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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order on May 1st, 2018 at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

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:*

NOTE: *Correction from submitted March Bill-*

Campbell Supply (Engine 4 Repairs) was submitted as \$4,500; corrected amount: \$16,118.41

- **Occupational Medical Associates** (New member testing): \$680.00
- **Ridgewood Press** (Banners [2.5 x 10'] Recruitment/Awareness Support): \$180.00
- **Ridgewood Press** (500-#10 Window Envelopes): \$115.00
- **RICOH** (Quarterly Copies Maintenance-Contract): \$8.03
- **Tanis Hardware** (Supplies [Bolts, Nuts, Tape, Sledge Handle]): \$23.85
- **FireFighter One, LLC** (Masks & Head Harness): \$3,040.40
- **Coastal Fire Systems, Inc.** (Scott ClickMate SCBA Adapter): \$817.00
- **FireFighter One, LLC** (Probationary Shields): \$555.00
- **FireFighter, LLC** (Engine 3- Tank to Pump Valve Repair): \$1,483.00
- **Fire and Safety Services, LTD** (Engine 1-Repairs): \$685.47
- **Goosetown Communitations Inc.** (3-HT 1250 Radio Portable Batteries): \$168.75
- **P&A Auto Truck Parts** (Bulb for 6-1): \$4.79
- **Company #2** (Standby-Food [Jimmy Geez] March 7th Snow Storm): \$45.05
- **Company #1** (Standby-Food [Dunkin Donuts] March 7th Snow Storm): \$21.74
- **HFD** (Standby-Food [Dunkin Donuts] Feb. 17th Snow Storm): \$23.33

Total: \$23,969.82



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

- Acknowledgement/Acceptance from CO#1 of Chief Joseph Speranza's request to transfer from CO#1 to CO#5 (Ref: Request submitted/read at April Fire Board)
- Letter of Resignation submitted by Troy Greer Jr. of CO#3
- Request for six (6) month Leave of Absence submitted by Shadasa of CO#5
 - Note from Chief Speranza: This request needs to be for a three (3) month leave of absence and cannot be for a six (6) month leave of absence. Contact will be made.
- Request for a three (3) month Leave of Absence submitted by Lt. Robert W. Luscombe of CO#1
 - Request cannot be approved by the Board due to the current Investigation and will be submitted to the Administration.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

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

- 21 8-8 alarms; 3 1-1 alarms (1 Standby for North Haledon); 0 RA alarms; 1 drills for a total of 25 alarms. Engine 1 held 4 additional training.
- Engine 1 submitted Leave of Absence for Lt. R. Luscombe (received by Clerk Amber Hechinger) and a letter to release Chief Speranza from the roster of Engine 1 with regret (received by Clerk Amber Hechinger).
- Engine 1 submitted April percentages and drivers logs, as requested, to Chief Speranza.
- **Equipment request:** Three (3) water can holding straps.
- Engine 1 was sent to Fair Lawn DPW for preventative measure today (May 1st, 2018).

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

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

- 20 box alarms; 3 still alarms; 5 mutual aids; 3 drills; 0 additional trainings; 0 snow stand-by for a total of 31 alarms.
- Truck and ladder were serviced on April 4th, 2018 by Fair Lawn DPW. No issues were reported.
- CO#2 received all of their snow standby reimbursements.

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

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

- 23 box alarms; 2 still alarms; 2 mutual aids; 1 Chief's call; 2 drills for a total of 30 alarms. Engine 3 held 0 additional trainings.
- Engine CO#3 has received three (3) firefighter applications from the Fire Clerk which are being handed into the Chief's office this month.
- Engine 3 was sent out for general maintenance and repair on the federal siren. Engine 3 is back in service.
- Engine 3 has picked up an impact gun for the side winders for extrication kit.

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

- 24 box alarms; 4 still alarms; 1 radio alarms; 1 drills for a total of 30 calls. 3 mutual aids to Glen Rock have not been included in this total. Engine 4 held 2 additional trainings.
- Engine 4 has returned from completed repairs from Campbell Supply and is back in service as of this past Friday. All is reported to be working well.
- Engine 4 is missing the front inlet stortz cover; did not return with the Engine.
- Company 4 welcomes Stefanie Hill who is returning to the Hawthorne Fire Department as of tonight.
- **Equipment Request:** One (1) set of size XL gloves; One (1) size SMALL mask.
- Firefighter Sylvester was cleared and returned to firefighter duties.
- **PSE&G Seminar:** Anyone who would like to attend on **Thursday, May 10th at 7:00pm at Glen Rock Fire HQ's** for a class on gas responses is welcomed to.
- Two (2) sheets from the Eugene Meyers Foundation money vote for CO #4 were turned into the clerk this evening (Received by Clerks Amber Hechinger and Christopher Mogen); CO #4 is in favor.
- Two (2) potential candidates will have completed applications and will be ready to be sworn in at June Fire Board.

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

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

- 26 box alarms; 1 special event; 0 still alarms; 3 drills/trainings for a total of 34 alarms.
- Airbags are on order/pending from Continental Fire & Safety; \$6474.31; AC Hughes followed-up yesterday and two weeks previously on this order. Will be following up again for a definite delivery date or intends to pull the order and go to a different vendor.
- Received new Demo Saw
- Radio Charger in cab is not working; installed by Fair Lawn DPW
- VHF radio still missing--pending
- Cab Mobile radios on Unit 58 need frequency identification (VHF and Low Band)
- Siren still continuously blowing fuses; repairs done in-house
- Boat is in good working order; Charger needs to be hard-wired to outlet so it stops getting pulled out of the wall.
- **PEOSHA Training:** Make-up night for the Department to be scheduled.
- FF Robert Barclay remains on three (3) month personal leave; Effective February 1st, 2018
- New Member application in process for Ted Thoms of Sunrise Drive.
- **Note to Members:** If Unit 5-8 is moved outside, please make sure it is locked in order to protect the equipment onboard.

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Recommendation for Fire Companies to head to Central Ave to take a look at the property in preparation for future occurrences.



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

- A request from the Drug Coalition to borrow a grill. No issues in the past so no foreseeable issues fulfilling this request.
- eDispatch has rolled out new updates users which will be added to our membership free of charge. Updates include ability for members to send notification of whether they can respond to a call or not.
- There will be a free boating class for Firefighters and EMS on June 3rd; information will be distributed to Officers' mailboxes at Fire HQ's.
- Firefighter I (beginning 7/17/18) and Firefighter II (beginning 7/11/18) are both being offered via Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy-Fire Division. Specified dates and times will be distributed in Officers' mailboxes at Fire HQ's.
- Notification that Captain Vanderhook will assume responsibility of HPD effective May 3rd, 2018 until further notice.
- It has been communicated that volunteer service members cannot have fees legally waved for building permits. Options, if available, are being looked into.
- The Department was awarded the side-by-side Grant for our Live Burn Demo at Hawthorne Day. In addition, we will be hosing the NJSAB Sprinkler Trailer Demo and Program for Hawthorne Day this year.
- The Department is in receipt of the Dart Drone Grant, Tier II.
 - The Grant includes a full year of online training, FAA training in prep for the Certification, One (1) Year's support for the program and a two (2) day flight training class. In addition, the Department will be provided the Drone Package, courtesy of our HFD Ladies Auxiliary (Note: Expected to be the Fathom 4 Drone; research pending).
 - Grant Package is estimated at \$4,500.00, plus our Auxiliary-provided Drone at \$1,899.00 for a total of \$6,399.00.
 - The Grant Program for the Drone is an SOP. The Drone is not a toy, but an advanced piece of equipment to be used as a valuable tool for the Department. Those responsible for the Drone's operation will be very well-trained, giving other members of our Department sufficient opportunities to learn.
- Chief Speranza would like to thank all of the members who came out last Saturday to assist our good friend Peter Kavanagh with the installation of the ramp. It was a tremendous success due to amazing teamwork within our membership. He also thanks the Task Force and its members, as this effort has grown and its success has elevated the Department to newer and safer knowledge opportunities.
- All Fire Companies are now back to full capacity and have completed their annual service requirements.
- The Department has completed our annual OSHA Testing on ground ladders and safety harnesses. We will be scheduling our aerial for its safety inspection certification in coordination with the Glen Rock Fire Department in attempt to save some funds in the near future.
- On behalf of the Hawthorne Fire Department, Chief Speranza wishes to offer our gratitude to the Borough of Glen Rock and the Glen Rock Fire Department for graciously loaning Hawthorne their spare fire apparatus for the past several weeks.
- Reminder: Our Annual Memorial Day Service and Parade will be held on Monday, May 28th, 2018. Start time will be at 11:40am.
 - AC Arturi ask if we have received confirmation that the promised location will be definite and not be changed. Chief Speranza confirms that he has received confirmation of the Departments definite location as of today.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:**
 - 23 alarms; held 4 meetings; 1 drill; 1 work session; 1 mutual aid cascade for a total of 30 events.
 - Computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order as of April 30th, 2018 with the exception of: right & left rear running, clearance and strobe lights.
 - Note by Chief Speranza: If Hawthorne Chevy cannot provide the solution then we will move to another vendor.
- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
 - Nothing to report.
 - A gracious thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for presenting the Board with a check for the purchase of the Department's Drone.
- **Training Center; by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**
 - AC Longo requests a scheduled clean-up date in the near future; preferably a weekend.
 - The "visiting" raccoon family is still an issue with hopes of moving on soon.
- **Exempt Relief:**
 - Nothing to report.

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: No old business to report.
- V. Rescue Company 5:
 - a. In light of the water incident on Wagaraw Road during the rain storm, AC Hughes is looking into information on a free Swift Water Awareness Program in order to better prepare our members for safe and effective action, knowledge of identification/differences of "swift water" and "still water", etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of members Stefanie Hill, Nick Hauser and Nick Forsynthe by Chief Joseph Speranza.

- I. Engine Company 1: AC Arturi inquiries about the readiness of the gear for the new members who will be out of Fire School. Chief Speranza replies that they need to be sized and allow for 6-8 weeks for the gear to come in. He will relay information to the Companies so that this can happen in-house for those with new members.
- 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.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1: Nothing to report.
- Tower Company 2: Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 3: Nothing to report.

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- Engine Company 4: Nothing to report.
- Rescue Company 5: Nothing to report.
- Chief Speranza:
 - Engine 3 will be housed at Fire Headquarters for the weekend while paving is being done at their Fire House.

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

- Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro:
 - At April's Fire Board, he had reported under Committee Reports that the green sheets were handed out to the Assistant Chief's and need to be displayed. This communication was not recorded by the secretary in the April Fire Board Minutes.
 - Concerns of FF Filingiri's paperwork not being returned to Ex-BC Tamburro and may need to be filled out again so it can be processed accordingly. He may also need a form saying FF Filingiri does not wish to join the Fireman's Association if he is choosing to not do so.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was closed to the floor and adjourned at 8:03pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Hechinger
Department Clerk

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