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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order on July 3rd, 2018 at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
John Trippichio, *CO. 1 Captain*
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: Assistant Chief John Arturi, CO. 1

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:*

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| • Ace Security, Inc. (Replacing HQ Door Locks): | \$736.00 |
| • Fire Fighter One (Rescue Truck Emergency Repair): | \$1,000.00 |
| • Ultra Bright Lightz, LLC. (Rescue Truck Lights [Feniex Wide-Lux 7x3 Red & Blue, Feniex Fusion 49" GPL Exterior Light Bar Single Color]): | \$1,819.00 |
| • BJ's (Food & Refreshments for the July 7 th Picnic) Blanket: | \$400.00 |
| • Penguin Management Inc. (July-Dec E-Dispatch Service): | \$888.88 |

Total: \$4,843.00

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

- Medical Leave of Absence notification on behalf of Thomas Kennedy of CO#1.
- Request for three (3) month Leave of Absence submitted by Mark Lundin of CO#2
 - Request approved by the Board
- Request for three (3) Leave of Absence submitted by Josep Gaglione of CO#5
 - Request approved by the Board

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

Engine CO. #1; presented by Captain John Trippichio:

- 18 8-8 alarms; 4 1-1 alarms (1 Mutual Aid to Wyckoff); 1 RA alarms; 1 drills for a total of 24 alarms. Engine 1 held 3 additional training.
- Engine 1 scheduled body work to be completed on wheel wells for July 21st, 2018. Engine estimated to be out of service no longer than one (1) day.



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- **Equipment Request:** Caution Tape, Two (2) cans of ethanol (MotoMix), AA Batteries, 5" Stortz Cap, Mask Straps, Pager Battery (Minitor 4).
- Engine has on-going issues with needing to replace coolant during monthly truck checks. Will continue to monitor.
- FF T. Kennedy submitted his request of Medical Leave.
- Noted that Ex-Asst. Chief B. Foley is not requesting Medical Leave.

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

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

- 18 box alarms; 1 still alarm; 0 mutual aids; 1 drills; 0 additional trainings; 0 snow stand-by for a total of 20 alarms.
- Received one (1) new Vertex Portable Radio from Chief Speranza as spare on the truck.

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

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

- 18 box alarms; 2 still alarms; 2 mutual aids; 1 drills for a total of 23 alarms. Engine 3 held 1 additional trainings.
- Engine CO#3 needs Engine to be looked at by Fair Lawn DPW in regards to issues with #3 discharge-water bypassing the valve.
- Bulbs needed for the Cab's rotating lights.
- Waiting to hear updates on stretcher lashing set and junkin sling for stokes basket.
- Engine CO#3 has installed the dedication plaque for member Ken Silvestri. Notification will be made to the Mayor for a Dedication Ceremony.

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

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

- 20 box alarms; 8 still alarms; 0 radio alarms; 1 drills for a total of 29 calls. 8 mutual aids to Glen Rock have not been included in this total. Engine 4 held 0 additional trainings.
- Engine 4 enjoyed supporting Fair Lawn Rescue for their Wet Down.
- Report of generator malfunction that needs to be looked at.

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

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

- 21 box alarms; 3 still alarms; 1 Mutual Aid to Wyckoff; 1 drills/trainings for a total of 26 alarms.
- Air compressor trips fuse and generates a large amount of noise. Repair to be scheduled.
 - Chief Speranza will reach out to the vendor for an update.
- Truck-starting issue has be repaired by FF1
- Received one (1) VHF Radio.
- Hurst Hydraulic Pump with hoses has been mounted on Unit 5-8; Will support tools.
- Portable generator has been wired to 5-8 with electronic start.

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- Small boat has been mounted to roof of Unit 5-8
- Received three (3) month leave request from Joe Gaglione.
- Received one (1) set of new gear for Ted Thoms.

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

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Royal Reality is in completed application process. They have fixed all that has be asked.
 - Note: The standpipe in the front of the complex that is underground feeds to the rear of the complex—not the front. There will be an accessible water supply across the street of the front of the complex.
- 55 Westervelt has made good progress.

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

- Chief Speranza wishes everyone a safe and happy July 4th, reminded everyone to be careful in all they do this week.
- August 7th at 5:00 PM: National Night Out. The Department is, again, requested to attend and present ourselves to our residents. At least one (1) Fire Company needs to be in attendances and provide Fire Prevention items to attendees.
 - Includes food trucks, equipment presentation and concludes with a movie night.
 - Fire Board will not be affected by this event.
- This Saturday, July 7th, we are hosting a Member Appreciation night with some light refreshments, a bean bag tournament, and a movie for our family and children.
 - Please bring lawn chairs.
- The FD/EMS picnic will be held at the pool on Sunday August 19th, 2018, from 1:00pm-5:00pm.
 - Includes food, pool entry, and games for members and their families.
 - Will be followed by a movie night at the Band Shell.
- Regarding driving or responding: A reminder to our members that any incident involving a motor vehicle accident either while responding in a personal vehicle or while driving the apparatus must be reported to their Company Officer in charge or Chief. They will, in turn, notify Chief Speranza accordingly.
- Training Center: Recently after use of the building by one of our Companies left plywood exposed outside and left the window damaged and unsecured. If an issue or damage occurs, Chief Speranza or AC Longo should be notified so it can be reconciled.
 - A significant amount of funds are going into the center to increase your opportunity to train and learn, so please help us in helping you by cleaning up upon completion of use.
- A reminder to those participating in the Instructors Course: the program begins next Tuesday at 7:00pm at Fire HQ's. This course will run for four weeks to completion.
 - Note: Course may be moving to Glen Rock. Until more information is gathered on that, it will be held at Fire HQ's.
 - Trying to work with Instructors for instances in which an attendee may have to miss a date.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:**
 - 23 alarms; held 4 meetings; 1 drill; 1 mutual aid cascade and 4 truck checks for a total of 32 events.
 - Computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order as of June 30th, 2018—with exception of right & left rear running, clearance, and strobe lights,
- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Training Center: by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**
 - AC Longo met with Downes associates for a walkthrough. Uncovered water issues on the 3rd and 2nd floor which they will repair.
 - Working on building a “Fire Building” for burn demos. Said building will be able to be set on fire and live water would be able to be used to put it out.
 - Working on a Roof Operations building near where the hydrants are, which will prove as an optimal tool for Tower Company #2. Once the building is set in place, a walkthrough can be done.
 - A 10x18 shed was donated to us. Items that are currently in the trailer will be place in this shed to free up the trailer.
 - We are a couple of years behind schedule with the Training Center, but progress is being made steadily. The State is continuously impressed and we have continued to grow in Certifications.
 - Help is always needed. Please utilize the center and always clean it when usage is through.
- **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:

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of FD Chaplain Timothy Stanley by Chief Joseph Speranza.

- I. Engine Company 1: No new business to report.
- II. Tower Company 2: No new business to report.
- III. Engine Company 3: No new business to report.
- IV. Engine Company 4: AC Van Derr Veldt inquires about request to Gene about getting some information together for Forest Ave (ie: Building numbers).
- V. Rescue Company 5: AC Hughes inquires on information on acquiring jersey barriers and concrete slabs.
 - AC Longo believes Downes may be able to work with him on that.

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VI. Chief Speranza:

- a. Introduction of the Phantom 4 Pro Drone that the Department was able to purchase with the generous donation provided by our Ladies Auxiliary. We will have a "Show and Tell" night with the Captain from the Paterson Fire Department. There are many opportunities to use it for training. Everyone is welcomed to be a part of the learning process with this drone.
- b. Kelly Miller Circus: An animal-free circus that has been in business for over 100 years. It could be a good opportunity for the Department and is something we will be looking into for possibly booking next year.
 - i. George DeGroot mentioned the attempt to attain a circus for the Fire Department's 100 Year Anniversary event. He was told there needed to be seven (7) Police Officers there so they were not able to do so. Chief Speranza notes that, in working with the Administration on several different projects, we may be able to find a comparable way to make the even work if/when the time comes.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1: Captain Trippichio called Chief Speranza in regards to a Flag Burning Ceremony for the Boy Scouts Troop 85. He would like to join with the Department for a respectable ceremony and is aware of the specific process involved. Utilizing the Training Center would be ideal. Permits and all items needed would be collected by the Boy Scouts as long as the event is approved by the Board and he will report back once all the logistics are gotten together.
 - AC Longo offered five (5) of the bags that are utilized in those ceremonies.
- Tower Company 2: Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 3: Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 4: Nothing to report.
- Rescue Company 5: Headcount for Saturday's BBQ will be 15 people from.

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

- No person presents themselves to be heard.

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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