



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506
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Minutes of the meeting held on December 04, 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. Also, a moment of silence was held for Ex. Asst. Chief Robert Shannon. 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: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Marsch to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Warner.

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

BILLS

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|---------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Tanis Hardware | \$187.78 | Verizon Wireless | \$342.26 |
| AT &T | \$48.85 | Verizon | \$64.59 |
| Dell's Garden | \$639.96 | Ridgewood Press | \$157.40 |
| Yankee Propane | \$36.00 | Micro Center | \$1,549.394 |
| FF One LLC | \$2,607.00 | AAA Emergency | \$11,280.00 |
| ESS, Inc. | \$5,739.00 | 10/75 Lighting | \$1,120.00 |
| HFD Reimbursement | \$770.11 | Stewarts Deli | \$64.77 |
| Joseph Speranza | \$45.99 | 10/75 Lighting | \$1,055.29 |
| 10/75 Lighting | \$1,020.69 | Shotmeyer Oil | \$69.59 |
| Verizon Wireless | \$188.04 | AAA Emergency | \$149.00 |
| 10/75 Emergency | \$858.68 | 10/75 Emergency | \$1,105.14 |
| Campbell Supply | \$97.30 | I.R.S | \$74.00 |
| FF1 Inc. | \$1,078.75 | FF1 | \$399.80 |
| All Mobile Repairs Inc. | \$600.00 | AAA Emergency | \$3,800.00 |
| FF1 Inc. | \$2,200.00 | 10/75 Lighting | \$2,100.00 |
| 10/75 Lighting | \$1,500.00 | Rock N Rescue Co | \$935.20 |
| Impact Communication Inc. | \$2,403.00 | | |



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Communications:

- A 3-month leave of absence was received from FF Leon Bay from December 1, 2012 March 01, 2013.
- A 3-month personal leave of absence was requested by FF Stephanie Hill.

The Board approved the leaves of absences for FF Leon Bay and FF Stephanie Hill

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of November 2012, Company 1 responded to: 28 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chiefs call, 01 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill, for a total of 35 alarms.

Engine 1 failed the initial pump test and passed on the second time. There are obvious ongoing issues with the pump that needs to be addressed.

Personally thanked each and every member that attended Ex-Asst Chief Robert Shannon's wake and funeral proceedings.

Wished all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of November 2012, Company 2 responded to: 28 box alarms, 7 still alarm, 1 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual Aid call's, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, and held 1 drill for a total of 37 alarms.

Tower 2 responded to Paterson for 3 Mutual Aid calls.

The Truck had 8 tires replaced by vendor, David Stern Tire. Vendor 10-75 has conducted several light repairs.

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 November 2012, Company 3 responded to: 31 box alarms, 1 drill (s) 1 radio alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and held 3 drills, 0 training's for a total of 39 alarms.

Received 2 portable Kenwood 3180 radios with microphones and chargers.

A request was made for the Kenwood base chargers to be installed on Engine 3.

Engine 3 will be covering Prospect Park on Saturday December 08, 2012. From 4:30- 10:00 pm.

Request was made to attend the 2013 Wallington Parade.

On behalf of Engine 3 wished all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of November 2012, Company 4 responded to: 29 box alarm's, 3 still alarms, 5 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill for a total of 38 alarms.

The gas meter was placed back into service.

(2) Kenwood 3180 portable radio were received. The 6 bank charger that was received does not fit in Engine 4 and a new smaller "Impact 6 bank charger" was requested.

Engine 4 passed the pump test and pumps higher than the rated GPM.

The exhaust system in the Engine room has to be serviced as the magnets are no longer functioning.

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

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Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner, reported that for the month of November 2012, Company 5

Responded to: 37 box alarms, 0 boat assignments, 0 extrication (s), 0 radio alarm, 0 stillalarms, 0 Mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 0 training (s), and 1 drill(s) for a total of 38 alarms.

The hot water heater is continuing to leak and it is now damaging the interior of the meeting room.

For the 2012 Fire year Rescue 5 responded to 328 alarms and 25 drills.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members that attended Ex-Asst. Chief Robert Shannon's wake and funeral proceedings.

The Department physicals have been completed. Those who have not taken the physicals are classified as Class "C". There will be some date available in January 2013 in the neighboring Mutual Aid towns. Dates will be given to the Asst. Chief's in future.

As we close out the Fire year thanked all members for the continued efforts making the Department what it is today.

Wished all members and their families a Happy Holidays season.

Dates to Remember

December 14, 2012 – Toys for Tots Toy Drive – Shortway's Barn 8:00 pm to close
December 17, 2012 – 5:30 pm (Assemble at Fire Headquarters.
January 11, 2013 Installation Dinner (Macaluso's)

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: No report at this time.

CORE STATEMENT
Volunteers providing a professional service in
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention
to the citizens of Hawthorne.

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Fire Prevention: We will look into the continued false alarm activations at the Hovanian Complex and address same.

Also there are ongoing roof issues at 85 Wagaraw Road, that needs to be addressed.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

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

In School Program: No report at this time

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: A brief meeting was held after the mandatory training last Monday. Next meeting is the 4th Monday in January. Coin Toss dates will be determined as well as the mystery dinner. Report to follow for February Fire Board.

Toy Drive – December 14, 2012 Shortway's Barn, 8:00 pm to close. \$5.00 or more toy donation.

Santa Drive – December 17, 2012 - 5:30 pm at Fire Headquarters.

Memorial Park: No report at this time

Old Business:

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: Stated that the cut out's have been completed and the roof needs to be repaired.

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: None

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

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Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: The Department sign has been approved by 4 out of the 5 companies. Sign – A- Rama won the bid and will be contacted for installation.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: FF Thomas Kennedy was hospitalized for health issues and is recovering. Thanked all members for attending the services for Ex-Asst Chief Robert Shannon.

Company 2: Ex-Asst. Chief Anthony Divincent's father in law passed away.

Company 3: Christmas Trees are now being sold at the pool lot.

Company 4: ATV drawing will be held on Monday December 17, 2012.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chief: There is an ongoing issue with facial hair that needs to be addressed. Also, the Department request's that we order pre-printed Get Well, Sympathy and Donations Cards.

The Assistant Chief's agreed with the ordering of above cards.

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

Ex-Asst. Chief George Degroot inquired as to securing upgrade lighting for Engine 3.

Chief Speranza stated will consider in 2013.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
Board Secretary