



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on July 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. A moment of silence was held in memory of the 19 FF that lost their lives in Arizona. 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: Capt. Peterr Van Der Velde, 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 Marsch. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Van Ek and a second from Asst. Chief Arturi 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

PA Auto	\$104.73	Tanis Hardware	\$207.43
MES	\$102.00	Penguin Comm.	\$828.00
CO 1-4	\$6,800.00	Company 5	\$450.00
CO1-5	\$225.00	John Artutri	\$30.00
John Marsch	\$30.00	Jared Van Ek	\$30.00
Michael Nelson	\$30.00	Brian Warner	\$30.00
Joseph Speranza	\$30.00	John Tripicchio	\$30.00
Fire Fighter 1	\$35,469.65	Northern NJ Council	\$360.00
Ricoh	\$825.00	AAA Emergency Supply	\$5,000.00
10/75 LLC	\$344.63	Ridgewood Press	\$258.00
AAA Emergency	\$360.00	10/75 LLC	\$574.05
Ridgewood Press	\$129.00	10/75 LLC	\$320.34
David Stern Tires	\$2,037.78	Ken's Auto Electric	\$652.50

Communications:

- A letter of intent was received from resident Joseph Maglione to join the Department and requested to be assigned to Rescue Company 5.



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- Leave of absences for Alex Shimilooff and Nicholas Canova extending their 3-month leave of absences.
- Thank you letter was received from City of Passaic Fire Department's Chief Trentacost thanking the Department for assisting in the mutual aid response of May 31, 2013.
- Thank you card from Gail Robinson thanking the Department for the wake and funeral display for her brother, FF Albert Nejmech.
- A retirement letter was received from Ex Asst. Chief Douglas Morgan (CO 1) effective July 01, 2013.
- A 3- month Leave of Absence was requested from FF Michael Naumov.
- A letter of intent was received from Ex-Chief of NH, Brian Laube.
- A letter of intent was received from NH, Russell Graham.

The Board accepted all communications.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of June 2013, Company 1 responded to: 23 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 1 radio alarm(s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 30 alarms.

Engine 1 is still out of service for previous diagnosed issues.

FF Vincent Corasio had additional surgery and is recovering.

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 June 2013, Company 2 responded to: 23 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, 1 special detail (s) and held 2 drill(s) for a total of 28 alarms.

A meeting with vendor 10-75 was held and all issues being rectified.

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Ex. Asst. Chief John Peterson is undergoing medical test for a serious medical condition.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of June 2013, Company 3 responded to: 22 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 24alarms.

10-75 completed repairs.

Campbell Supply addressed air leak and it is being monitored.

Engine 3 was awarded 1st place for Best Appearing Pumper in the 6 to fewer than 15 years category in the NY/NJ Firemen's Association parade. 1st place was also awarded for Unit 57 in the Rescue Truck category.

Engine 3 will be training at the Passaic County Fire Academy on Monday July 15, 2013.

Asst. Chief Van Ek with be away from 07/04/13- 07/20/13 and then again on 07/20/13 – 07/28/13.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of June 2013, Company 4 responded to: 23 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 2 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 26 alarms.

A meeting was held with vendor 10-75 and all issued are being rectified.

The front suction is not working and is in need of repair.

The rear rotators are not rotating and needs to be repaired.

1 SCBA bottle has been repaired.

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The Fire Reports have been received.

9 SCBA bottles have been sent out for hydro testing.

Engine 4 received the construction awareness conducted by Capt. Joseph Longo.

Engine 4 attended Garfield's wet down.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of June 2013, Company 5 responded to: 20 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls, 1 training (s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total 22 of alarms.

Received Construction Awareness training from Capt. Joseph Longo.

Letters of intent received from (NH Ex Chief) Brian Laub and Russell Graham who were members of the North Haledon FD.

A letter of intent is to be sent to FF Vincent J. Corasio Jr.

A 3- month Leave of Absence was requested from FF Michael Naumov.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

The training center is moving forward with Phase 3 which consists of the roof and interior repairs that should be complete by mid-July.

Phase 4 encompassing the re-grading of the lot which in anticipated should be completed by the end of July. We have not yet received any communication from DPW as to the electrical lines.

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The HVAC issues at Fire Headquarters continue and still needs to be addressed. This will be again presented to the Administrators attention.

The Department has been allocated to replace 25 sets of gear. The fitting process is commencing to be completed in 2 weeks.

On July 20, 2013 Rescue Training will take place at Fire Headquarters. We will need 3 cars for the training. The class will take place most of the day commencing at 8:00 am. This is required for all Rescue personnel and members who have qualifications and plan to attend.

The Ambulance Corps is seeking day time drivers. Members who plan to assist should contact - Chief Kenneth Houstma at (973) 384-7052.

The Tacoma FD shirts order is being placed and needs to be in by Monday July 08, 2013.

On July 24, 2013 we have been told that the Borough Administrator will be presenting the (3) three independent consultation reports to Council for a bond for Engine 1.

The 100TH year Anniversary Committee Meeting will be held on July 22, 2013. All Asst. Chief's must attend.

Our expenditures in 2013 are rapidly depleting our funds and is it requested that we be cognizant of our expenses.

Department Physicals will begin on September 08 & 09, 2013

Bill # S1778/ A1196 has yet to be signed by Governor Christie. It is urged that any member with Political contacts to contact the Governor's Office to get the bill signed.

Dates to Remember

July 20, 2013- Rescue Training (Fire HQ 8:00am)
July 22, 2013- 100th Anniversary Meeting (CO3 7:00 pm)
July 24, 2013 – Introduction of Engine 1 Consultation Report (Council Meeting)
August 09, 2013 – Safety Town (CO2)
September 08, 2013 – Department Physicals (Fire Headquarters)
September 09, 2013 - Department Physicals (Fire Headquarters)

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COMMITTEES

Communication Division: No report at this time.

Fire Prevention: Smoke detector distribution now requires each smoke detector that is handed out to be documented.

363 Diamond Bridge Avenue – Hazard House -Use extreme caution when entering this house. In particular basement is impassible without climbing over piles and there are items of questionable value.

25 Sunrise Drive- Use extreme caution when entering home due to extreme clutter on flat surfaces.

55 Westervelt is an ongoing safety hazard.

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.

100th Anniversary: July 22, 2013 meeting at CO 3, 7:00 pm.

Memorial Park: No report at this time.

Safety Officers: No report at this time.

Uniform Committee: Progress.

Old Business:

The third reading of the sign guideline was read and approved with no opposition.

Company 1: All bottles need to be hydro tested. The uniform guidelines are being composed.

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: No report at this time.
Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: David Morgan (CO1)

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.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: Vincent Corasio Sr. will be having subsequent surgery, congrats to David Vanderweile on his newborn, baby girl.

Company 2: Congrats to Marco Totaro on his newborn, baby girl. Thoughts are prayers for Ex Asst Chief John Peterson. Inquired as to the mutual aid for Glen Rock and Fair Lawn.

Company 3: Thanked all who attended their pancake breakfast.

Company 4: Requested GPS for Mutual Aid responses.

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 Van Ek second by Asst. Chief Arturi that the meeting be adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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