



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on November 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 Van Ek / Capt. Joseph Longo, 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 Van Ek. 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

FDR Hitches	\$14.40	Campbell Supply	\$847.55
Fire Fighter 1	\$298.00	Avan Supply	\$31.90
I.R.S	\$25.00	Ricoh Printers	\$738.70
AAA Emergency	\$195.00	Fregman's	\$1710.00
HFD Reimbursement	\$256.92	HFD Reimbursement	\$349.02
HFD Reimbursement	\$258.10	Campbell Supply	\$5,137.24
Campbell Supply	\$251.09	CNP Fit Testing	\$2,000.00
Turn Out Uniforms	\$94.99	I.R.S	\$721.30
Company 4	\$69.12	Valley Health	\$125.00
AAA Emerg Supply	\$2,149.00	Public Safety Supply	\$550.00
All American Ford	\$286.00	PA Auto Parts	\$346.32
Power Place Inc.	\$115.71	I.R.S.	\$263.00
AAA Emergency	\$492.17	Tanis Hardware	\$14.79
East Coast Systems	\$240.00	Air Purifiers Inc.	\$500.00
Ridgewood Press	\$129.00		

Communications:

- A letter of resignation was received from FF Nick Canova without regrets from Company 1 (CO1).



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- A letter of retirement was received from FF Kenneth Hauser with regrets from the Board (CO1).
- A 3-month personal leave of absence was received from FF Joseph Magnifico (CO1).
- A letter of resignation was received from Saleh Kojak (CO4).
- A letter of intent was received from resident Julian Rullman (CO2).
- A letter of intent was received from resident Joseph L. Wojtecki (CO3).
- A request was made by Company 5 allowing FF Brian Laube an Ex-Borough Chief of NH, to fulfill the Captains position as Capt. Edward Sutherland is moving out of town.
- Company 1 requested to use the Department sign to display the Christmas tree fund raiser dates.

The Board accepted all communications and granted Company 5's request.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of October 2013, Company 1 responded to: 27 box alarms, 1 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 29 alarms.

Engine 1 was is in fair condition with existing issues. The power issue has been repaired and we are able to ascend the hills in the Borough. We are monitoring same for any changes.

Engine 1 regrets the retirement of FF Kenneth Hauser who was a member of 26 years and served as a 1st Lieutenant.

Engine 1 also received FF Nick Canova's resignation with no regrets.

FF Joseph Magnifico requested a 3- month leave of absence.

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 October 2013, Company 2 responded to: 26 box alarms, 1 still alarms, 1 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training(s), special detail (s) and held 0 drill (s) for a total of 28 alarms.

A new 4 gas meter and a new fan were demonstrated by a potential vendor.

(5) Five SCBA bottles were returned from hydro testing.

Asst. Chief Marsch's bunker pants were not measured correctly and are being returned.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of October 2013, Company 3 responded to: 26 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 2 training (s) and 1 drill (s) for a total of 30 alarms.

The Donaldson Service indicator light has now snapped off and needs to be replaced.

Lists of 2014 requests were submitted for consideration.

FF Nicolette McLean will be graduating from the Coast Guard Training Camp on November 15, 2013.

A letter of intent was received from resident Joseph L. Wojtecki who will be 18 in December 2013.

FF John Neibo has not responded to the Boards letter. A termination hearing will need to be established.

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 October 2013, Company 4 responded to: 25 box alarm's, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 28 alarms.

The Nederman Diesel exhaust system was repaired.

The on board generator has been diagnosed and parts have been ordered.

Requesting (5) Five Stream light LED Box Lights, (2) Two pairs of gloves.

The Engine's left rear revolving light needs a bulb.

Letter of resignation from FF Sal Kojak was received with regrets.

FF Stephanie Hill has not responded and the Board has to send her a letter as to her intent.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of October 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 training (s), and held 2 drill (s) for a total 28 of alarms.

The light tower is out of service and the rear compartment light sensor is still constantly on. Repairs have been requested for both.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members who assisted in painting the training center. The S.L.A.P program once again cleared all of the weeds.

This years In School Fire Prevention had an excellent attendance of Department members.

The juniors program is continuing to grow and again Department members are continuing to advance its capabilities and expansion of its participation which is now up to 32 participants.

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Thanked FF Jason Goodrich for making repairs to Unit 50.

The Borough had employed a consultant and the report will be shared with Company 1.

Tower 2's hub cap will be delivered this week. Engine 3's Scott Meter has been repaired and is now back in service. Tower 2's aerial service and preventative maintenance will be scheduled shortly. Rescue 5 and Unit 58 are being scheduled to be repaired.

All SCBA air bottles for hydro testing will end of November 20, 2013. All bottles that have not been tested will be placed out of service until 2014.

(2) Two Department smoke machines remain out of service for repairs. The Departments 5000 Honda generator needs to be repaired.

(20) Twenty members will be selected to take the Driver's Simulator course. The Asst. Chief / Captain's will choose 2 select members for their company to attend.

We are waiting for a response for the "Toxic Smoke and the Fire Fighter" grant. This will be a full day class and will be hosted by the National Smoke Coalition.

Pump Certification for Engine 1, 3 & 4 has been scheduled and the times are 9:00 am (CO 3), 10:00 am (CO4) and 11:00 am (CO1).

Ex-Chief Joseph Metzler spoke to the Frankel Media at the Firemen's Convention and they donated \$50.00 to the National Fallen Fighters Association.

There is an individual who dresses up as a Fire Fighter and is obtaining prescriptions illegally.

The Borough has issued a letter to all who would like to be a vendor at the Santa Parade.

The Borough will be hosting a Holiday Party on December 01, 2013 5:00 pm at the Bottagra. Donation is \$60.00 per ticket.

There is a new cyber virus that attaches to Fire Fighter websites. Be careful when opening emails / advertisements etc.

Operation Toy Train will take place at Royal Avenue on December 07, 2013. 10:00am - 11:00 am.

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Happy Thanksgiving to all members.

Dates to Remember

November 14, 2013 –PCMA meeting 7:30 pm.
November 16, 2013- Pump Certification test (North Haledon) 9:00 am – 11:00 am
November 16, 2013 – Prospect Park's Chief John Hunt's retirement dinner.
November 17, 2013 Memorial Breakfast (7:45 am) St. Anthony's
November 18, 2013 –Department Drill 7:00 pm
November 19, 2013- Mandatory Meeting Asst. Chief's / Captains.
November 21, 2013 – Fire Academy Graduation
November 24, 2013 – Tree Sales -Company 1 & 3

December 01, 2013 – Borough Holiday Party 5:00 pm Bottagra
December 07, 2013 – Santa Parade
December 07, 2013- Train Toy Drive 10:00 am -11:00 Royal Avenue
December 07, 2013- NYC Bus Trip - Company 2 - 3:00pm
December 14, 2013- Department Toy Drive - Shortways

April 18, 2013- Ladies Auxiliary Fish & Chips Dinner - 5:30-7:30 pm

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: No report.

Fire Prevention: 55 Westervelt is a hazardous property and any response to that location would need to be very cognizant of where we place apparatuses and man power.

Ladies Auxiliary: Department Toy Drive collection at Shortways December 14, 2013. Donation is \$5.00 or a toy. Fish & Chips April 18, 2014 (Good Friday) seating 5:30-6:30 pm & 6:30 -7:30 pm.

Junior FF's (Explorer Program): *Capt. Joseph Longo stated that 2 classes are being conducted due to the the large class. Schedules were handed out to officers for participation of practicals and / or classes. All members can attend anytime to assist.*

In School Program: Excellent turn out this year.

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Van Hook Scholarship: No report at this time.

Open House: No report at this time.

Passaic County Mutual Aid Meeting: November 14, 2013 is next meeting.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: The 10 26 13 was again a success. The contract was executed with Blue Sky. A subcommittee will be formed to handle the carnival dealings. A game and chance representative will come next meeting to discuss games etc. We are looking to local vendors for food sales.

Safety Officers: No report at this time.

Uniform Committee: No report at this time.

Old Business:

Company 1: A uniform policy was handed out. The quick connect for Unit 57 is being considered. A vendor was contacted and spoke to Chief Speranza who stated that the cost would be \$3,000.00.

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.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Sasch Goetschenberg and Bernadette "Lindsay" Flowers.

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.

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Good & Welfare:

Company 1: FF Leon Bay is now at home recovering. Tree sales will start November 24, 2013.

Company 2: NYC bus Trip December 07, 2013. 3:00 pm \$35.00 donation. Tower 2 requested that this be displayed on the department LED sign

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: Congratulations to Sasch Goetschenberg and Bernadette "Lindsay" Flowers

Chief: No report at this time

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

Ex - Asst Chief Joseph Metzler thanked Company 2 for bringing the apparatus to Washington School for the In school Fire Prevention Program.

Ex -Asst Chief George Degroot requested that we display that this is our 50 years of selling Christmas trees.

FF Brian Laube has requested donations of cars for Rescue.

FF Keith Lettich asked for all bottles for hydro tested to be dropped off this week for pick up

No other requests were made from the floor; the meeting was re-opened to the Fire Board.

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Artuti second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

Board Secretary