



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on March 05, 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 and was seconded by Asst. Chief Arturi. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Marsch and a second from Asst. Chief Warner 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

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|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Yankee Propane | \$36.00 | AAA Emergency | \$275.40 |
| AT&T | \$165.03 | Ridgewood Press | \$159.00 |
| Verizon | \$38.88 | Ken's Auto Elec. | \$420.00 |
| Fire Fighter, LLC | \$265.00 | All Hands Fire Equip. | \$223.13 |
| Air Purifiers | \$173.10 | Allied 100, LLC | \$644.85 |
| CO 1-4 (\$1,700) | \$6,800.00 | CO 5 | \$450.00 |
| John Arturi | \$30.00 | John Marsch | \$30.00 |
| Jared Van Ek | \$30.00 | Michael Nelson | \$30.00 |
| Brian Warner | \$30.00 | John Tripicchio | \$30.00 |
| Joseph Sepranza | \$30.00 | CO1-5 (\$45.00) | \$225.00 |
| Tanis Hardware | \$365.45 | | |

Communications:

- A return to active duty was received from FF James Bakker, effective Feb 15, 2013.
- A letter of intent to rejoin the Department and be assigned to Company 5 was received from Vincent Corasio Jr. (copy to CO5)
- Bal Harbor Oceanfront Hotels is offering discounts for the NJ Firefighter's Convention, between September 12-15, 2013. Call 609-522-3343 for more information.

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The Board collectively accepted and approved all requests.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of February 2013, Company 1 responded to: 21 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 Chiefs call, 0 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 2 drills, for a total of 26 alarms.

Engine 1 was placed back in service on February 27, 2013 after being out of service since January 01, 2013 (58 days). Upon its return, Engine 1 was taken for a test drive and maintained a 10 mph idle speed while ascending Fairview Avenue. Then Engine 1 proceeded to McFarlane Avenue. While ascending, the transmission was slipping and was a safety issue. As a result any response of McFarlane Avenue will be delayed as alternate routes will be utilized.

Engine 1 also performed a pump test and thus far there are no issues.

Lastly, there is a "punch list" of items that need to be fixed which contains - front suction that is not working, the deck gun is inoperable, some lighting has to be fixed, the shore line charging line is not working and the air conditioning is not functioning. All of this work would be scheduled and will be done in house by vendor Campbell Supply Company in the very near future.

As of late, on March 04, 2013 Engine 1 would not start. A service call was placed and the batteries were replaced. Due to the charging issues Engine 1 must be started daily for 20 minutes so that the batteries.

In light of above Unit 6-1 will be housed at Engine 1 so that in the event there is an issue with Engine 1, manpower can still respond.

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 February 2013, Company 2 responded to: 20 box alarms, 4 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, and held 2 drill for a total of 28 alarms. Tower 2 responded to 2 Mutual Aid calls to Paterson.

Tower 2 had lighting repairs completed by vendor 10-75 LLC.

A letter was sent to FF Laubshire requesting to return equipment and also send in letter of resignation as he has since moved out of the Borough.

It was requested that the Board send a certified letter to FF Luabshire as he still has Borough Equipment that has yet to be returned.

Chief Speranza asked for Chief Marsch to provide his last known address so we can send certified letter.

Asst. Chief Marsh stated he would supply same to Clerk Tripicchio.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of February 2013, Company 3 responded to: 21 box alarms, 2 drills (s) 0 radio alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 23 alarms.

The on board chargers for the Thermal Image Camera and portable radios have been installed.

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

A request to schedule a service call for lighting repairs was requested.

FF James Bakker returned to active duty.

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 February 2013, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarm's, 4 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill for a total of 26 alarms.

The Nederman diesel exhaust system was repaired twice since last Fire Board. Vendor advised if additional repairs are needed the entire system will have to be replaced.

The light tower continues to be out of service and repairs are being scheduled.

(1) One SCBA air pack is out of service and needs to be repaired.

(1) Small SCBA mask is being requested for FF Ryan Rege.

FF Frank Giantonno continues to receive bills from the Valley Health Service.

Chief Speranza stated he has already addressed this with Safety Director, Jennifer Scully.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of February 2013, Company 5 responded to: 26 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 28 alarms.

A letter of intent was received from Vincent Corasio, Jr.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanks to the Engine 1 members who have been patient since Engine 1 has been out of service for months.

The recent Train Derailment training seminar was a huge success. The Department had 72 members who had attended. With the cooperation of mutual aid towns, there were a total of

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175 members. Consideration should be given to purchase a plaque for Van Dyke's who hosts all seminars free of charge to the Department.

The next few months each Company will visit the Training Center to take inventory of repairs so we have an idea as to the amount of time and material needed to complete repairs. Our target is that we are looking to complete Phase 2/3 in late April.

The proposed 2013 Department budget will be present to the Finance Committee next week.

The Lukoil gas credit cards are no longer valid and must be returned. Vendor Sunoco will now be the Departments gas vendor.

The Department has applied for a Smoke Symposium grant for 2014. A preliminary approval was granted and we will have to monitor same to see if we are accepted. If we are accepted we would present the program in 2014 and will be available to 100 members.

During overhaul, we have to uphold wearing SCBA'S. The increasing combustibles are more hazardous as they were in times past. In addition, the new materials contain many chemicals and the most common being Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen Cyanide commonly referred to as "Toxic Twins". We have to continue to be smart and continue to enforce the use of SCBA to avoid long term health issues.

There will be some significant street closing for the County road paving program. A schedule of times, dates and location will be handed to Asst. Chief's to post in the fire house as each Company will be effected in one way or another. Alternate routes will need to be planned.

Engine 1 has returned back into service and there will be some more repairs that will be conducted in house.

The Borough Council is having an independent company to inspect Engine 1 for possibility of refurbishing.

Prospect Park can no longer provide mutual aid to the Borough of Hawthorne.

FEMA has cut back \$140 million and there will be no FEMA grants available in 2013.

The Mutual Aid Beefsteak will be in October 2013.

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The new LED sign is expected to be installed by the end of month.

Dates to Remember

March 23, 2013- Comedy Show 7:00 Pm

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: No report at this time.

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: Coin toss 06/01/13, Murder Mystery March 27, 2013. All events will be advertised. Letters are being sent out for donations.

Memorial Park: No report at this time

Old Business:

Company 1: Company 1 stated that any members that would like to rent the hall must submit a Hall request form for consideration. It was reiterated that Company 1 has procedures that entails decision's which are made as a Company and not on an individual basis.

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: No report at this time.

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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: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: Company 1 Annual Comedy Show will be held on March 23, 2013. For tickets see any member of Company 1.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Henry Joustra is hospitalized.

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.

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