



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on April 02, 2013.

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 and a moment of silence were held in memory of recent passed away retired Passaic Fire Dept. Chief Louis Imperato. 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 Warner to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Warner. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Arturi and a second from Asst. Chief Nelson 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 for consideration.

BILLS

Tanis Hardware	\$365.15	Campbell Supply	\$483.61
Campbell Supply	\$357.65	Campbell Supply	\$12,214.92
Tanis Hardware	\$145.00	Hawthorne Auto Lab	\$423.02
P/A Auto Parts	\$213.46	API Purifiers	\$825.00
Fire Safety	\$1,429.10	Campbell Supply	\$125.35

Communications:

- The Passaic Fire Dept. thanked the members who had participated in the retired Chief Louis Imperato's wake visitation.
- FF Nicholas Canova (CO 1) requested a 3-month personal leave of absence.
- FF Alex Shoomiloff (CO1) requested a 3-month personal leave of absence.
- Chief of Police Ceremony Wed. April 03, 2013- 7:00 pm at Municipal Building.
- April 13, 2013- rev Vanderwall will be arded his 40 years of service.

The Board collectively accepted and approved all requests.

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Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of March 2013, Company 1 responded to: 12 box alarms, 1 still alarms, 0 Chiefs call, 0 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 17 alarms.

Engine 1 in fair working order.

The cab lift has failed and we are unable to check engine parts such belts and fluids. E1 is scheduled to be repaired by Campbell Supply in Port Newark for a purported shorter turnaround time. The remaining pre advised 'punch list' (see March Minutes) will also be addressed at that time.

FF's Alex Shoomiloff and Nicholas Canova both have requested personal leave of absence of 3-months.

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 March 2013, Company 2 responded to: 12 box alarms, 1 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, and held 1 drill for a total of 14 alarms. Tower 2 responded to 1 Mutual Aid call (s) to Paterson.

There is a speed issue with the aerial ladder as it appears that it has slowed down. Vendor 10-75 will conduct upgrading of lights.

During the annual ladder testing 2 ladder belts were taken out of service. This leaves no size small belts on the Truck.

CO2 congratulated FF Justin Molnar who recently completed basic training in the US Army and to Ex Asst Chief and newly appointed Chief of Police - Richard McAuliffe.

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 March 2013, Company 3 responded to: 12 box alarms, 1 drills (s) 0 radio alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 13 alarms. Responded to 1 Mutual Aid Call to Totowa.

The high idle switch is working intermittently and needs to be repaired.

Vendor 10-75 has been requested to address some lighting issues.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of March 2013, Company 4 responded to: 12 box alarm's, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 0 drill (s) for a total of 14 alarms.

The Light Tower and air filters on generator have been repaired/replaced.

The radio bank charger has been installed and LED's lighting was replaced in the compartments by vendor 10-75.

The Nederman Diesel Exhaust system is no longer working and parts have been ordered to replace same.

(1) SCBA pack is out for repairs.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of March 2013, Company 5 responded to: 13 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 2 drills for a total of 15 alarms.

The Trucks "brow lights" have been repaired. There was also electrical circuit breaker that had to repaired and was completed at the same time.

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The training center doors have all been cut out.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked Fire Marshall Gene Deaugstines and Capt. Chris Dibella for delivering the fire house tour for 100 Roosevelt School students.

On behalf of the Department, Congratulations to Ex -Asst Chief and newly appointed Chief of Police Richard McAuliffe. The ceremony will take place on Wed April 3, 2013 at 7:pm at Borough Hall. All who will attend will need to be in full dress.

The Training Center is coming along. The roof will be repaired shortly. Once that has been completed we will continue to replace the flooring and have the lot graded.

The new LED Department has been installed and we have been receiving many compliments. We also have some minor complaints as it is 'grainy' yet since this was recently installed the Clerk and I are working with the program to secure its optimal acuity in due time.

The Departments gear was inspected and graded. Some will be taken out of service and some will be repaired.

The annual ground ladder testing took place. Most equipment passed with some that had to be taken out of service. The out of service equipment was unexpected and was not allotted in the 2013 budget.

We had attended the budget meeting and we are waiting for the approval of same.

Narrow banding issues and being identified and will be addressed.

We know that one of the repeaters have to be repaired near the Longview section.

We have established cooperative day time dispatching with Prospect Park and North Haledon Fire Departments.

Councilmen Joseph Wojtecki has requested information concerning NJ State Title 40A:14-68 concerning voting on Department issues while serving dually as Council and as a Vol

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Fire Fighter. We have consulted with the NJ State Attorney General's office who agrees that Council must recuse himself from all Fire Department related voting. This was also forwarded to Borough Counsel Michael Pasquale, Esq. for his legal interpretation.

The Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club will tour headquarters in July 2013.

The equipment committee will be requested to inspect out CO meters for possible upgrades.

Inclosing, thanks to all members that are performing additional work over and above their general fire related duties.

Dates to Remember

April 27, 2013- Murder Mystery 7:00 PM St. Clements's Church

June 01, 2013 – Department Coin Toss 9am -1 pm.

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded to 0 alarms, work sessions, drill, and 0 events for a total of 0 alarms.

All members, radios and equipment are in working order.

Fire Prevention: 55 Westervelt - OSHA assessed some fines and paid. Work has since commenced at this location.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

Junior FF's (Explorer Program) : Capt. Longo is the new chairperson and there will be some changes. It is requested that each company uphold their assignment and to participate.

In School Program: No report at this time

Van Hook Scholarship: Candidates were selected and will be announced soon.

Open House: No report at this time.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

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100th Anniversary: Coin toss 06/01/13, Murder Mystery March 27, 2013. All events will be advertised. Letters are being sent out for donations. Some of the previous donations were cut back due to current times of this economic phase.

Chief requested that the Board approve advertising of the Murder Mystery on the new sign.

All Asst. Chief's approved the aforementioned.

Memorial Park: A Comedy Dinner will be held at Macaluso's (date / times TBD) to raise funds. It will be hosted by the Police Dept., the Ambulance Corp. and The Fire Department.

Safety Officers: Driver's road test training will start soon. Capt. Longo will be conducting construction classes for those who ask. It was also discussed that Safety Officer's (SO) are Fire Fighter's (FF) 1st and if the Officer's elects that SO not needed as a FF then they can be assigned to be a SO.

Old Business:

Company 1: There is a TSA bulletin that the public is calling in pipe bombs located on bridges yet there are water measuring pipes. It is also mentioned that Companies that are responding to Mutual Aid to Wyckoff should wait until Wyckoff calls in service 1st as a courtesy to Wyckoff. Inquired as members who are on probationary wearing black shields that could be easily mistaken during an incident.

Chief Warner indicated that one the member had a black shield was given by them and that they had no probationary shields. Chief Warner also requested orange Probationary shields for Rescue 5 to avoid future issues.

Company 2: No Report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: Chief Nelson advised that he spoke to Chiefs of Glen Rock and Fair Lawn who are having their repeaters fixed and perhaps we can join them so that ours will be repaired.

Chief Speranza that Goose town Communications will most likely be the vendor assigned to handle the repairs.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: None

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Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

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: No report at this time.

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

Ex-Chief Victor Tamburro warned that when we grade the Center we must be aware of the telephone line located near front of the building and the gas lines in the rear of the property.

Ex-Asst Chief Metzler indicated that the new LED sign needs to be adjusted for clarity.

Chief Speranza stated that we are working on it.

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