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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to Order on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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*  
Amber Hechinger, *Fire Dept. Clerk*  
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** All are 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.

#### **I. Amendment:**

- a. Department Communications, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Letter of Absence submitted by Assistant Chief John Arturi of CO#1. Submitted to Clerk Amber Hechinger.

### **DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES; provided by Christopher Mogen, presented by Amber Hechinger:**

- **CNP Fit Testing of NJ LLC** (Dept POSHA Required Respiratory Fit Testing) \$1,525.00
- **HFD-Bergen County Technical School**  
(Rescue Technician Basic Class - Brandon Frei): \$80.00
- **AAA Emergency Supply Co, Inc.** (Engine 1-Gas Detector Repairs & Testing) \$230.00
- **Strategic Safety Dynamics LLC**  
(150/Blue & Yellow Tetrahedrons-Helmet Stickers): \$150.00
- **Fremgen's Power Equipment** (Engine 3-Demo Cut Rescue Blade): \$537.00
- **Fremgen's Power Equipment** (Tower 2-[8] 20" Chains [.063 micro]): \$227.92
- **Platinum Chemicals** (Hand Sanitizing Towels-Case): \$476.00
- **Godwin Tool & Hardware Supply** (Engine 1-Apparatus Charger): \$600.00
- **Fremgen's Power Equipment** ( Engine 1-20" Stihl Saw): \$1,400.00
- **Grainger, Inc** (Hazmat Materials): \$500.00
- **Fire and Safety Services, LTD** (Engine 1-Pump panel repairs): \$841.58
- **Fire and Safety Services, LTD** (Engine 1-Emergency Light repair): \$825.00
- **David Stern Tires** (Rescue 5-[2] Front Tires): \$1,644.00
- **Firefighter One** (Rescue 5-Brow Light repair): \$1,134.58
- **Downes Tree Service** (Training Center Repairs-Blanket PO): \$2,500.00
- **HFD** (Passaic County Mutual Aid-Food & Refreshments-Giannella Deli): \$481.95



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- **EngravingAwardsGifts.com** (Annual FF Awards): \$149.00
- **Puzo's Family Restaurant**  
(Annual Fire Department Memorial Dinner-Blanket PO): \$1,500.00

**Total: \$14,802.03**

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

- Notice of Medical Leave of Absence until further notice; George DeGroot of CO#3.
- Notice of Medical Leave of Absence for 1 Month; Rashawn Byfield of CO#3

### **FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:**

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

- 19 8-8 alarms; 1 1-1 alarms; 0 RA alarms; 1 drill for a total of 21 alarms. Engine 1 held 0 additional trainings.
- Engine 1 contacted Fire & Safety regarding the cab lights and shelf for DS rear compartment.
  - Chief Speranza forwarded a Purchase Order for this.
- AC Arturi wishes all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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

- 17 box alarms; 2 still alarm; 4 mutual aid(s); 0 drills; 0 additional trainings; 1 snow stand-by for a total of 24 alarms.
- Tower 2 received four (4) spare chains for vent saw from Fremgen's.

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

- 18 box alarms; 1 still alarm; 1 Chief's Call; 0 mutual aid(s); 0 drill(s) for a total of 20 alarms. Engine 3 held 0 additional trainings.
- Firefighter Rashawn Byfield is out on medical leave for one (1) month due to unexpected surgery and time to recover.
  - CO#3 wishes FF Byfield a fast and full recovery.
- Firefighter George DeGroot is out on medical leave until further notice.
  - Please keep George in your prayers. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- **Equipment Request:** New medical bag for the Engine.
  - Old medical bag is damaged.
- Engine CO#3 would like to thank all who support their Christmas Tree sales and wish all a safe Holiday.

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

- 18 box alarms; 3 still alarms; 0 radio calls; 1 drills for a total of 22 alarms. 3 mutual aids to Glen Rock have not been included in this total. Engine 4 held 0 additional trainings.
- **Equipment Request:** One (1) Small Mask; One (1) Eyeglass Holder for Mask; One (1) Pager; One (1) Pair of XL Gloves.
- Company 4 would like to welcome Cameron Geier to Engine 4 and wish him best of luck.
- Deck Gun is leaking and needs to be looked at.

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

- 15 box alarms; 4 still alarms; 1 drills/training(s); 1 snow stand-by for a total of 21 alarms.
- Firefighter One has repaired brow lights via new wiring.
- Truck was taken to North Jersey Truck Center to program fast idle on engine which has not been working since the new delivery.
- PO currently pending for front tire replacement—To be scheduled.
- The Multi-Meter is out for repair. A temporary replacement is currently being used.
- PO has been issued for lighting upgrade—Delivered pending installation by Fair Lawn.
- PO has been issued for winch installation—Pending scheduling with Hawthorne Hitch
- The boat is in good working order.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Chief Speranza would like to thank the members who attended the Memorial Service, Santa Parade. He also extends thanks to Tower 2 and Rescue 5 for attending the Tree Lighthing.
- Thanks is extended to those who participated in the Instructors Course and Chief wishes them well with their exam.
- Firefighter I and Firefighter II availability is open for another few days. If a member has not submitted their application is must be completed ASAP.
- The draft proposal for "Extra Credit" should be reviewed with your Companies. Once it is the final draft is completed, it will be presented to the Council Ordinance Committee.
- The Santa Run will be held on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will begin with dinner at 4:30 at Fire Headquarters for the attendees and will last approximately two (2) to three (3) hours.
- We were asked to do more research on what type of allowance/stipend other Fire Departments have.
  - Example: Fairlawn receives \$1,150 LOSAP, \$2,000 Stipend, and \$500 Clothing Allowance if they make their percentages. They also offer Life Membership after a certain amount of time has been accrued and No-Fee permits. These are a few examples of things we are lacking and are currently in the process of pursuing.
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- Chief Speranza wishes our members and their families a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:** 14 alarms; 5 meetings; 2 work details; 3 truck checks; 1 storm stand-by for a total of 25 events.
  - The computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and FieldComm are in good working order as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. [**Submitted December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**]
- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
  - No updates to report.
- **Training Center; by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**
  - No updates to report.
- **Exempt/Relief:**
  - Not present.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Engine Company 1: Assistant Chief Artui asks if there will still be a class regarding the Drone, as there is interest within his Company.
  - a. Chief Speranza notes no training can be done until spring due to issues operating the drone in intense cold temperatures. There is a possibility of getting a class together with a Certified Trainer in the future.
- 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.
- III. Engine Company 3: No new business to report.
- IV. Engine Company 4: No new business to report.
- V. Rescue Company 5: Assistant Chief David Hughes brings attention to an issue during Monday's drills:
  - DPW reported that a water tank was drained down due to drilling which could be cause for a major issue during an emergency/fire. AC Hughes believes the Chief's should have been made aware of this by the DPW.
  - Captain Ron Walker of CO#2 notes that one tank was empty and one water station was shut down due to chlorine changes.
  - Chief Speranza requests to Captain Walker and Assistant Chief DiVincent that the DPW please have communication if something of this effect is ongoing or effecting the water supply. He will look into coordination for future issues.
- VI. Swearing-In of New Member:
  - Cameron Geier of Engine Company #4.

### GOOD AND WELFARE:

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- Engine Company 1:
  - Request to attend next year's Wallington Parade on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in addition to the usage of 6-1 for the parade.
  - Assistant Chief Arturi also inquires as to the awards that two (2) members had not received from last years Award Dinner.
    - Clerk Chris Mogen confirms the awards have been received as ordered and will be presented to those members at this year's dinner.
- Tower Company 2: Nothing to report.
- Engine Company 3:
  - Assistant Chief Longo asks that we please keep FF George DeGroot in our prayers.
- Engine Company 4: Nothing to report.
- Rescue Company 5: Nothing to report.
- Chief:
  - Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>: Kenny Silvestri would greatly appreciate visits to the Fireman's Home for their Annual Christmas Party.

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

- Ella Snyder: Thank you for the fence. It was not what was expected and it looks much better.

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**ADJOURMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.**

Very Truly Yours,

Amber Hechinger  
Department Clerk

AH/CM/JS