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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on June 4th, 2019 at 7:34pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
Kevin Foley, *CO. 1, 1st Lieutenant*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Peter Van Der Velde, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Trippichio *CO. 1 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.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES; *provided and presented by Christopher Mogen*

Ricoh USA Corporation (QTR 12/24/18 - 03/23/19 / Blk/White & Color Copies)	\$ 9.88
Witmer Public Safety Group (4- Cairns 1044 w/NFPA Bourkes Standard Blk)	\$ 996.00
All Hands Fire Equipment (FDNY Search & Guide System, Gemtor Harness (Reg, Small)	\$ 1,185.44
Witmer Public Safety Group (1-Fire Hooks Water Can Harness)	\$ 59.88
FireFighter One (20- 6" Shields)	\$ 1,122.80
Firefighter One (Engine 1-Storz Adapter X NH Female Swivel Rocker Lug 5" Storz, Standard Spanner Holder)	\$ 213.81
Fire and Safety Services, LTD (Engine 1 - (4) Lights, Dome, RED/CLR LNS, BLK)	\$ 459.29
Fire & Safety Services (Engine 1 - Annual Maintenance - Chassis & Pump)	\$ 2,550.00
HFD (3) 5-0 Reimbursement for Car Wash	\$ 58.48
Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. (Preventative Maintenance of Mobile Radios, Check 5 Apparatus Radios, Programming of Portable Radios)	\$ 750.00

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Goosetown (Engine 1 - Kenwood Radio Replacement)	\$ 959.08
Gates Flag & Banner (3 - Dept. Flags)	\$ 209.06
Strategic Safety Dynamics, LLC (5- Sets of Full PPE, (5) Boots, (3) Helmets)	\$ 12,323.85
Total:	\$ 20,897.57

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD; *received and presented by Clerk Christopher Mogen*

- Received a letter from Radiology Center of Fairlawn, 0-100 28th Street, Fairlawn, NJ 07410 in regards to F.F. Davius Bunch of Company 3. The letter states that F.F. Bunch was in their office for a diagnostic exam on Thursday, May 30th, 2019.
- Elmwood Park Dual Wetdown - July 13th, 2019 at 1pm to 5pm, 619 River Rd, Elmwood Park, NJ

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Engine CO. #1; presented by 1st Lieutenant Kevin Foley:

- For the month of May 2019, Engine 1 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill for a total of 22 Alarms
- Engine 1 also held 2 additional trainings
- Engine 1 Equipment Request;
 - Engine 1 power steering gasket leak and the transmission oil/filter change was completed by Fire & Safety.
 - Engine 1 is requesting an inverter to be mounted onto the apparatus. Fire & Safety has stated and the cost for this installment is between \$2,200 - \$2,300.00. We will secure a proposal from them so a requisition can be generated so that a Purchase Order can be approved by the Borough.
 - The driver side power mirror is not functioning properly. We will contact Fire & Safety for a proposal on the repair.
- Engine 1 completed Blood Bourne Pathogen, Lock Out Tag Out and the Hazmat Awareness Training
- After our last Fire Board, Engine 1 tested the radio transmissions. We have learned that there is a “dead spot” in front of our garage. All members were advised to ensure that all radio transmissions must be acknowledged to avoid this issue in the future.

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- Most recently we called in service (3) three times before we were acknowledged. This supports the test we conducted. We are now cognizant of the issue and will monitor it accordingly.
- Received the completed FD and State Application from Charles T. Barhorst Jr. The State Application was completed and handed over to the Relief Secty. Tamburro for further processing by the State. Upon the States application return, we will then complete the next process of getting him onto the roles of the Department at the July Fireboard.
- Tom Kennedy medical leave of absence has expired. A new letter was supposed to be re submitted and has not yet been received.

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

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

- For the month of May 2019, Company 2 responded to; 20 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 3 Mutual Aid, 1 Drills, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 24 Alarms
- ESS checked radios on apparatus, all is well.
- Awaiting PM from FF1 this month
- Informed our two probationary members that they were accepted to FF1 Academy

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Engine CO. #3; by Dominick DeGroot, CO. 3 Captain:

- For the month of April 2019, Engine Co. #3 responded to 21 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, Held 1 Drills for a total of 23 Alarms with 1 additional training.
- F.F. Davius Bunch has been placed on medical leave due to a leg injury. A medical letter was presented to Assistant Chief Longo from F.F. but the letter will not be accepted due to lack of information from the radiology center. F.F. Bunch was advised to produce a factual medical letter with a doctor's signature with more details about his injury and when he can return to active duty.
- CO#3 engine will be taken out of service as of 6-4-19 for warranty repairs for a timeline of 2 weeks.
- CO#3 will use the old Chief's car to carry packs, working tools, meters, 2 members will be assigned to this vehicle while the rest of the company will respond to Rescue to run with Rescue 5 and as per needed.

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

- For the month of May 2019, Engine 4 responded to, 20 Box Alarms, 6 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 1 Drill, for a total of 27 Alarms including 6 mutual aide to Glen Rock.
- Engine 4 received back 2 SCBA that were repaired.
- 1 SCBA is stuck in purge and has been taken out of service and sent for repair.
- ESS Radio company came out and checked all radios and power for them. All are in good working order.
- Engine 4 is still in the process of meeting with manufacturers for pricing apparatus for replacement.
- Engine 4 is asking for permission to attend the Fair Lawn we down on June 22nd.

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

- For the month of May 2019, Rescue 5 responded to; 22 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 1 Special Event, 1 Training /Drills for a total of 24 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Firefighter 1 - Received call about completing work on generator (Out of Frequency). Will be scheduling repair in near future - No Date
 - Unit 58
 - PM needs to be scheduled Hawthorne Chevy (Blanket PO)
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Rescue Task Force
 - Next drill scheduled June 24 at 1930 Hours
 - Member Certification - Process to begin (Rescue Skill Sheet)
 - Request from RTF Companies - "A" members
 - All Companies interested members list
 - Personal
 - Need to schedule gear fittings and gear replacement

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

90 units are planned at the old Boat House on Lynack Avenue. More information to come.

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

- First and foremost, I would like to thank each of you whom attended the Memorial Service and Parade last week.
- On Wednesday may 15th the department training officers and myself visited the Bergenfield training center and we will be booking at least 12 visits for our companies. We will be undertaking an aggressive training schedule for the center likely starting with a live burn for each company.
- I strongly recommend reaching out to training officer DiBella and training advisor Partridge to review your own expectations as we move forward with scheduling. The goal is for you to work directly with your members instructing them at your companies own pace. I will begin scheduling preferably Monday evenings for a 3 to 4 hour slot at the center, beginning in August. So far dates for Mondays are open thru October.
- In addition to the Bergenfield center, we will be utilizing our own center and Passaic County Fire Academy as an additional opportunity to train our members. We also expect to offer department seminars and specific Officer training seminars.
- Tower Advanced Operations
 - TBD - An evening review for Tower 2 on advanced ladder operations with Advisor Chief Partridge.
- Live Burn, Fire Below (Bergenfield)
 - Engine 1 - Live Burn, Fire Below
 - Tower 2 - Live Burn, Fire Below
 - Engine 3/Rescue 5 - Live Burn, Fire Below
 - Engine 4 - Live Burn, Fire Below
- Fire Attack/Vent (Bergenfield)
 - Tower 2/Rescue 5 - Vent/Saw work and forcible entry
 - Engine 1 - Fire Attack/Vent
 - Engine 3 - Fire Attack/Vent
 - Engine 4 - Fire Attack/Vent
- Live Burn, Confidence Course (Bergenfield)
 - Tower 2 - Live Burn, Confidence Course
 - Engine 4 - Live Burn, Confidence Course
 - Engine 1 - Live Burn, Confidence Course

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- Engine 3/Rescue 5 - Live Burn, Confidence Course
- Dept cost with all materials included will be \$400.00 per session, total \$4,800.00 for the 12 session program.
- Seminars expected that will be selected and scheduled
 - Fire in the Church, Deputy Chief James Smith, Philadelphia FD
 - The First 30 - Capt. Passaic FD
 - Thru the Keyhole - Capt. Passaic FD
- We are hopeful the door prop simulator will be installed in the next two weeks at our training center and expect some work to resume on the site.
- Thanks to Joe Ross for the presentation on Stigma Free and Grace Boonstra for the Deaf Awareness Presentation. Thanks to Capt. John Carlo for making the apparatus handouts for Deaf Awareness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

· **Communications Division:**

- No Report Provided

· **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- No Report Provided

· **Training Center:**

- No Report Provided

· **Exempt/Relief:**

- No Report Provided

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
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- Engine Company 3:
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- Engine Company 4:
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- 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:
 - Requested that one (1) F.F. requires to be fitted for gear.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Requesting that two (2) F.F. require to be fitted for gear.
 - Currently there are four (4) juniors that interested. Assistant Chief Hughes will be setting up the program, classroom setting. Requesting any other Companies that also have juniors to past their information on. This program would follow the current curriculum.
- Chief Speranza:
 - F.F. Bradford Kluker was sworn in by Chief Speranza in front of family and fellow firefighters, he will be stationed at Company 3.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Nothing to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - 2nd Lieutenant John Hurley of Company 4 and his wife welcome a son to their family.
 - Assistant Chief Van Der Velde asked about the Department's interest in Class C uniforms. Chief Speranza asked Assistant Chief Van Der Velde if he could lead an exploratory into Class C uniforms for the Department.

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- Rescue Company 5:
 - Please keep 2nd Lieutenant Brian Patmos's wife, Tina, in your prayers as she's in the hospital
- Chief Speranza
 - Nothing to report.

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

Ex Borough Chief Tamburro

Responded to the conversation about wearing Class A uniforms during hot weather and parades. He mentioned that wearing uniforms "Class A" is important and symbolic and shows the Fire Departments position of respect during parades such as the Memorial Day Parade. A lot of soldiers sacrificed a lot to give us an opportunity to wear these uniforms. There needs to be a way to encourage our members to own and wear their uniforms.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Very Truly Yours,

Christopher Mogen
Department Clerk

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