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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on August 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. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Lieut. John Carlo, 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 Van Ek, to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Warner. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief March 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

Campbell Supply Co.	\$130.80	East Coast	\$800.00
Goosetown Comm	\$240.00	AAA Emergency	\$42.50
E/G Auto Repairs	\$500.00	Advance Air Supply	\$254.40
Ricoh	\$308.79	Bergen County Ac.	\$600.00
Ken's Auto Electric	\$1,700.00	Ken's Auto Electric	\$1,600.00

Asst. Chief Warner questioned the Ricoh bill.

*Clerk Tripicchio advised he would look into it yet appears to be quarterly rental fee.*

#### Communications:

- A letter of resignation was received from FF Vincent Corasio Jr.
- Thank you letter was received from Borough of Woodland Department Chief Paul Salomone thanking the Department for assisting in the mutual aid response of July 18, 2013.
- A 3- month Medical Leave of Absence was requested from Ex Asst. Chief George DeGroot.

The Board accepted all communications.

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### **Company Reports:**

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of July 2013, Company 1 responded to: 40 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm(s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 41 alarms.

Engine 1 was placed back into of service for the previously diagnosed issues for the cab lift. A new cab lift motor has been ordered and will be installed once it arrives.

Engine 1 has no power when ascending higher elevations within the Borough.

An emergency medical leave of absence was requested for FF Leon Bay.

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

The Board granted the medical leave of absence for FF Leon Bay.

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of July 2013, Company 2 responded to: 40 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, special detail (s) and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 43 alarms.

The A/C unit is having issues and vendor Campbell Supply was requested to diagnose issue.

A rear cab wheel hub cap was missing when it was allegedly towed by vendor Campbell Supply.

Lt. Maher is investigating the large electric PPV blower issues and the safety harness for the Truck.

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 July 2013, Company 3 responded to: 39 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 0 training's and 1 drill (s) for a total of 41 alarms.

Campbell Supply replaced the transducer on the Engine.

All SCBA cylinders have been hydrostatically tested.

The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers is due.

Ex-Asst Chief George Degroot has requested a medical leave of absence.

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

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of July 2013, Company 4 responded to: 40 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 3 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 44 alarms.

The front tires of Engine 4 have been replaced.

The light tower was repaired by Campbell Supply. It was also identified that the light tower issues stem out of a generator issue. Campbell Supply is the the process of troubleshooting same.

The front suction air valve and the circuit breaker for the side lights have been repaired.

The rear rotary lights are not functioning properly and are in need of repairs.

Vendor 10-75 will return to make the necessary light repairs by August 21, 2013.

The SCBA cylinders have yet to come back from hydro testing.

FF John Hurley has been officially transferred to the Paterson FD. Upon completion of training he will be acquire the full time Paterson FD status.

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

### **Company #5**

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of July 2013, Company 5 responded to: 39 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls, 0 training (s), and held 2 drill (s) for a total 41 of alarms.

Congratulations to Ex Chief Brian Laub and Russell Graham who have joined Rescue 5.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### **Borough Chief Speranza Report:**

Thanked all of the members for their dedication for the recent rash of 26 fire response calls in a 10 day period. Which included the Mutual Aid responses to a Woodland Park / Totowa for a structure fire.

Sunday August 10, 2013 – clean up at the Training Center.  
Sunday August 18, 2013 - clean up at Fire headquarters.

The Rescue Training has been moved to September 21, 2013.

The Incident Safety Officer's Awareness Course will be held on Sat. Oct. 19 at Van Dykes Park Place.

A 100<sup>TH</sup> year Anniversary Committee Meeting was held and new ideas have been given. One of the ideas was to host a summer's end carnival in August 2014 which may also develop to a Department Fund Raising for the future.

Phase 4 of the training center is in its final stages of completion. Once completed we will need to paint the containers.

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Committeeman member - John Lane.

The Chief will be on vacation from August 24- 31, 2013.

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### Dates to Remember

August 10, 2013 – clean up at the Training Center 9:00 am  
August 12, 2013- Fire Extinguisher re certification's ( State Line )  
August 18, 2013 - clean up at Fire headquarters 9:00 am

September 08, 2013 – Department Physicals (Fire Headquarters)  
September 09, 2013 - Department Physicals (Fire Headquarters)  
September 21, 2013- Rescue Training- 9:00 am Fire HQ

October 19, 2013 – Safety Officer's Awareness Course –9:00 am Van Dykes Park Place.

### COMMITTEES

**Communication Division:** No report at this time.

**Fire Prevention:** A request of a walk thru for the 55 Westervelt property.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** No report at this time.

**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.

**Open House:** No report at this time.

**Mutual Aid Meeting:** No report at this time.

**Hawthorne Day:** No report at this time.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Summer's End Carnival August 2014. Coin Toss October 26, 2013. Consideration was given to a Discount coupon book for local / surrounding business.

**Memorial Park:** Discussion to move the Exempt's Memorial Monument to the 9/11 site and incorporate it into the Departments Memorial Park. The Borough pledged it would move it for us.

**Safety Officers:** No report at this time.

**Uniform Committee:** Progress.

### **Old Business:**

**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: No report at this time.

### **New Business:**

Oath of Office: Brain Laub & Russell Graham

Company 1: No report at this time.  
Company 2: Asked if the senior members who acquire the 20% can vote.

*The Board reiterated that in order to vote one has to obtain the required 33 1/3 % as stipulated in the Ordinance.*

Gear is needed for new members.

*Chief Speranza stated that orders have been placed for some new members and due to budget restraints we are working to secure more gear yet it will take some 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: FF Leon Bay has surgery.  
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.**

Captain Van Der Velde asked to send a letter to Broad Hurst sheet metal who has donated sheet metal for the training center.

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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