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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order on April 5, 2022 at 7:30pm by Chief Speranza

*The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, March 19, 2022 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email ([Clerk@HawthorneFire.org](mailto: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*  
Dennis McCarvill, *CO. 2 Captain*  
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:**

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

### **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*

Dennis McCarill, *CO. 2 Captain*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

#### CORE STATEMENT

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To the citizens of Hawthorne.

## DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

*provided and presented by Clerk Mogen*

<b>Occupational Medical Associates</b> (New Member Testing - Physicals/Blood Work/Drug Screen)	\$ 1,100.00
<b>Quarter 1 - Rental Payment</b> (Hawthorne Fire Companies 1,2,3,4)	\$ 5,610.00
<b>Quarter 2-4 - Rental Payment</b> (Hawthorne Fire Companies 1,2,3,4)	\$ 22,440.00
<b>Ricoh USA Corporation</b> (12/24/2021 -03/23/2022 -Black/White & Color Copies)	\$ 169.98
<b>Grainger</b> (Gas Meter - Calibrations)	\$ 813.49
<b>Fire Service Safety Testing, Inc.</b> (Annual Ground Ladder Testing)	\$ 2,553.00
<b>Industrial Scientific Corporation</b> (Gas Meter Repair - Ventis MX4)	\$ 2,983.95
<b>Clean Air Company, Inc.</b> (Truck 2 - Failed Exhaust System)	\$ 1,068.56
<b>Crazy Car Vinyl, LLC.</b> (Unit 58 - Vehicle Lettering)	\$ 1,400.00
<b>Luscher's Auto Inc.</b> (Unit 61 - Towing and Repairs - Estimate)	\$ 511.70
<b>Hawthorne Premier Carwash, LLC.</b> (Unit 50 - Car Wash (Full + Exterior))	\$ 46.00
<b>Puzo's Family Restaurant</b> (Passaic County Mutual Aid Meeting Dinner)	\$ 500.00
<b>C. Mogen</b> (Staples - Certificate Holders + Gold Seals 2022 Awards Dinner)	\$ 87.53

**Total: \$ 39,284.21**

**Motion to pay the bills:** Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Dennis McCarill, *CO. 2 Captain*

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 Personal Leave of Absence extension letter for a for FF. Rashawn Byfield of Company 3. starting April 5, 2022. Approved by Company 3 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a Return to Duty letter for FF. Antonio Napolitano of Company 1 starting April 1, 2022. Approved by Company 1 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a letter for a Medical Leave of Absence for FF. Rebecca Irvolino of Company 2. starting April 1, 2022, until further notice. Approved by Company 2 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a renewal Medical Leave of Absence letter for a renewal for FF. John Niebo of Company 5. starting April 1, 2022. Approved by Company 5 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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- Received a resignation letter for FF. Ted Thomes of Company 5. Approved by Company 5 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:**

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

- For the month of March, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 22 alarms.
- All of Company 1 members completed the background check. Most driver alternates and upcoming drivers attended the CEVO Fire 3 class.
- Antonio Napolitano has returned from leave of absence.
- Engine 1 is seeking to coordinate a drill with Rescue 5 at the Bergenfield Training facility sometime in May 2022.
- Engine 1's tires are starting to show wear and tear. They may need to be rotated and or realigned as the outermost portion of the tire is beginning to wear is a concern.
- Ex Chief Ed Warr passed away. Chief Tamburro had mentioned to me to consider renaming the radio room in his honor. Engine 1 would like to move forward and rename the "WARR ROOM".
- Equipment;
  - Our 500 feet of 5" hose remains outstanding as well as one members accountability tag

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

### **Tower CO. #2; presented by Captain Dennis McCarvill:**

- For the month of March 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarm, 9 Mutual Aid including 4 Glen Rock Alarms, 1 Paterson Alarm, 1 Prospect Park Alarm, 1 Haledon Alarm, 1 North Haledon, 2 Drill, 1 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 32 alarms.
- All members have completed background checks and required training classes online.
- FF Jason Crawford has returned to active duty.
- FF Rebecca Morton has put in a request for a medical leave. Company 2 has approved this request.
- Truck 2 members attended a mutual aid drill in Glen Rock earlier in the month, we wish to thank Glen Rock FD for the invite.
- All ground ladders, ladder belts, gemtor harness, strokes, and rope were tested off Truck 2. All passed except for 1 bag of life safety rope failing due to its age.
- Goosetown Communications installed 1 bluetooth mic and corrected wiring on apparatus mobile radio microphones.
- Fire & Safety replaced the officer side mirror on Truck 2 due to a crack in the housing and the mirror.
- Unit 62 was worked on at Pauls Motors and had the kill switch replaced. Truck seems to be running without issues now.

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

- For the month of March 2022, Engine 3 responded to 19 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, 1 Training, and held 1 Drill for a total of 22 Alarms.
- Engine 3 is in the last phase of warranty work being completed by KME. Still some small modifications are needed and will be scheduled.
- Co#3 is inquiring about the status of the following 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.*
- *Co#3 has 4 SCBA regulators that are in need of repair*

**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 March 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 17 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 21 Alarms.
- All of Engine 4's SCBA and regulators are now back in service.
- Final inspection on the new Engine 4 will be April 18-20, 2022 in South Dakota.
- On behalf of myself and the members of Engine 4, we would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy Easter

**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 March 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 19 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 4 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 23 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
  - Rescue
    - PO was cut for the generator repair. Contacted Campbell on 4/5/2022 and they didn't have the PO yet.
  - Unit 58
    - Decals for the truck will be done possibly this weekend. Still looking for a vendor to do emergency lighting and sirens
  - Unit 57
    - Still looking for a generator contractor and a step was requested for the truck to assist members getting in and out.
  - Boat
    - Good Working Order
  - Personal
    - FF Neibo requested an additional 3 month leave of absence starting April 2, 2022

**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 our members who assisted in the Ukraine gear drive sponsored by the Clifton FD and FMBA. We were able to provide delivery of over 100 pieces of outdated turnout gear for their use.

On behalf of Mayor Lane and myself, a thanks to the members who attended the prayer vigil for Ukraine last month.

Our difficult department news came last month with the passing of Ex. Borough Chief Ed Warr. I have been in communication with his wife Dot several times and his wishes as to where to have no services for his passing. Many of you should remember Chief Warr was one of the innovators of our radio room and a founding father of Passaic County Mutual Aid Association. After speaking with a few members and EX Assistant Chief Mike Nelson, we would like the board to consider renaming the radio room upon completion of the communications upgrade to the "WARR ROOM" in honor of Chief's dedication to the radio room. An etching on the glass door is proposed. Please keep the Warr family in your prayers and thoughts.

Some updates,

**State Certifications** - Update on state documentation, as of today we have twelve members that remain, and these are all upgrade opportunities to increase their certifications. The department is completed with certification of officers and members, and we have begun the process of updating the final roster by removing deceased and non-members.

**Service awards** - I am in receipt of a request for service award nomination for a few members and would like to conduct a brief meeting prior to fire company meetings next Monday at 6:45pm at HQS to ensure our committee is on board with award presentation.

**Electric Vehicles and Solar Roofs** - Last officers training we reviewed electric vehicles and solar roofs (not solar panels), the review of this training should be covered at your fire company asap. There has been some additional information on lithium batteries that has been provided to our Asst. Chiefs and this info must be provided to each fire company. We are working in tandem with Glen Rock FD to facilitate a solar class that would be held locally.

**County IDs** - No member shall report to the OEM building without first completing the county ID form, returning the form to clerk Mogen or myself, the form will then be verified by HPD Lt. Nesdwick. Once this is completed the paperwork will be forwarded to the County OEM for processing, it will be a notification from AC Manzo that allows you to schedule for your ID.

**Officers training** - April 19th, 7:30 pm, an overview of lithium batteries and fire caused by such will be presented. Training information can then be provided to each fire company.

Respectfully,  
Chief J. Speranza

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Communications Division:

- No Submission

### Cadets:

- No Submission

### Ladies Auxiliary:

- The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual fish and chip dinner on Friday, April 15 between 5pm and 7pm. Order and pick up dinner in the parking lot of the Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club. Tickets are \$16/each; choice of fish or chicken. Please call Dot at 973-423-2399 for tickets.

### Citizen Fire:

- No Submission

### Training Center:

- Vendor is fixing all leaks in the smoke house
- Vendor has started on the confined space and basement fire simulator
- Hose simulator will be set up shortly
- Company 2 will be providing a blueprint for a roof simulator
- Vendor was contacted about the car simulator, plans are in the works
- Thank you to DPW - for providing containers
- Usage of the training center is in line with required rules
  - Damaged notifications
  - Need assistance for policing/training officer
- Working on a fee schedule for mutual aid usage

### Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
  - Relief meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at 7:30pm at Company 1
  - Exempt meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at 8:00pm at Company 1

### Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
  - No issues to report

### 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:
  - No old business to report.
- 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:
  - No new business to report.
- 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 (Saturday afternoon)
- 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. Rebecca Irvolino and Craig Irvolino as they are expecting their first 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 Ex Borough Fire Chief Ed Warr's family in your prayers.

## **MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;**

by Chief Speranza

- David Hughes - Question if the Borough is developing an ordinance for solar panels?  
- Chief - *The Borough is in the works in setting up an ordinance as there has been an increase of solar panel additions and solar roofing in the borough.*
- John Auri - Question: In regards to Prospect Park FD, is the Patterson FD responding/covering them?  
- Chief - *Yes*
- John Auri - Question: During the recent CEVO class, it was brought up that drivers do not have to wear their bunker pants and jacket. What is the policy of the department?  
- Chief - *The department has a SOP in place for driving our apparatuses. It is the driver's choice.*

## **MEETING CLOSED TO THE FLOOR AND OPENED TO THE BOARD;**

by Chief Speranza

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to close the meeting:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Dennis McCarill, *CO. 2 Captain*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

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*Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm by Chief Speranza.*

Christopher Mogen  
*Fire Department Clerk*