph Speranza for his long hours, guidance, knowledge and patience throughout the course of this project.

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

- 20 box alarms; 13 still alarms; 2 standbys; 1 drill(s) for a total of 36 alarms.
 - 12 mutual aids to Glen Rock, 1 mutual aid to Elmwood Park, 1 standby for Glen Rock, 1 standby for Fair Lawn while covering their Installation Dinners have not been included in this total.
 - Engine 4 held 0 additional trainings.
- Engine 4 would like to thank Chief Speranza and Assistant Chief Longo for their assistance last week when they were in Elmwood Park on mutual aid for the Marcel fire. Getting us the old Chief's Car; Enabling us to switch out manpower to cover while we operated on scene for a total of fifteen (15) hours under extreme cold temperatures.
 - During the fire we lost two (2) 100ft lengths of 5in. hose that has been reported to Chief Speranza.
 - Chief Speranza mentions photos of the damaged hose will need to be taken for proof of damage.
 - While our hose thawed we were utilizing 3.5in. supply line. Our apparatus is back to normal and running with 1,100ft of 5in. supply line.
- Engine 4 extends their thanks to Engine 3 for loaning some 3.5in hose; to Engine 1 for lending two (2) 100ft lengths of 5in hose; to Rescue 5 for letting them thaw the frozen hose in their garage.
- Chris Cerda as resigned from the Department. The letter has been turned in and all issued equipment has been collected.
- Engine 4 has two (2) personelle that need new gear that they would like to get measured when available in the budget.
 - Chief Speranza approves AC Van Der Velde to schedule them to be measured.

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

- 20 box alarms; 1 still alarm(s); 1 drills/training(s) for a total of 22 alarms.
- Received a call from Firefighter 1 about completing the work on the generator. Will be scheduling repair in the near future with no specified date as of current.
- Two (2) front tires were replaced at Dave Stern Tire
- A new quote was obtained for the body damage repair. Pending scheduling in Midland Park
 - Chief Speranza recommends to move forward with the scheduling.
- Multi Meter is out for repair and a temporary is being used currently.
- The siren on 5-8 is not working. Repair pending.
- New light bar for 5-8 needs to be installed.
- **Rescue Task Force:** Drill Scheduled for Task Force Officers only on February 25th, 2019 @ 1930 hours.

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- The on-going issue at 178 Forrest and the buildings within Hawthorne Square are under review with our Building Official, Fire Official and the Borough. A meeting is set for Wednesday morning to decide the options of requiring either a dry system or an insulated ceiling space throughout. Further information will be provided once the meeting concludes.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY; by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Chief Speranza extends his personal thanks to the members of Engine 4 and Tower 2 for their coverage of the serious incident in Elmwood Park through some of the most difficult weather in years.
- He also thanks the members who remained behind during this time. Coverage to the Borough increased through the period with the harsh weather.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:** None present to report.
- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
 - The truck will not start.
 - This issue is resolved per AC Hughes. The members of Rescue 5 will be checking the truck weekly.
 - Fish and Chips Dinner is on Good Friday, April 19th, 2019 at the Boys & Girls Club. Tickets will be coming soon for purchase. Please let your members know.
- **Training Center; by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**
 - AC Longo and Chief Speranza met with Kevin Downes, his welder, and his carpenter to go over the blueprints for repair of the smoke house, the construction of the burn building and of the roof ops simulator. Currently in the stages of setting up and should be able to be within the next two weeks.
 - Forible Entry Door is being ordered—built by Ex. AC Marsch who will ship it once it is completed.
 - One (1) light will be installed on one of the poles by DC Electric
 - Assistant Chief Hughes has offered the use of a generator.
 - The cost for this work is roughly \$25,000 but Kevin Downes has been working with us on that cost.
 - Chief Speranza: There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 20th, 2019 to recognize the Training Center, all the work that has been put in, and all those who have helped us get it to where it is. This will be with the Mayor, the press, and we hope to have some type of demonstration for the public to see.
- **Exempt/Relief:**
 - Relief: Ex BC Tamburro thanks Chief Speranza and the Assistant Chiefs for getting in the State paperwork for the year's green sheets.



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OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Engine Company 1: No old business to report.
- II. Tower Company 2: No old business to report.
- III. Engine Company 3: No old business to report.
- IV. Engine Company 4:
 - a. AC Van Der Velde requests that anyone who may have questions or concerns with Engine 4 regarding mutual aid to Glen Rock please speak to him or his Officers directly about it.
- V. Rescue Company 5: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Engine Company 1: No new business to report.
- II. Tower Company 2: No new business to report.
- III. Engine Company 3: No new business to report.
- IV. Engine Company 4: No new business to report.
- V. Rescue Company 5: No new business to report.
- VI. Chief Speranza: There will be a \$5,000 fee to the town of Glen Rock from the Borough for the coverage of fuel and equipment and \$4,000 of back-owned fees from Glen Rock for maintenance that we had not received.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1: Assistant Chief Trippichio reports Tom Kennedy remains on medical leave and is still recovering. Another member has also had a procedure. Please keep our members in your thoughts.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Assistant Chief Walker reports one member is out for two (2) more months to recovery from surgery. Please keep our members in your thoughts.
- Engine Company 3:
 - Assistant Chief Longo asks that we please keep FF George DeGroot in our prayers. He requests that our members please stop by and visit him as it makes him very happy.
- Engine Company 4: Nothing to report.
- Rescue Company 5: Nothing to report.
- Chief Speranza: Our Department will be visiting our 50-Year Member, George DeGroot Sr. with this 50th Year Award at the Firemen's Home in Boonton this Sunday at 9:30AM. Members are welcomed to attend as we present George with this award from the Department.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR; by Chief Joseph Speranza

- Lieutenant Gerry Flanagan, Co#4: Glen Rock is very thankful for all that we did for them.
 - Chief Speranza: The Country Coordinator and the surrounding towns have reached out multiple times with thanks for the overwhelming support we provided to them.
- Ex. Borough Chief Victor Tamburro, Co#2: Asks if any of the money received from Glen Rock will be going into the Fire Department's Budget Lines.
 - Chief Speranza: Does not believe it will be added to our budgetary funds and that the Borough already has a purpose for it.

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ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Very Truly Yours,

Department Clerk

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