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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order on June 5th, 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 Van Der Velde, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Hechinger, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

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:*

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| • HFD (Office Supplies): | \$ 35.97 |
| • Firefighter One, LLC (Engine 4 Tools – Pike Hook, Newark 44, 1 ½” x 1 ½” Shotoff, Plain Tip 1.5”, Axial Playpipe) | \$ 1,741.94 |
| • Tanis Hardware (Blanket PO – Various Supplies) | \$ 200.00 |
| • Hawthorne Auto Lab (6-1 Maintenance) | \$ 74.44 |
| • P&A Auto Parts, Inc. (Blanket PO - Preventative Maintenance) | \$ 200.00 |
| • Holzberg Communications, Inc. (ICOM Radio, ICOM Antennas, ICOM Chargers) | \$ 4,644.00 |
| • A-Van Electrical Supply, Inc. (Rescue 5 – Cords) | \$ 13.07 |

Total: \$ 6,909.42

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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD; received and presented by Clerk Christopher Mogan

- Received from Hawthorne Fire Company 1, Christopher Dibella Jr. is requesting a change of address. New address is stated as; 272 Lakeview Ave. Apt C27, Paterson, NJ 07593
- Received from FF Frank Vittorio, letter of resignation from the Hawthorne Fire Department as of June 11th, 2018. After thirty-three years of service with the Hawthorne Fire Department, Frank will be retiring from the department and moving out of town.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

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

- 22 8-8 Alarms; 0 RA Alarms; 0 1-1 Alarms; 1 Drill for a total of 23 Alarms. Engine 1 held 2 additional training.
- Engine 1 will be scheduling body work to be completed on the wheel wells this week. As soon as I get the date I will let the Chief's know. E1 should be out for no more than 1 day.
- Chris DiBella Jr. has handed in a change of address. Chris DiBella Jr, Matt Garrison, and Brandon Terrizzi have completed FF1. Congratulation to all 3 members. Graduation is in November.
- All equipment is in good working order.
- I am requesting Bob Foley to be placed on a Medical Leave starting June 2, 2018. As soon as I receive the doctor's note from his family I will hand it in.

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

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

- 22 box Alarms; 2 Still Alarms; 3 Mutual Aids; 1 Drill; 0 Additional Trainings; 0 snow stand-by for a total of 28 Alarms.
- 3 Sets of Gear Cleaned

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

- 22 Box Alarms; 1 Still Alarm; 1 Drills for a total of 24 Alarms. Engine 3 held 1 additional training.
- Engine CO#3 is having problems with 2 of our ICOM radios not working or able to charge. Charger on engine is not working. Radios need to be replaced along with charger.
- Both cross lay gauges on engine are reading 50lb off original pressure, being set by M.P.O. must be looked at.
- CO#3 would like to congratulate our 3 new fire fighters being sworn in tonight. Alex, Nick and Davios. We wish them all the best of luck and welcome them to our family. Stay smart and be safe.
- Engine CO#3 would like to wish FF. Frank Vittorio the best of luck in his new endeavors. Frank will be leaving our family to start a new life with his family in the Carolinas, we are sad to see him leave and wish him and his family all the best of health and happiness.
- I would also like to thank Chief Alturi for helping with the cleanup of the Training Center, organizing the Passaic County Sheriffs Dept. to come in with their people and help maintain our facility.

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

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

- 21 Box Alarms; 10 Still Alarms; 0 Radio Alarms; 1 Drill for a total of 32 calls. 8 Mutual Aids to Glen Rock have not been included in this total.
- Engine 4 is running well from repairs.
- We would like to congratulate RJ and Chris who are coming on to the department tonight.
- Requesting one small mask.
- 2 members were measured for gear last night and 1 will be scheduled to be measured this week.
- Engine 4 would like permission to attend Fair Lawn Rescue wet down on June 23rd, 2018.

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

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

- 22 Box Alarms; 1 Still Alarm; 1 Special Event – Parade, 2 Drills/Trainings for a total of 26 Alarms.
- Rescue 5 reports,
 - Air Compressor trips fuse – compressor very noisy (Repair to be scheduled)
 - Air Bags received and in service
 - Radio Charger in cab repaired – working properly

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- VHF Radio Missing – Pending
- Unit 58 reports;
 - Cab Mobile radios need frequency identification (VHF and Low Band)
 - Investigated by radio group – Motorola UHF radio can be ID read – Vertex low and VHF radio are not supported.
- Boat reports;
 - Good working order
 - Charger needs to be hard wired to outlet
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- Personnel;
 - PEOSH Training - Monday, June 8th – 7:30PM Fire HQ

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

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Included in the Chief's Report.

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

- On behalf of the department, I would like to thank our members who participated in our annual Memorial Service and Parade.
- Tonight, we again have several new members joining us in the mission to keep our residents safe, we appreciate their service and applaud their commitment to be a Hawthorne Firefighter.
- With new members coming aboard we encounter the difficult challenge of outfitting our firefighters with safe and effective equipment, with this I wish to thank the Mayor, Administration Maurer and Council for quickly providing and approving a \$40,000.00 emergency resolution for firefighting turnout gear.
 - In addition, several pagers have been ordered and expected within two weeks for our members.
 - Evaluating a few (2-3) of the older discontinued (5) pagers which could be retrofitted to work just for the short term.
- Training Center, the state inspection was completed last Wednesday and the inspector was thoroughly pleased with the progress and design of the center. I would like to congratulate AC Longo and our department as we have received certification to operate a FF1 class program as needed.
- Dept. Info, from the incident at 55 Westervelt on Memorial Day, a meeting was held last Wednesday with the owner, myself and Fire Official DeAugustines. I am pleased to report that



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repairs are either in progress or already have been completed and we will be following up to insure repairs are completed. Mr. Gorga's phone number has been placed into the department phone book and Fire Desk system for future communications.

- The departments grant Drone has been ordered with the choice being the DJI Phantom 4 aircraft. Training will begin ASAP.
- A reminder to our members the project on Central Ave is in progress of leasing and residency is now in at least two of the complex's buildings. Walk throughs are recommended with your fire companies.
- St. Anthony's Feast starts Wednesday, so use caution in the area through Saturday night.
- Dates of importance, the Fire Ground Instructor Level 1 course will be held;
 - Tuesday July 17th, with dates of July 24th, July 31st,
 - Saturday July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 4th
- Past few weeks, we have experienced electrical issues due to storms which effected our systems. This has affected the street LED sign at HQs, repairs are in progress.
- Hawthorne Fire Department Appreciation Night, July 7th at HQ, an appreciation night will be conducted with a Corn Hole tournament, some fun for the kids, food for our members and their families. Time to be provided with flyers for each company.
- Fire Department & EMS Picnic – The proposed date for the picnic is tentative pending borough of Rec approval for August 12th with a rain date of August 19th, at our borough pool in the rear. Food, games and swimming are on tap for our families of our Hawthorne Fire & EMS members. Further info will follow.
- Stay behind Barbecue – The Wildwood Convention consumes many members of our department as they attend the State Convention. While many attends the convention this year our department will host a Stay Behind event for those remaining in town with food, fun and games, Saturday, September 15th at HQ.
- Leadership Camp Program – The Helicopter landing for Engine 4, Rescue 5, Monday, August 13th approx. time for 9:15am, also the FD's program for leadership camp is Thursday August 16th from 12 to 3pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:**
 - 15 Alarms; held 3 Meetings; 2 Mutual Aid cascade for a total of 20 events.
 - Computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Field COMM are in good working order as of May 31st, 2018 with the exception of: right & left rear running, clearance and strobe lights.

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- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
 - Nothing to report.
 - Chief Joseph Speranza mentions 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:**
 - Would again like to thank Chief Alturi for helping with the cleanup of the Training Center.

- **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:** No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Swearing in of members **Ted Thoms, Alexander Wojtecki, Nicholas Rosendale, Richard Nardella, Christopher Cerda, Davius Bunch** by Chief Joseph Speranza.*

*Chief Joseph Speranza presented a Certificate of Recognition to **Frank Vittorio** for Thirty-Three Years of Exemplary Service to the Hawthorne Fire Department.*

Having displayed the admirable qualities of leadership and character as a firefighter and with the juniors and safety programs, having lived by the principles that adhere to your society and make your community a safer place in which to live and having earned the admiration of family and friends for this achievement, you bring honor to yourself, family, community and the Hawthorne Fire Department.

Let us never forget those sacrifices and keep alive the legacy of your service. Although this certificate could never embody the amount of gratitude you deserve, on behalf of the Hawthorne Fire Board and all members of the Hawthorne Fire Department, we thank you.

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It is a privilege to honor you for the distinguished service given to your community. I proudly extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes in recognition of this extraordinary accomplishment on this date of June 5, 2018.

- I. **Engine Company 1:** Question from AC Arturi, can the new members get gear sized, Chief Joseph Speranza answered, yes, please contact the vendor to schedule a sizing appointment.
- 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:** AC Arturi reports that Bob Foley is doing well. Training Center work that was completed was not a problem, we'll do it next year.
- **Tower Company 2:** Nothing to report.
- **Engine Company 3:** Nothing to report.
- **Engine Company 4:** Nothing to report.
- **Rescue Company 5:** AC Hughes reports, the Rescue Building/HQ maintenance is an issue and a concern. Chief Speranza answered, that he will be meeting with the Borough Council about the issue this week.
- **Chief Speranza:** Reports that the fencing that was requested along Goffle Rd at HQ will be discussed with the Borough Council.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was closed to the floor and adjourned at 8:07pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Mogen
Department Clerk

Js/ Jt