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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on March 1, 2022 at 7:30pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, February 19, 2022 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email (Clerk@HawthorneFire.org) to forward questions to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*
Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

Led by Chief Speranza

MINUTES:

Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.

Motion to dispersed the minutes: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Second: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

CORE STATEMENT

Volunteers providing a professional service in
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention
To the citizens of Hawthorne.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

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| FireCompanies.com (Annual Website Hosting) | \$ 816.89 |
| RT Office Products (Radio Room Printer Toner Cartridge, Certificate Folders) | \$ 205.80 |
| RT Office Products (Company 2 - Wireless All-In-One Printer) | \$ 157.50 |
| Passaic County Mutual Aid Association (2022 Association Dues) | \$ 100.00 |
| FireFighter One, LLC (HFD - (2) Facepieces, (10) Head Harness Assemblies) | \$ 2,399.40 |
| Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 1 - Fire-Dex Leather Structural Boot) | \$ 389.00 |
| American Trade Mark Co. (HFD - Accountability Tags) | \$ 216.08 |
| Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 1 - 5" Hose - 500') | \$ 3,495.00 |
| Witmer Public Safety Group (Truck 2 - Sreamlight Vulcan LED Lights) | \$ 366.30 |
| Firefighter One (HFD - 3M Respirator Cleaning Wipes) | \$ 424.90 |
| State Line Fire & Safety Inc. (Fire Extinguisher Refill) | \$ 106.35 |
| New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. (SCBA Repairs) | \$ 700.00 |
| FireFighter One, LLC. (Engine 3 - (2) 100 ft. Ponn Conquest Double Jack Hose - 5 in. Red) | \$ 1,074.70 |
| WL Construction Supply, LLC (Rescue 5 - 14" 20MM Wood Cutting Rescue Blade) | \$ 422.31 |
| Industrial Scientific Corporation (Gas Meter Repair - Ventis MX4) | \$ 500.00 |
| ACE Security Inc. (HQ Side Entrance Door Repair + Labor) | \$ 105.00 |
| Fire & Safety Service, LTD (Engine 1 - Directional Turn Short + Pump Drain Valve) | \$ 700.00 |
| Fire and Safety Services LTD (Truck 2 Annual Service) | \$ 4,783.57 |
| ESI Equipment Inc. (Service Program - Holmatro Rescue Tools) | \$ 1,115.00 |
| Campbell Supply (Generator Repair) | \$ 7,998.15 |
| Fierro's Auto Service (Unit 50 - Oil Change) | \$ 110.00 |
| Fierro's Auto Service (Unit 61 - Replace ABS - Brake System) | \$ 680.00 |
| LW Bills & Alarm Engineering (Alarm Register Tap) | \$ 105.60 |
| Macluso's (2022 Annual Installation & Awards Dinner) | \$ 10,620.00 |
| Strategic Safety Dynamics, LLC (HFD - Turnout Jacket - Mayor Lane) | \$ 1,378.80 |

Total: \$38,970.35

Motion to pay the bills: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Second: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter for a Personal Leave of Absence form FF. Jose Corrales of Company 3. starting March 1, 2022. Approved by Company 3 and notification made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of February, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 17 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 22 alarms.
- All the previously reported issues with Engine 1 have all been addressed.
- Engine 1 has one member that remains on leave of absence.
- Company 1 submitted all certifications along with the required Level 1 Management applications to the Chief. All members are now in compliance and certified by the State of Division of Fire & Safety.
- Company 1 provided the head count to Chief Speranza last week.
- Equipment:
 - Our 500 feet of five inch hose remains outstanding as well as one member's accountability tag.

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

Tower CO. #2; presented by Assistant Chief Travis Lodder:

- For the month of February 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarm, 6 Mutual Aid including 2 Glen Rock Alarms, 3 Paterson Alarms, 1 North Haledon Alarm, 4 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 31 alarms.
- Certifications on file for all members have been turned over to the Chief, as well as state certification applications for those members.
- Members attended the Ice Rescue Drill at the beginning of the month and learned a lot. Thank you, A/C Manzo and Rescue officers, for organizing the drill.
- Truck 2 received 1 akron wireless controller for the nozzle on the bucket. It has since been programmed and placed in service.
- Plymovent exhaust hose in firehouse broke while returning from Paterson on Sunday, Clean Air will be out on Thursday to make repairs.
- Unit 62 will be dropped off at Luschers Automotive on Wednesday to get the battery checked and a maintainer added.
- Requesting new calibration Gas quote submitted.
- Headcount for dinner was handed in.

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

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

- For the month of February 2022, Engine 3 responded to 20 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, 2 Training, and held 1 Drill for a total of 23 Alarms.
- FF. Jose Corrales has submitted a letter for leave of absence do to work and schooling, Co#3 has approved his leave for 3 months.
- Equipment:
 - (2) Pike Poles (6', 8') - Status of order / Received PO (21-02202) on 1/15/22 - Checking with vendor on delivery date.
 - (2) length of 100' of 5" Cloth Hose (Red) is needed due to damage in a house fire. / Requisition was submitted to the Borough on 2/5/22 - PO pending.

- (1) Smooth bore nozzle replacement, due to age. / Received PO (21-02196) on 1/15/22, awaiting final item to be delivered by vendor.

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

Engine CO. #4: presented by Assistant Chief Devin Hughes:

- For the month of February 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 16 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 17 Alarms.
- Engine 4 currently has one SCBA and two regulators Out Of Service.
- Progress is being made on the new Engine 4. Currently the cab and chassis are on their way to the South Dakota Plant. Final inspection is predicted to be early to mid April 2022.

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

Rescue CO. #5: presented by Assistant Chief Anthony Manzo:

- For the month of February 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 3 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 23 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - I have received the generator repair quote and it has been submitted.
 - Unit 58
 - Cap was received and installed. Looking at vendors for emergency lighting and sirens as well as decals.
 - Unit 57
 - Still trying to locate a vender for generator repairs
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Personal
 - FF Brian Laube requested to go Social within Rescue Company 5.

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

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Contained within the Chief's report.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

I would like to thank Groenewal builders for the opportunity and use at 63 Forrest Ave. Our drill which occurred last Sunday was well met with a great turnout from the department. Numerous evaluations were tested and officers

and membership did an excellent job. The critique found some basic issues that we will send back to each company so we can address and improve upon but otherwise a worthy drill. Thank you to our ladies Aux, Glen Rock FD and our members and officers that attended.

Some updates,

The Hedges Complex - is moving along quickly and we ask our companies to visit the site, we will be planning a walkthrough as they continue.

Dept SCBA Grant - The grant has now been accepted by FEMA and we await review results which may be some time before we get any news.

Division of Fire Review - Making great progress as all members as of today have been provided to the state. The process exceeded over 50 hours of work and review, but outstanding progress has been completed.

Several members will be required to attend the I-200 in classroom course which we are planning on running here in town in the very near future. As of 2006 the I-200 requirements for front line firefighters, drivers and officers is the in-class course for I-200.

Additionally, several members were missing an opportunity to build off the initial requirements of FF1 and Company Officer which they already had in place. We added and provided their earned certifications and certification forms to the state.

We hope to be working with our fire academies in the future to assist in ensuring members forward the documents to the Division.

I-200 Course - The course is slated to be conducted in Hawthorne and will be scheduled asap, awaiting instructors' dates confirmation.

JIF Background Checks - Numerous questions have been raised on the process and how it was rolled out to the department and the vendor security. We currently will be working with administration and the Mayor's office in tandem with Safety Jen Scully. This process is not an option and is governed by borough ordinance and is required by JIF our insurance underwriter.

Communications - The purchase of radios unfortunately will be delayed due to unit availability. I have been informed it may be 12 months or more.

Annual Installation Dinner - The dinner is this Saturday at 7pm, we have a significant awards program so dinner will begin at 7:15pm so we can move the night along.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Fish Fry Dinner is planned for April 15, 2022

Citizen Fire:

- No Submission

Training Center:

- Awaiting warmer weather
- Vendor was contacted about the ongoing water leak
- There is still a concern about security and windows being left open. Downes will be contacted about access to their security cameras.

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Thank you for providing the department LOSAP information.

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - Awareness is high

Radio Communications

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
 - No Submission

CODES

- *Captain John Carlo*
 - No Submission

Awards Committee

- No Submission

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - There is an issue with radio wiring on the apparatus. Need to contact a vendor to provide a quote. GooseTown was originally contacted but not reliable.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report.

- Tower Company 2:
 - There is an on-going concern of the use of apparatus SCBA for use at the Fire Academy for member's training. Truck 2 has so few to start with. - *Chief mentioned that there are 4 extra SCBA units in the new pending Grant, for that reason.*
- Engine Company 3:
 - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Helicopter Medic Drill - possible site Glen Rock - Date TBD
 - Stop the bleeding class - March 10 & 21 (6-10pm)
 - County IDs are ready - March 10 & 21 (6-10pm)
 - NARCAN awareness class - TBD
 - Hawthorne Ambulance - possible driver training for FD members to help during the day
 - Boat is be on the water - TBD
- Chief Speranza
 - No new business to report.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Would like to congratulate FF. Skae and his wife are expecting a child.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Chief Speranza
 - Keep Ed Warr in your prayers.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- Andrew Chartoff - Questioning the online MEL classes. Who selects what classes are to be taken? Last year only one class was required. This year five classes were requested. What is the reasoning behind them and when and what should we be taking?
- *Chief - classes are required by JIF and we are notified by the Borough each year.*
- John Auri - Commented on Andrew Chartoff's question. Any hazmat incident that happens, your involvement should only be awareness. Referencing chlorine that was used in the conversation. HFD will reach out to my team for assistance.

- Victor Tamburro - Question: Why are the Background check emails being sent out daily?
- Chief - *We are not aware of the vendor TruView procedures of notifying each member. It will be brought to the Borough's attention.*
- Victor Tamburro - Question: How many times are background checks being done?
- Chief - *Currently we have not been notified by the Borough but will bring this up again at the next Mayor's meeting.*
- David Hughes - Commented on the question from Victor Tamburro. His experience with the state, background checks were done every 5 years.
- John Auri - Question: Why was my work email used for the background check. This email was used only for the Bylaw Committee and the development of department Bylaws.
- Chief - *The email was pulled from CODEs and Assistant Chief Trippichio has added your personal email address.*

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the meeting: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Second: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk