

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to Order on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

**Note:** *Audio recording has been discontinued due to cost of OPRA requests.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*  
John Arturi, *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*  
Anthony DiVincent, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*  
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*  
Peter VanDerrVelde, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*  
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*  
Amber Hechinger, *Fire Dept. Clerk*  
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** All members 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 present who are opposed.

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

- AAA Emergency Supply Co (RIT Black Clasp-II Full-Loop Harness for Bailout): \$1,320.00
- Ridgewood Press (Reports [Company 1-5]): \$798.25
- Ricoh (Quarterly Copies Maint. [Contract] & Toner Shipping): \$69.13
- Passaic County Mutual Aid Asso. (Annual Dues): \$100.00
- Godwin Too & Hardware Supply (Engine #3-Impact Wrench Kit [MET 0779-22]): \$489.99
- Fremgen's Power Equipment, Inc.  
(Rescue 5-Stihl MS-193 14" Chainsaw/Stihl MS-250 16" Chainsaw): \$645.00
- AAA Emergency Supply Co (Gas Detector Repair): \$500.00
- 10-75 Emergency Lighting, LLC (Remove Graphics from 5-0): \$500.00
- Company #3 (Standby-Food [Villa Rosa & Andy's Corner]): \$115.65
- Macaluso's Restaurant (22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Installation & Awards Banquet): \$8,500.00

**Total: \$13,038.02**

**\*Note:** 10-75 Emergency Lighting, LLC for \$500.00 is being removed from the bill list.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:**

**Engine CO. #1; by Assistant Chief John Arturi:**

- 47 box alarms; 4 still alarm; 2 radio calls; 1 drill for a total of 54 alarms. 1 Mutual Aid call to Wyckoff was not included in this total. Engine 1 held 3 additional training and 1 snow standby.
- Engine 1 had an issue with the radio during the mutual aid call to Wyckoff. They were not being received by Chief Speranza. He has been notified.

- Driver's compartment radio charger is not being used due to not charging properly. Vibration of the truck was causing the charger to pop out. Attempts to tighten the strap snapped it and needs repair. Driver's radio has been relocated inside the cab on doghouse with the rest of the portables.
- Hydrant gate valve for the 5" hose has been received.
- Engine 1 was supposed to go to the auto body shop in Midland Park sometimes last year for the wheel wells. AC Arturi is unsure why it did not go and inquires if the PO is still open so he can reschedule.
- CO #1 has three (3) members who started Fire School and 1 (one) application which was turned in to the Fire Clerks for Antonino Napolitano (Received by Amber Hechinger). CO#1 emailed the requested updated roster to Fire Clerk on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.
- AC Arturi requests that we keep FF Malandrino and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

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

**Tower CO. #2; by Assistant Chief Anthony DiVincent:**

- 42 box alarms; 2 still alarms; 2 mutual aids; 0 drills; 2 additional trainings; 1 snow stand-by for a total of 49 alarms.
- Doctor's note releasing FF William Seidel from medical leave (effective a/o January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018) was handed in to Fire Clerk (Received by Amber Hechinger).

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

- 49 box alarms; 4 still alarms; 0 mutual aid; 1 drills for a total of 54 alarms. Engine 3 held 3 additional training.
- FF Walder has returned to active duty as a Class A Firefighter. A letter was received from his Doctor with no restrictions (Received by Amber Hechinger). Noted by Chief Speranza, Brice Walder needs to submit a follow-up with Nasau Diagnostics.
- CO #3 would like to thank all who attended FF Kevin Kenerson's father's wake and funeral.
- CO #3 would like to thank Rescue 5 for their help and support in putting the Holmatro Rescue Tools in service and supplying the car to be certified on.
- AC Longo would like to personally thank all the members who attended the Bail-Out Train the Trainer class. He expresses that he could not have asked for a better group of members who attended the two (2) day training course which was a total of fifteen (15) hours. The instructors were impressed with the group, their questions, attitudes and how proactive our Department is. He believes this shows the better quality of service this Department brings to our community.
- AC Longo also extends a thank you to Fire Clerk Christopher Mogan for his support for both days of class in providing refreshments and taking pictures of the groups.

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**Engine CO. #4; by Assistant Chief Peter VanDerrVelde:**

- 44 box alarms; 5 still alarms; 0 radio alarms; 1 drill for a total of 50 calls. 3 mutual aids to Glen Rock have not been included in this total. Engine 4 held 0 additional trainings.
- Engine 4 is requesting two (2) mini box lights to replace older box lights for rear cab.
- Engine 4 has a prospective new member who will hopefully submit an application.

- Lieutenant Flanagan has been cleared medically to return to a Class A Firefighter effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- FF Sylvester has been cleared from medical leave effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- AC Van Derr Velde and Lt Flanagan attended the Bail-Out Train the Trainer course this past weekend and would like to thank the other members that attended and the AAA Instructors for a job well done.
- Engine 4 provided coverage last month for Glen Rock and Fair Lawn for their Insulations Dinners.

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**Rescue CO. #5; by Assistant Chief Brian Warner:**

- 43 box alarms; 4 still alarms; 3 drills for a total of 47 alarms. Rescue 5 held 0 additional trainings.
- Air bags are on order from Continental Fire & Safety (\$6,474.31)
- Officer's Secondary Computer screen is out for repair at Fair Lawn DPW.
- Two (2) rear outside tires are damaged and require an assessment for replacement.
- Chain saws off truck; two (2) are unrepairable
- A VHF radio has been reported missing with no record of where it has gone; Needs replacing.
- Unit 58: Cab Mobile radios need frequency identification (VHF and Low Band).
- Unit 57 and the boat are in good working order.
- Glen Reese is on medical leave due to surgery, pending physician release.
- Robert Barclay has submitted a three (3) month personal leave (received by Amber Hechinger), effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- New member application was submitted to Fire Clerk Amber Hechinger for Nikolias Filingeri.
- Snow stand-by bill for January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was submitted to Fire Clerk Christopher Mogan for \$55.21.

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***FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza***

- None to report.

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

- Article reference on Firefighters free speech—Your duty does not end and you can be held accountable for what you say.
- Chief Speranza thanks our members who dedicated their time and effort in certifying in the Bail-Out Train the Trainer program. After two long days of training, these individuals learned the skills necessary to offer our membership the opportunity to do the same, saving the Department significant funding moving forward.
- The instructors from the program wish to congratulate our Department for having a training facility as well plotted and thought-out as ours, as well as members who are as professional and dedicated as ours have proven to be. Chief Speranza extends thanks for AC Longo, Kevin Downes, and anyone who has put time into the center. A reminder that this center is State Certified and documentation/rules apply to anything we do at this site to not jeopardize our

Certification. We are hopeful to be moving into our final phases of additions at the center this year.

- As reviews have come in for last month's Installation Dinner, Chief Speranza is happy to report they have returned to be extremely positive with the exception of a large concern on the DJ. We will review the returns and seek ways to improve next year's dinner.
- Tonight we will begin the introduction of a new response process which may help with non-priority response calls. The Department will down-scale response to calls concerning "odor of gas", "water issues", and PSEG-called "runaway boilers". The new SOG will suggest a dual-Company response identical to our carbon monoxide call, splitting the town with Rescue and Tower and utilizing the district Engine Co. **There will be no changes in the current full-response for issues in commercial, school, and multi-family structure.** The memo will be provided to dispatch by week's end.
- The Department has successfully applied for the Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$141,185.00 with a share of \$12,835.00 if approved. It is a two (2) piece request for bail-out kits and PASS devices for our membership.
- Our 2018 Mutual Aid Plan was submitted and approved in our County Coordinator's meeting last Thursday, in which we will make all attempts to utilize one (1) piece of equipment from each jurisdiction as best as possible. We have voiced our concerns for Tower to Paterson and Chief McDermot will address the issues.
- We have been informed that multiple towns are in or have already completed switching hydrant connections to 5" Storz connections. Prospect Park and Bloomingdale are complete and others are in the process of doing so. New buildings being built in the Borough will also have 5" Storz connections on them as well, so all Engine Companies should have or be in the process of upgrading from 3 1/2-inch to 5 ASAP with a minimum of 800ft+ of 5-inch hose onboard.
- **Dates to Remember:**
  - **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30AM:** Walk-through of the Central Avenue Project for Officers or members interested which should take between 30-45 minutes. It is a very large project, about identical to an Edgewater-type building.
  - **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30AM:** Officer's training at HQ
  - **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm:** Department Internal Review and Audit at HQ. Once completed, the tax forms and accounts will be forwarded to our CPA for State and Federal filing. Assistant Chiefs are responsible for notifying your Committee Member to be in attendance.
  - Still awaiting the date for Stonick Street which could come any day after speaking with the rep from the developer for the drill. Be prepared for short notice.
- In closing, Chief Speranza extends thanks to the members and their families as the Department answered a record number of 61 incidents for the month of January 2018. This is the highest number ever for the Department without a natural disaster in the period. It is difficult at best to acknowledge the family we leave behind as we run out the door and into harm's way, especially with an excessive call volume.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:**
  - 46 alarms; held 3 meetings; 1 work detail for a total of 51 events.

- The computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order with the exception of: right & left rear running, clearance and strobe lights. Fairlawn has been notified.
- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
  - March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will be the Annual Fish Fry at the Boys & Girls Club. Any volunteers to help set up, clean up and serve would be appreciated. Cost will be \$15 per adult, \$12 per child. Fliers will be available at next month's Fire Board.
- **Training Center; by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**
  - AC Longo inquires about the maintenance money owed from Glen Rock needed in order to begin the roof and basement simulation. According to Chief Speranza, it may take approximately a month and a half as we are waiting on the Borough.
  - Bail-Out: Slight moderations are needed for the trainers which involves Downes for minimal welding.
  - All Assistant Chiefs can begin handing AC Longo a list of interested parties for bail-out training so he can get a head tally.
  - AC Hughes requests a Bail-Out Policy to be drawn up; Board of Fire Commissioners is in agreement in the formation of an SOG.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- I. Engine Company 1: AC Arturi inquires if the Uniform Guidelines were approved which Chief Speranza answers that they were approved by the Board. Sommes has the proper SOG on uniforms. An updated SOG needs to be supplied to Turnout.
- II. Tower Company 2: AC DiVincent inquires on a payment owed to Ex-AC John Marsch for a repair done. Fire Clerk Chris Mogen responds that it has again been resubmitted and we are waiting on Borough movement. It is easier and faster for the Borough to make a payment to the Department than to a specific member.
- III. Engine Company 3: AC Longo reminds everyone that anyone going in the Equipment Room (with an Officer or Chief) must fill out the required paperwork. This is done in order to help us monitor what equipment we have, what we don't have, the cost and the budget.
- IV. Engine Company 4: No old business to report.
- 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:
  - a. AC Hughes will schedule the mandatory compliance training once he receives the go-ahead from Chief Speranza.
  - b. Chief Speranza has a meeting with the locksmith to rectify the issues of not being able to supply FOBs to those who need them and MedCo not supplying extra sets of keys.

#### **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Engine Company 1:

- AC Arturi mentions that he and a few other members were in attendance at the Saint Anthony's "Thank You for Your Service" Breakfast on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. All those who attended were warmly welcomed and hopes that more will be able to attend next year.
- AC Arturi requests that we keep FF Malandrino in our thoughts and prayers.
- March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00pm: Annual Comedy Dinner. \$35 a person. Beer and soda will be served.
- Tower Company 2: Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 3: Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 4: Nothing to report.
- Rescue Company 5: Nothing to report.

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

- George DeGroot: In regards to the information of 5"Storz connections—Does Prospect Park still have 4"? Chief Speranza replies that Prospect Park has also changed over to 5" connections. The County Coordinators are in the process of getting all towns even across the board, as the mutual aid systems is beginning to change all towns over. It costs about \$300 per hydrant to change the connections. AC Arturi comments that we cannot assume the connections will be there as, for example, they have been stolen of hydrants in Paterson on multiple occasions.

**ADJOURMENT: Meeting was closed to the floor and adjourned at 8:10pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.**

Reported by Amber Hechinger