



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on November 04, 2014.

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 Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Warner, to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Van Ek. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Arturi and a second from Asst. Chief Marsch that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment. All were in favor to submit the bills for consideration.

BILLS

PA AUTO PARTS	\$96.00	STEPHENS PUBLISHING	\$916.48
JASON GOODRICH	\$300.00	BROADHURST SHEETMETAL	\$295.00
HFD REIMBURSEMENT	\$54.51	CAMPBELL SUPPLY	\$3,840.69
ESS ENTERPRISE	\$1,403.25	OCC MEDICAL ASSOC.	\$180.00
TECHINICAL FIRE & SAFETY	\$450.00	DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$365.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	\$1,756.38	CAMPBELL SUPPLY	\$2,901.71
AAA EMERGENCY	\$3,987.00	AAA EMERGENCY	\$548.25
TANIS HARDWARE	\$79.94	FIRE FIGHTER 1	\$1,912.50
DAVID STERN TIRE	\$1,655.00		

Communications:

- FF James Bakker returned to active duty 10/27/14
- Thank you was received from The Brown Family (6th Avenue)
- Medical request from Leut. Devin Hughes from 11/12/2014 to 12/04/14
- 3 month medical leave of absence FF Matthew Ryan from 10/29/14
- Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek submitted leave of absence and thanked the Department.

The Board accepted all communications as read.

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Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of October 2014, Company 1 responded to: 28 box alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 2 drill (s), for a total of 31 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Campbell Supply repaired all leaks for the 1994 Pierce. The 1994 Pierce remains in fair condition and in good working order.

The Thermal Imaging Camera is off of the Engine as it is having charging issues.

All other equipment are in working order and with the exception to the above the remaining members are all well.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of October 2014, Company 2 responded to: 28 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 2 drill (s) for a total of 32 alarms In addition, held 0 training (s) and responded to 2 mutual aid calls.

For the 2014 Fire Year, Tower 2 responded to a total of 354 alarms.

An email was received from an aerial specialist from Rosenbauer, who advised that the movement of the outrigger's are "within its normal tolerances".

Campbell Supply had made an emergency repair on 10/25/14 after the Truck would not start. All (6) six batteries had to be replaced and we still do not know if this was the cause it.

Reported that the SCOTT revolve air filling station at Headquarters is not rotating and needs to be fixed as it is a safety concern.

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

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Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of October 2014 Company 3 responded to: 27 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 0 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 28 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

Foe the 2014 Fire Year, Engine 3 responded to 286 box alarms, 15 still alarms, 5 radio alarms, and held 12 drills for a total of 318 alarms.

The Fire Year percentages and an equipment request was handed to Chief Speranza.

FF James Bakker has been cleared to return to active duty.
Aside from above all firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of October 2014, Company 4 responded to: 29 box alarms, 7 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standbys, and 0 Chief's call, for a total of 36 alarms. In addition held 1 drill (s) and 8 Mutual Aid call(s).

Lt. Devin Hughes requested a medical leave of absence.

FF Matthew Ryan requested a 3 month medical leave of absence.

Engine 4 has received 3 LED lights and will be installed.

(1) small SCBA mask is needed

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of October 2014, Company 5 responded to: 32 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total of 33 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s).

Reiterated that the SCOTT revolve air filling station will not rotate and is in need of repair.
FF Gordon Knepper is recovering at home.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked the Department members who assisted with the In School Fire Prevention Program as once again, it was a huge success.

Thanks to Tower 2 and Rescue 5 members, and the Fire Prevention officials for the auxiliary Fire Prevention at the fire houses.

From this date forward, all mutual aid calls for specific towns will be still alarms for the respective company assigned to that town. There will no longer be any credit for any other company who responds.

Memorial Service will be on November 16, 2014 for the 8:30 am service. In addition we will also will be taking Department photos.

The Department has applied for a VFIS grant for trailer safety training.

Chief stated that Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek is a huge asset and will be a huge loss. Chief wished Asst. Chief Van Ek the best of luck on his new career as fire fighter in South Carolina.

In closing, thanks again to each and every member for their professionalism and increased responsibility of a being a volunteer firefighter.

Dates to Remember

November 16, 2014 Memorial Service – St. Anthony’s RC Church - 8:30 AM

December 12, 2013 – Ladies Auxiliary -Toy Drive – Short way’s Barn -8:00 pm

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded to 18 alarms and held 4 meetings.
All members and equipment are in working order.

Fire Prevention: 55 Westervelt still has some issue and are in the process of being addressed.

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Ladies Auxiliary: Toy Drive will be held on 12/12/14 @ Short ways Barn. Performing will be Bottoms Up. Collection starts at 8:00 pm.

Junior FF's (Explorer Program): No report at this time.

In School Program: No report at this time.

Van Hook Scholarship: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Permission is being requested from the Borough as to the serving of alcohol. Once permission is decided, then the location will be selected. The Rescue 5 member has not been showing up for meetings and a representative is needed. The Committee is looking to rent a tent, tables, and chairs and for pricing of screen printed t-shirts. Next meeting will be before Thanksgiving.

Training Center: Tanis will be delivering additional mafia blocks shortly. D/C Electric will be installing several electrical items. The fence will be sent out for a bid.

Chief Speranza stated that (2) Fire Hydrants were stolen from the Training Center and a police report will be filed.

Asst Chief Arturi interjected and advised Chief Speranza that the owner of the fire hydrants took them back as they were not being used at the Training Center and did not want anyone else to have them. Asst Chief Arturi further stated that it was his fault for not advising Chief Speranza earlier.

Old Business:

Company 1: We need to address still alarms for those members that do not carry pagers and respond to the fire house.

Chief Speranza stated that we will need to address that and will also speak to Police Chief McAuliffe to address the ongoing dispatcher issues. Also, mentioned is that residence are calling fires to Chief Speranza's cell phone, rather than 911. Chief Speranza will need to address that as well.

Company 2: : No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

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New Business:

Oath of Office: : No report at this time.

Company 1: On 10/25/14 the Engine 1 Driver's and Officers were trained by Fire Safety. The new 2014 Engine 1 was placed in service on 10/26/14. Also, members that are not Asst Chief's and are responding with red lights. This is against not only FD protocols but, NJ Title 39 codes that is enforceable with penalties and fines.

An update was provided as to the SCOTT revolve air, quick connect. A sample is being secured and we can test it out. Pamphlets were distributed that confirm there is no warranty issue with these quick connect and are compatible with our filling station.

Chief Speranza stated that he will have the revolve air looked at due to its closing issue and will seek a vendor that will repair it. He will also contact this quick connect dealer to see if he can look at the system and repair it.

Company 2: No report at this time.
Company 3: No report at this time.
Company 4: No report at this time.
Company 5: No report at this time.
Chief's Report: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: No report at this time.
Company 2: NYC Bus Trip / Show 12/13/14. See a Company 2 members.
Company 3: Raffle –Various prizes. See a Company 3 member.
Company 4: Thanks all who dined at Biggies.
Company 5: No report at this time.
Chief: Keep Gordon Knepper in thoughts and prayers to recover.

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

Capt. Peter Van De Velde inquired why the training center gates are left open all of the time.

Chief Speranza stated that he will insure that it is closed.

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A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek, and a second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
Board Secretary