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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order on August 7th, 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*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Mogen, *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, presented by Amber Hechinger:*

- **Ridgewood Press** (15 Training Books):
\$525.00
- **Rescue Tech 1, Inc.** (Clik-Lok Stretcher Lashing Set [Engine 3]): \$199.00
- **Western Wire Rope, Inc.**
(Junkin 4-Leg Nylon Stretcher Bridle Sling [Engine 3]): \$121.00
- **Fremgen's Power Equipment** (Rescue 5—4 Cases Premixed Fuel): \$250.00
- **David Stern Tires** (Rescue Truck Tires [4] Replaced & Serviced): \$2,200.00

Total: \$3,295.00

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

- Notice of change of address submitted by Lt. Rebecca Morton of CO#2.
 - Acknowledged by the Board.
- Request for leave of absence for undisclosed period of time from Nicholas Forsythe of CO#1.
 - Request approved by the Board.
- Request for military leave (June 28th, 2018-August 10th, 2018) from Anthony Mazzacca of CO#1.
 - Request approved by the Board.
- Notification of Medical Leave of Absence until approx. Mid-September from Lt. Kyle Johnson of CO#5.
- Request for thirty (30) day Leave of Absence from Avian Dorta of CO#1.
 - Request approved by the Board.



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- Announcement of Annual Memorial Service submitted by Exempt Firemen's Association Secretary Brian Patmos.
 - 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, November 18th, 2018 at Saint Anthony's Church
 - Breakfast to follow at Puzo's Restaurant on Grand Ave.
- Endorsement of Assistant Chief John Arturi for Borough Chief in the upcoming election by Company #1, submitted by Mike Thimme.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

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

- 19 8-8 alarms; 5 1-1 alarms (1 Mutual Aid to Wyckoff); 1 RA alarms; 1 drills for a total of 25 alarms. Engine 1 held 3 additional training.
- Engine 1's body work (Ref: July Minutes) was completed on July 28th, 2018.
- Chief Speranza and AC Arturi spoke on July 22nd, 2018 in regards to multiple issues. One issue is that CO#1 has not received equipment that has been requested.
- **Equipment Request (Broken down by month requested):**
 - **March 2018:** Ratcheting hydrant wrench; Four (4) Stortz Spanners—received one (1); One (1) yellow pony length 6" diameter 11 feet
 - **April 2018:** Mask straps; Three (3) antennas for Kennwood Radios; Two (2) pagers—both have been received; One (1) med mask
 - **May 2018:** Three (3) water can straps
 - **July 2018:** Caution tape; two (2) cans of ethanol (Moto Mix); AA Batteries; 5" Stortz Cap; Mask straps; pager battery for Minitor 4.
 - **August 2018:** Mask cleaner
- Received leave of absence from FF Anthony Mazzacca from July 1st-August 10th. He will be attending Army ROTC Basic Training in Fort Knox, NY. (Submitted to Clerk Amber Hechinger)
- Received leave of absence from FF Nicholas Forsythe beginning August 16th, 2018. He will be attending college at Maine Maritime Academy. (Submitted by Clerk Amber Hechinger)
- AC Arturi thanks members of Company #1 that came out for the Cub Scouts American Flag Ceremony on July 21st, 2018.
- Engine 1 transmission alarm sounded on Monday, August 6th, 2018. Fire & Safety confirmed engine was fine; Fair Lawn DPW did not reset the computer after service back in May.
 - Chief Speranza acknowledges issues with Fair Lawn DPW and will present them to the Administration.

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

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

- 21 box alarms; 2 still alarm; 4 mutual aids; 1 drills; 0 additional trainings; 0 snow stand-by for a total of 28 alarms.
- Received change of address letter from 2nd Lt. Rebecca Morton. (Submitted to Clerk Amber Hechinger)

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

- 23 box alarms; 2 still alarms; 1 mutual aid; 1 drills for a total of 27 alarms. Engine 3 held 2 additional trainings.
- CO#3 extends thanks to all Companies who attended the dedication ceremony for FF Ken Silvestri's years of service award.
- Engine 3 is having issues with its air conditioner in the cab crew which needs to be looked at.

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

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

- 33 box alarms; 11 still alarms; 0 radio alarms; 0 drills for a total of 44 calls. 9 mutual aids to Glen Rock/1 mutual aid to Passaic/1 mutual aid to Fair Lawn have not been included in this total. Engine 4 held 2 additional trainings.
- Engine 4 light tower is out of service. Will be with FF1 for two (2) days for rebuilding the pin assembly and main wires through the light tower.
- **Equipment Request:** One (1) set of gloves; One (1) small mask.
- Anniversary dates for years of service turned into Clerks for 2019 Installation Dinner.

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

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

- 20 box alarms; 3 still alarms; 2 drills/trainings for a total of 25 alarms.
- Fire Fighter 1 repaired oil leak and currently has Auxiliary air compressor for repair;
 - Auxiliary air system on truck is Out of Service while air compressor is being rebuilt. AC Hughes questions where the parts are that went to Fair Lawn DPW.
- On August 5th, 2018 at approx.. 2145 hours, Rescue was involved in a backing incident at Headquarters.
 - Approximate damage ranges \$8,000-\$10,000; Awaiting body shop estimate.
 - Extenuating circumstances of this incident has caused need for an in-depth investigation which is currently in process.
- Front scene lights flashing each time they are operated; Upgrade by manufacturer failed.
- PO has been issued for lighting upgrade on Unit 5-8.
- Boat is in good working order.
- SCVA filing station requires service for leaking back-flow valves.
- Received Medical Leave from Kyle Johnson; Expected release by physician in September. (Submitted to Clerk Amber Hechinger). Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Received Medical Leave from physician for Fred Buscher; July 9th-December 18th, 2018. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Jason Goodrich is on Administrative Department Leave until further notice.
- AC Hughes is requesting assistance from the Board in regards to the resignation of Mike Naumov. A letter from the Board Secretary is requested asking for his resignation as of April 20th, 2018 and return of Department Equipment to the Officers of CO #5. (Copy of Company record submitted to Clerk Amber Hechinger)
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- Brian Patmos approved by CO #5 in July 10th, 2018 meeting as acting Lieutenant while Lt. Kyle Johnson is on leave.
 - Approved by the Board.
 - Temporary position created as 105A to be held by Brian Patmos until further notice.

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- 55 Westervelt continues to be cooperative thus far. It will continue to be monitored for any other updates/progress reports.

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

- Thanks Mr. Kevin Downes of Downes Tree Service, his employees, AC Longo, and all of the Officers assisting with the continued work and upgrades of the Training Center.
 - About to begin work on the store-front simulator.
- A property clean-up will be held on Sunday, August 12th from 9:00am to 10:30am.
 - AC John Arturi may be able to get a crew of inmates for a Saturday cleanup. Will contact Chief.
- Thanks extended to Captain John Trippichio, Boy Scout Leaders, and young adults of the Boy Scouts for the display of honor and pride with the Flag Burning Ceremony on July 21st, 2018.
- Thanks extended to all who attended FF Ken Silvestri's Dedication Ceremony.
- Thanks extended to Rescue 5, Engine 1, Ladies Auxiliary, and Clerk Chris Mogen (and all others) who covered for National Night Out even though it ended up being rained out.
- Chief has spoken with the Mayor on the potential fundraiser in cooperation with the Kelly Miller Circus. If the Board is interested, plans and preparations will begin with the goal of running it next summer.
- **Dates to Remember:**
 - **Sunday, August 12th:** Training Center clean-up; 9:00am-10:30am
 - **Monday, August 13th:** Helicopter landing at Leadership Camp; Approx. 8:45am
 - **Monday, August 13th:** Supervisors Harassment Training; 7:00pm at Borough Hall.
 - All Companies must complete their training by August 28th. All have been given the program for completion which must be returned to Jenn Scully.
 - **Thursday, August 16th:** Meeting at HQ for delivery of FD Leadership Program at Lincoln Middle School; 11:00am
 - **Sunday, August 19th:** Fire Department/EMS Picnic at the pool; 1:00pm-5:00pm
 - **Tuesday, August 21st:** Relaunching the Juniors Program at HQ; 7:00pm
 - Letter was sent out to the Companies detailing what is needed in order for this program to be effective and survive.
 - **Wednesday, September 5th:** NJ Transit Train Seminar at Glen Rock FD HQ; 7:00pm
 - **Sunday, September 8th:** Prospect Park Parade at the High School at 1:00pm; Parade begins at 2:00pm



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:**
 - 25 alarms; held 5 meetings; 1 mutual aid cascade and 3 truck checks for a total of 34 events.
 - Computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order as of July 31st, 2018—with exception of right & left rear running, clearance, and strobe lights,
- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
 - Table was taken off of the truck and not returned.
 - Chief Speranza: Table was utilized for the FD Picnic and was put next to the truck. We should have placed it back in the truck when finished.
 - Fuel Cap is missing
 - Truck is emitting a burning-oil smell
 - Window-crank on the passenger-side window is broken
- **Training Center; by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Exempt Relief:**
 - Michael of the Relief Association would like to sit down for a meeting with Chief Speranza regarding the logistics of the Memorial Service.
 - Ex-BC Vic Tamburro passed out the most recent green packet to the Clerks and the Board containing information on the Association.
 - “New Compendium” Memo was handed out to the Clerks and the Board; Copies of Active Duty forms for anyone who goes into the military must be submitted in order for that time to be properly recorded.
 - Application for Nicholas Filingeri was handed back to Clerk Amber Hechinger for missing information.
 - Ex-BC requests that anyone calls him regarding this application if anyone has questions filling it out.
 - It must be handed in 100% complete and members need to read in detail as to what they are signing so they do not miss anything or fill out spots meant not to be filled out.
 - Notarization must done with member being present at the time of notary. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

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:

- I. Engine Company 1: No new business to report.
- II. Tower Company 2: No new business to report.



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- III. Engine Company 3: AC Longo asks when CO #3 will received the requested straps. Chief Speranza informs him the timing is completely up to when the vendor completes their process and sends them to us.
- IV. Engine Company 4: No new business to report.
- V. Rescue Company 5: AC Hughes inquires to the likelihood of installing a camera system at Fire Headquarters. He also suggests having a Visitors Policy and sign-in log process.
 - o Chief Speranza agrees that something of this fashion should be developed for the safety and security of the building and members. It will be brought up to the Board for approval and the idea of a camera system will be brought to Eric for approval.
- VI. Chief Speranza: 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.
- Engine Company 4: Nothing to report.
- Rescue Company 5: Nothing to report.
- Chief Speranza: Nothing to report.

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

- Ex-BC Vic Tamburro: Thanks Chief Speranza for the quarterly report. In regards to the purchase of the drone through the Good and Welfare account, was it turned over to the Borough? He worries about a repeat of a previous issue with the Department's Dunk Tank.
 - o Chief Speranza: Once the drone is registered, it will be. It needs to be something the Department can maintain consistently. A letter will be sent by the secretary in full detail to the Council and Administration.

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

- Chief Speranza: We will have a "Meet and Greet" in regards to the drone sometime in August/September it to people as well as what goes into the operation/training/testing/certification/etc. Information will be forwarded once it is concrete.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

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Respectfully submitted,

Amber Hechinger
Department Clerk

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