



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on October 02, 2012.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the flag and a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Ex- Asst. Chief Jams Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Arturi.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Van Ek and second from Asst. Chief Marsch that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment.

BILLS

Apollo Flags	\$146.70	Verizon	\$64.88
Verizon	\$51.37	Campbell Supply Co.	\$682.43
OEM Controls	\$310.00	American Air Flow	\$60.30
AT&T	\$47.85	Signs by Tomorrow	\$465.54
AAA Emergency	\$529.20	Tanis Hardware	\$35.92
Campbell Supply	\$241.65		

Communications:

- A medical note was received from MEESE Sports & Medicine advising that FF Mark Totaro is under their care for a right knee torn medial meniscus and will be on a medical leave of absence until further notice.
- A letter of intent was received from resident Steven Davis requesting to be assigned to Company 4.
- FF Jason Reese has requested a 3- month leave of absence.



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- A resignation letter was received from FF William Marra, effective September 01, 2012. (CO1)
- A 3- month leave of absence was requested by FF Alek Shoomiloff. (CO1)
- A thank you letter was received from Laurie Leonard thanking the Department for support, time and dedication to the Leadership Camp Program.

Chief Speranza stated we should hold William Marra's resignation as he would like to talk to him to discuss his intentions.

The Board approved the remaining all leaves of absences.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of September 2012, Company 1 responded to: 19 box alarms, 1 still alarms, 0 chiefs call, 0 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby's, 4 training's and held 1 drill , for a total of 25 alarms.

Engine 1 is sluggish when ascending the inclines through-out the Borough. The engine brake was repaired and is now functioning properly.

The Officer' side light rod is now severed and needs to be replaced.

Engine 1 received 1 the accountability sign and placed in into service.

FF Leon Bay was suspended for 30 days commencing on Sept. 09, 2012 and ending on October 08, 2012. FF Bay will also be serving a 6 month probationary period commencing on October 08, 2012 and ending April 8, 2012.

FF William Marra submitted his resignation letter with regrets.

FF Alek Shoomiloff requested a 3 month leave of absence.

Aside from the above Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

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Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of September 2012, Company 2 responded to: 22 box alarms, 1 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 1 Mutual Aid call's, 0 standbys, 0 training's, and held 1 drill for a total of 25 alarms.

Vendor Campbell Supply has repaired the turbo sensor.

10-75 lighting has contacted Capt. Redmon as the pats that were previously order have arrived for the lighting and a date will need to be scheduled to install same.

FF Justin Molnar has returned from Virginia and has asked to be reinstated for his leave of absence.

FF Marco Totaro requested a medical leave of absence.

Company 2 requested permission to attend the Wallington Parade.

The Truck, equipment and all firefighters are in good working order.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of September 2012, Company 3 responded to: 22 box alarms, 1 drill (s) 0 radio alarm, 3 still alarms, 0 standby, 0 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 26 alarms.

Vendor Campbell Supply, completed the brake repairs and they are now working properly.

Repair or the replacement of 2 bunker pants are needed.

One stream light was damaged and was repaired.

Aside from above all firefighters and equipment are in working order.

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Company #4

Ex -Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of September 2012, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarm's, 1 still alarms, 1 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 1 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 0 drill for a total of 24 alarms.

Engine 4 will be out of service for the scheduled repairs of the booster tank, the LDH discharge and all electrical issues.

The Engine will be out of service from October 07, 2012 and up to 3 weeks from that date, dependent on the repair time.

(1) Large SCBA mask was received

Aside from above all members and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner, reported that for the month of September 2012, Company 5 Responded to: 23 box alarms, 0 boat assignments, 0 extrications, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 Mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 1 training (s), and 1 drill(s) for a total of 25 alarms.

FF Jason Reese requested a 3-month leave of absence.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all members that participated in the Department Drill. In particular all of the Lieutenants that assisted 2nd Lt. John Carlo & 1st Lt. John Tripicchio for planning the drill.

The Training Center's 1st floor repairs commenced, and are on schedule. All members that participated showed we are working toward a common goal and are on track to get the

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center up in running soon. The safety railing system for roof operations was installed by Asst. Chief John Marsch. Thanks to all of the Captains who are working on the training center and Asst. Chief Arturi for getting the SLAP program to clean up the site.

Hawthorne Day is this weekend. The Department will need to assemble at 11:30 am for placement. The picnic area for the members and mutual aid will remain the same as last year.

At about 6:30 pm the apparatuses will be relocated for fire protection duty for the fire work display.

October 07, 2012: -2 Engine's and Rescue 5 will be needed for the 5K Black & Blue run that will be held in the County Park. This will be assigned to Rescue 5 Engine 1 & 3.

November 26, 2012 – NJ Transit Training - 7:00 pm at Van Dyke's .

Engine 4 will be out of service for it's tank repair and will be out of service from October 08, 2012. The estimated time of repair was projected to be 3 weeks.

October 10, 2012 – Department RIT gear presentation will be held at 7:30 at Fire Headquarters.

An Officer handbook is being developed and will be distributed shortly.

The new date for the SCBA physical will be Thursday November 29, 2012 7:00 pm at Fire Headquarters. Details to follow as to additional make up dates for North Haledon & Bloomingdale.

On October 18, 2012- 7:30 pm at the Passaic County Mutual Aid Association will be hosting a propane seminar. Suburban Propane would be onsite to conduct the training. This will be held at the Passaic County Fire Academy.

Dates to Remember

October 6, 2012 – Hawthorne Day (11:00 am)

October 07, 2012- Fire Department work detail for 5K Black & Blue Run. County Park.

October 09, 2012 – Ethic's Training for Officer's 7:00 pm to 9:00 PM.

October 10, 2012: Department RIT gear presentation 7:30 at Fire Headquarters.

October 18, 2012: 7:30 PM Mutual Aid Association –Suburban propane Presentation.

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November 17, 2012 (Tentative) Memorial Dinner
November 26, 2012 – 7:00 pm – NJ Transit Training (Details to follow)
November 29, 2012 – Department OSHA Physicals Make Up

January 11, 2013 (Tentative) Installation Dinner.

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: No report at this time.

Fire Prevention: No report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

Junior's/ Explorer Program: *No report at this time.*

Safety Officer's: Accountability Board's have been completed. Engine 1 has placed theirs in service. The only Company that has not yet completed their accountability assignment was Rescue 5.

Asst. Chief Warner advised that Rescue 5 's accountability board will be completed next week.

Companies will be given driver's test sheets that need to be completed at the company time. The Department driver's test is being scheduled for the end of the year.

In School Program: Chief Speranza stated he waiting to hear back from the school's as to dates for the in-school program.

Van Hook Scholarship: No report at this time.

Open House: No report at this time.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Chairman George DeGroot stated the meeting was held on September 24, 2012 and was successful. The Department will be hosting a coin toss on November 03, 2012. Each company will be required to participate from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The locations were discussed, County permits have been submitted for consideration to enable us to hold the event. A discussion was also held that there will be a parade with a picnic at the end. Also discussed was a motorcycle run and or a gold outing to see if we can get some funds that way.

Chief Speranza inquired as to the Mystery Dinner deposit.

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It has to be used by May 2013. They are planning to host the event in either March or April 2013.

Memorial Park: Department liaison James Geier thanked all that had attended the 9/11 Memorial. He also advised that the Memorial Committee had the plans reviewed and had brought it to another moment building company for its opinion as to the site. The monument company explained the maintenance issues that would occur if we went with the current plan. The committee had this company draw up a plan (and was displayed to the audience) showing the different options and less maintenance. Pricing was discussed and will be brought back to the Committee for further review and commenting. A report will follow as to their decisions.

Joseph Metzler's advised that the County has some funds available for projects such as these and asked the Committee to look into same. Geier advised he will bring it back to the next meeting.

Old Business:

Company 1: The SLAP program will attend the training center on a bi-monthly basis to keep the site presentable. Also, advised that if we have another Department clean up at the training center perhaps we can schedule 2 companies at a time rather than all done there at once.

Chief Speranza agreed and will inform the Captain's

Company 2: Advised that 2 Lieutenants are in need of the new portable radios.

Chief Speranza stated that all of the radios are in and the Communications Division will program them soon and will be distributed. He also added that each company would receive additional 7-8 pagers.

Also, inquired when the Route 208 over pass will reopen.

Chief stated it was slated for the Fall of 2012 yet, he has no definite date.

Company 3: Asked for portable head sets.

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Chief Speranza advised that the purchase order were sent out for same.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: The FOB system has been installed. Once PD leaves the building the FOB keys will be distributed.

New Business:

Oath of Office: None

Company 1: Requested if the Department can look into securing an up to date bus to transport the residence of the Fireman's homes down to the Firemen's Convention.

Chief Speranza asked Kenneth Silvestri what their budget is. Ken advised it fluctuates from year to year. Heals stated that he does not yet have the figures to provide at this time.

Asst. Chief Arturi stated he would look into an updated bus via some of his contacts and will advise Ken Silvestri of same.

Company 2: Inquired as to who pays for a spectacle kit with prescription glasses for firefighting.

Chief Speranza stated that a member would pay for them and then we would submit to the Borough for consideration.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: Are conducting a raffle for a Polaris ATV. Donation \$10.00 per raffle. See any Company 4 member.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: No report at this time.

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Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Pancake Breakfast will be held on October 14, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 am at the Applebee's in Totowa, NJ. See any Company 3 member for tickets. Donation \$12.00. Also, at Hawthorne Day will be selling Sausage and peppers sandwiches.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: At Hawthorne Day will be hosting a night time laser tag.

Chief: Stated that ICS 400 will now be conducted by the State. You will no longer be able to take the test on line. Also he has not heard back from the Borough as to the installation dinner.

Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to public.

Secretary of the Firemen's home Kenneth Silvestri advised that Lou Kline has been hospitalized due to a foot infection. It was urged that members come by the home and stop in and say hello.

Joseph Metzler advised Chief Speranza to send his request through the Borough Clerk who has a direct contact with the Council rather than through the Mayor's Secretary.

No other requests were made from the floor; the meeting was re-opened to the Fire Board.

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

Board Secretary