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Minutes of the meeting held on March 03, 2015.

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. A moment of silence was held for, Louis Klein. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1, Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2, Lt. Ronald Walker, Engine Company 3, Asst. Chief Joseph Longo, Engine Company 4, Capt. Peter Van Der Velde, and Rescue Company 5, Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Arturi, to dispense the previous Minutes while a second was made by Asst. Chief Warner. The Board were all in favor to dispense the previous month's Minutes.

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

The Board were all in favor to submit the bills for consideration.

BILLS

Hawthorne Auto Lab	\$172.66	DMS LLC	\$372.20
WC Construction	\$419.99	HFD Reimbursement	\$100.00
HFD Reimbursement	\$700.00	Dell Garden	\$1,059.00
OCC. Medical Assoc.	\$170.00	NJ Vol Firemen's Assoc.	\$25.00
AAA Emergency	\$35.32	Fire Safety Testing	\$1,250.00
Diversified Inspections	\$132.22	AAA Emergency	\$2,253.32
American Trade Mark	\$1,982.00	Campbell Supply	\$3,436.32
Yankee Propane	\$36.00	East Coast Lighting	\$1,756.50
PA Auto Parts	\$148.32	Communication Specialist	\$1,000.00
HFD Reimbursement	\$246.01	Company 2	\$100.72
Company 5	\$63.61	Company 2	\$11.43



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Communications:

- Letter of Intent Shadasia Butler (CO3).

The Board accepted all communications as read.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief John Arturi reported for the month of February 2015, Company 1 responded to: 27 box alarms, 3 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 31 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Capt. Dibella has contacted the new electrical vendor to complete the remaining electrical repairs.

(2) Two SCBA head's up displays are not working and may be a power pack issue. We have changed the batteries and tested the remaining packs.

During the apparatus check, we also noticed that we have a SCBA pack that is labeled #31. We inquired with Engine 3 to see if it was there's and they are looking to see if it's there's.

We have composed a list to of minor issues that is being reported to Fire Safety to address. One of the issues is that, the windshield washer fluid dispenser is not working.

All other equipment are in working order and with the exception to the above.

Company #2

Lt. Ronald Walker reported for the month of February 2015, Company 2 responded to: 32 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 33 alarms In addition, held 0 training (s) and responded to 2 mutual aid calls.

The ground ladder testing has been completed. The testing of the aerial ladder is forthcoming.

The seal on the left bucket cylinder has developed a leak in which we have called Rosenbauer to schedule the repair.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Joseph Longo reported that for the month of February 2015 Company 3 responded to: 27 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 1 still alarm(s), 1 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 30 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s) and 1 mutual aid response(s).

Thanked all who had attended Louis Klein's wake.

Engine 3 congratulates and welcomes new member Jeff Hackman.

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

Company #4

Capt. Van Der Velde reported for the month of February 2015, Company 4 responded to: 28 box alarms, 8 still alarms, 0 radio alarm(s), 1 drill, 0 standby(s), and 0 Chief's call, for a total of 37 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s) and was called for to 4 Mutual Aid call (s).

Lt. David Sylvester has been medically cleared to return to active duty.

Ground Ladders testing was completed;

The (5) five inch hose was repaired and back in service;

Received batteries for SCBA;

FF Craig Irvilino has a broken zipper on his turn out gear and has received a temporary coat.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of February 2015, Company 5 responded to: 31 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 1 standby(s), 0 drill (s) for a total of 32 alarms. In addition held 2 training (s).

We are working on the new ECM2 software for both the apparatuses tablets and mobile applications. We are currently looking into the tablet cases and mounts that should be here shortly.

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All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report: Thanked the Department who attended Louis Klein's Wake.

The CEVO driving course will be hosted by the Haledon Borough on March 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Haledon Borough Hall. Any member wishing to take the course must contact Jennifer Scully at, Jscully@hawthornenj.org.

We have requested replacement of our AED's to secure updated ones. We have also requested 10 sets of fire fighter gear for 2015.

The Departments has \$140k for the replacement of the SCBA bottles that are outdate. The bottles have been ordered and should arrive is late March. We will also be color coding the bottles with reflective tape. The cost for these bands are \$580.00 vs the \$4,000.00 we were once quoted.

The hose we currently have is over 20 years old and no longer is NFPA compliant. We have placed an order for new hose for each company. In addition, nozzles were purchased so that every engine company will have the same nozzles. Also ordered was the TFT oscillating Blitz fire that one FF can deploy.

Rescue 5 will be serviced the week of March 23, 2015, Engine 1's inverter and the TIC camera will be scheduled in next 2 weeks.

In April the remaining apparatuses will be scheduled for the annual preventative maintenance.

This year's work groups have been set and progress is being made. If there is anyone that was added to the work group that doesn't want to be part of the work group advise their respective Asst Chief and we will take them off of the work group.

We have also ordered new accountability tags and they will be here by March 16, 2015.

We are looking to replace the Safety Officers radio's so that are better suited for the field.

The FD softball team will host its 1st meeting on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Fire Headquarters at 7:00Pm. The team is open for the entire department.

The cardiac testing at Dr. Peter Berger office will be on April 14, 2015.

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The Department will apply for an equipment grant.

The heating issue still remains at Headquarters and will be re-introduced to the Borough so that it can be addressed.

The Department's website is in the process of being turned over to Travis Lodder.

There will be mutual aid Ice Drill for Rescue 5 and Tower 2 that will take place in North Haledon.

Dates to Remember

April 14, 2015- Cardiac testing- Dr Peter Berger Office 1-4 PM

April 18, 2015- Coin Toss 9-12 pm

April 25, 2015- Train the Trainer – "Trailing"

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: No report at this time.

Fire Prevention: 55 Westervelt is continues to have issues and are in the process of being addressed by FD.

The snow blocking stemming from 85 Wagaraw has been addressed. There was also snow blocking the K Hov FD access gate and this will also be addressed.

Asst. Chief asked if 55 Westervelt had fire watch after the water response.

Chief Speranza confirmed that they had it.

Chief Speranza added that the Borough is also considering a plan for the snow choked streets. A proposal was that they will evoke alternative side street parking for the snow clean up.

23 Prospect Avenue there is a child with a respirator. If a power outage occurs we will need to supplement with a generator.

Ladies Auxiliary: Chief Speranza stated that Barbara Carbone was sworn in.

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

In School Program: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Coin Toss April 18, 2015. Beer Garden has been approved. Need riders from companies. Food / food carts vendors are being spoken to sell at the event. We are also looking into blow up type rides etc.

Training Center: The Training Center's repairs have all been completed. Once the weather improves we will move forward for additional maintenance and the placing of donated furniture. We have also requested that \$2,500.00 from the Departments budget to assist for the maintenance of the Center.

Safety Officers: Next meeting will be on April 16, 2015. We will be looking into the accountability process. We have also requested that Asst.Chief Longo come back to each company and further re train us as to construction. Driving course will be scheduled for some time in May 2015.

Exempt: March 06, 2015, County Relief Meeting that will be hosted by Company 1.

Old Business:

Company 1: No report at this time.

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.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Jeffrey Hackman & Michael Hechinger.

Company 1: No report at this time.

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.

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Good & Welfare:

Company 1: March 15, 2015 Comedy Show. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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: No report at this time.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

Board Secretary