



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on January 07, 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: 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 Van Ek to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Arturi.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Warner and a 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

Verizon Wireless	\$188.04	AAA Emergency	\$149.00
10/75 Lighting	\$858.68	10/75 Lighting	\$1,105.14
FireFighter 1	\$1,075.00	FireFighter1	\$399.80
All Mobile Repairs	\$600.00	10/75 Lighting	\$2,100.00
10/75 Lighting	\$2,200.00	10/75 Lighting	\$1,500.00
Rock N Rescue	\$135.20	ESS Inc.	\$2,403.00
Goosetown Comm.	\$10,693.00	The Body Works	\$2,414.78
Bergen Cnty Trng	\$510.00	Turn Out Uniforms	\$56.99
Goosetown Comm.	\$1,500.00		

### Communications:

- A 3-month leave of absence was received from FF Andrew Skae from February 01, 2013 to March 31, 2013.
- A 3-month personal leave of absence was requested by FF Kenneth Silvestri from January 15, 2013 to March 15, 2013.
- Ex FF Paul Allen sent in retirement letter stating that he will be moving to North Carolina.

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- Capt. Bill Redmon provided Medical note that he is able to return to active duty effective January 07, 2013.

The Board approved the leaves of absences for FF Andrew Skae and FF Kenneth Silvestri.

### Company Reports:

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of December 2012, Company 1 responded to: 19 box alarms, 4 still alarms, 00 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, standby(s), 0 training(s) and held 0 drill, for a total of 23 alarms.

Engine 1 has been out of service since 01/02/13. In addition, during the most recent 01/01/13 fire, Engine 1 had issues when attempting to place into pump and also when engaged to go in reverse. Further, mechanics located oil in the turbo intake hose and had to be repaired.

Campbell Supply examined Engine 1 and they believe that there is an issue with the transfer switch causing the Engine not to pump/ engage the transmission.

Engine 1 will be towed next week so that the necessary repairs are conducted.

### 2013 Officers

Asst. Chief John Arturi  
Capt. Christopher Dibella  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. John Tripicchio  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. John Carlo

Drivers Ex- Asst. Chief Kevin Foley, Ex- Asst. Chief Russell Snyder, Ex- Asst. Mark Smith, Ex- Asst Chief James Counsellor, FF Michael Thimnee, FF Robert Luscombe & FF David Vanderweile.

Wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

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### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of December 2012, Company 2 responded to: 19 box alarms, 5 still alarm, 0 Radio alarm, 3 Mutual Aid call's, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, and held 0 drill for a total of 27 alarms.

Tower 2 responded to Paterson for 3 Mutual Aid calls.

### 2013 Officers

Asst Chief John Marsch  
Capt. George Lodder  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. David Maher  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. William Seidel

Ex- Asst Chief Joseph Metzler is home recovering. He is expected to have surgery next week.

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

### **Company #3**

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of December 2012, Company 3 responded to: 19 box alarms, 0 drill (s) 0 radio alarms, 4 still alarms, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and, 0 training's for a total of 23 alarms.

Lighting upgrade quote received from 10-75 lighting submitted for consideration.

The high idle is having issues and is in need of repair.

Kenwood radio charger was received and they need to be installed.

### 2013 Fire Officers

Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek  
Capt. Joseph Longo  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Robert Lamb III  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Andrew Massey

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

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### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of December 2012, Company 4 responded to: 19 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 1 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill for a total of 20 alarms.

Received a Impact 6 bank charger and 1 set of gear for Ex-Asst Chief James Geier.

Received purchase order for 10/75 Lighting to repair the LED lighting.

Attended the Glen Rock Installation Dinner. It was also discussed that daytime Mutual Aid response will commence shortly.

### 2013 Fire Officer's

Asst. Chief Michael Nelson  
Capt. Peter Vander Velde Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Devin Hughes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. David Sylvester

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

### Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner, reported that for the month of December 2012, Company 5 Responded to: 20 box alarms, 0 boat assignments, 0 extrication (s), 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 Mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 0 training (s), and 0 drill(s) for a total of 20 alarms.

The body work was completed.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Happy New Year and welcomed all new Fire Officers to their new ranks. Thanked Company 2, 4 & 5 for their professionalism with the train fatality incident and the Department members that responded to the January 01, 2013 garage fire.

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The CAD system printer has been installed at Fire Headquarters to pilot the CAD program. Once it is functioning without issues the remainder of the Department will receive the printers and go "live" via CAD.

The Departments FCC licensing has been successfully enacted. This will now enable the narrow band widths. It is also noted that the Borough had 2 days remaining to accomplish this. Cliff Conti of Goosetown Communication assisted it making this happen.

The narrow band process will commence shortly and we all have to monitor and document any issues.

Headquarter has been previously equipped with the Fob security system. The remaining Fob keys will be distributed to Officers in the upcoming weeks.

Engine 1 continues to have issues with the transmission and will need to be towed out of the Borough to make necessary repairs. The apparatus will be out of town for an undetermined time period.

Council has requested that they secure an independent vendor EVT Inc. to entertain the feasibility of refurbishing Engine 1, an 18 year old apparatus. The Department is considering engaged in an independent consultant. These consultants will be here in the next few weeks.

Installation Dinner head counts are needed. The Chief's will need to discuss the process of payment for additional services that are not covered by the Borough.

Training Center Phase III Grading will commence in early spring 2013. Following the completion of grading, Captains & Lieutenants will devise and unveil plans for Phase III.

There is roof damage to Headquarters and the Training Center. This will be reported to the insurance company.

Attended FEMA roll out meeting, The Department will need to submit man hour's, generators usage etc. for consideration of reimbursement.

### **Dates to Remember**

**January 11, 2013 - Installation Dinner (Macaluso's) 7:00pm**  
**January 15, 2013- Officer's Annual Meeting 7:00 pm**

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**February 25, 2013- NJ Transit & Delaware Oswego rail training -Van Dykes 6:30 pm  
\*\*\*sharp.**

### COMMITTEES

**Safety Officers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting will be held on January 28, 2013.

**Fire Prevention:** 55 Westervelt is a going problem.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** A meeting will be held on January 28, 2013. Discussions will include the Murder Mystery Dinner.

**Memorial Park:** Ex- Asst. Chief James Geier advised that fund raising ideas are forthcoming and will be a joint effort with Police Dept. and Fire Dept. Work is slated to commence spring 2013.

**CAD System:** Ex- Asst. Chief James Geier advised the Police Department was recently accredited due to the valiant efforts of Ptl. Matthew Hoogmoed. The program will now move forward in an increased pace to complete.

**Communication Division:** Responded to 10 Box Alarms, 6 trainings, 3 meetings for a total of 19 alarms.

All members and equipment are in working order.

**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.

### **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.

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Company 5: Inquired where the generators are.  
*Chief Speranza advised that are being repaired and are in the process of being returned.*

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.  
Company 4: No report at this time.  
Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: LOSAP is due January 19, 2013. There was a chemically induced suicide fatality in Fair Lawn. The Department should take extra caution when approaching vehicles that have a victim trapped inside that may mirror these type incidents.

### **Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: No report at this time

Company 2: Keep Ex Asst. Chief Joseph Metzler in prayers for a speedy recovery.

Company 3: Kenneth Silvestri 60 years of service.

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.**

Lieut. John Carlo requested status as to lighting of the apparatus's.

*Chief Speranza stated that lighting of apparatus are commencing.*

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Gordon Knepper advised that there are lighting issues at Headquarters that need to be addressed.

*Chief Speranza stated that he would look into it and have the lighting repaired.*

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