



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on September 03, 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 for 9/11 victims and 343 Fire Fighters. 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 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 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

Fire Fighter LLC	\$151.74	Pass. Cnty Fire Academy	\$600.00
All American Ford	\$842.16	Campbell Supply	\$219.14
Tanis Hardware	\$177.80	Yankee Propane	\$36.00
AAA Emergency	\$3,469.80	Valley Health Systems	\$280.00
Campbell Supply	\$1,496.30	Gold Star Products	\$279.00
Fregman's	\$40.00	Gilby's Embroidery	\$225.00
Hawthorne Paint	\$173.00	C01-4 (3 rd quarter)	\$6,800.00
C0 5 (3 rd quarter)	\$450.00	Asst. Chief's 1-5 3 rd qrt)	\$150.00
C01-5 (3 rd quarter)	\$225.00	John Tripicchio	\$30.00
Joseph Speranza	\$30.00		

Communications:

- A letter of resignation was received from FF Robert Barclay.
- A 1- month personal leave of absence was requested from FF Joseph Magnifico. (Copy to C01).
- A military leave of absence was received from FF Nicolette McLean. (Copy to C0-3).



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- An excuse letter from Asst. Chief John Arturi for tonight's meeting.
- A 3 - month leave of absence was received from FF John Hurley.

The Board accepted all communications.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of August 2013, Company 1 responded to: 20 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 24 alarms.

Engine 1 was placed out of service on August 19, 2013 for power issues and returned on August 28, 2013 as parts were ordered.

Engine 1 is unable to ascend steep inclines until the above has been addressed.

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 August 2013, Company 2 responded to: 21 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, special detail (s) and held 0 drill (s) for a total of 23 alarms.

Tower 2 responded to Mutual Aid call to Wayne, NJ.

The sulfide module on the multigas meter needs to be repaired as it will no longer calibrate.

Jeff Marsch in the process of resigning (moved out of the Borough) and has handed in his pager.

FF Andrew Skae requested a 3-month leave of absence eff. 09 / 01 to 12/01/13.

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 August 2013, Company 3 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, 2 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 2 training's and 1 drill (s) for a total of 27 alarms.

FF Nicolette McLean requested a Military Leave of Absence commencing on 09/23/2013 until her return.

The condensate line for the front air conditioning unit has been repaired.

The water can fire extinguisher was taken for re-certification. The remaining fire extinguishers were all re-certified.

The traffic pre-empt switch has finally been repaired after 25 years. Thanks to all that contributed to make this happen.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of August 2013, Company 4 responded to: 22 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 3 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 0 drill (s) for a total of 22 alarms.

E4 responded to 5 mutual aid calls to Glen Rock.

10-75, LLC repaired all the necessary lights.

Campbell Supply is in the process of repairing the generator which is causing overloading.

5- SCBA bottles have been placed back into service which were out for hydro testing.

FF John Hurley has requested an additional 3- month leave of absence.

Congratulation to Lieut. David Sylvester for his 1st place win after the Fairway FF Food Face off.

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

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Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of August 2013, Company 5 responded to: 22 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 24 of alarms.

Rescue 5 assisted with the leadership program and the Wyckoff Fireworks detail.

FF William Barclay submitted his letter of resignation

A reminder that all CO meters need to be recalibrated.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members who assisted in the training center and Rescue 5 clean up.

Phase 4 of the Training Center continues to move forward.

Fire Headquarters was repainted and a fence was installed to separate headquarters and the 9/11 memorial. The bay doors will be repaired next year.

The 9/11 Memorial will commence sharply at 7:00pm. All are urged to attend in full dress.

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

The 100TH year Anniversary Committee is waiting for companies to decide as to the summer's end carnival in August 2014.

A meeting was held with the Christian Health Care System regarding the new "Vista Section". The information obtained will be forwarded to the Asst. Chief's. In addition several walk trough's having been requested.

Thanks to those who attended the Newark Bears and conducted honor guard services.

Congratulations to Lieut. David Sylvester and his team for their 1st place finish at the Fairway Food Face off held in Woodland Park, NJ.

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Due to this week's Firemen's Convention head counts are needed and are urged for those who do not attend to be available for responses.

The Departments web-site is being upgraded for future additions such as embedding our SOP/ SOG's etc. Asst. Chief Van Ek will hand out guidelines/ requirements.

Driver's license updates are needed for J.I.F.

Dates to Remember

September 08, 2013 – Department Physicals (Fire Headquarters)
September 09, 2013 - Department Physicals (Fire Headquarters)

September 11, 2013- 9/11 Memorial Service 6:30 Pm Sharp full dress @FHQ.
September 17, 2013- Officers Meeting
September 21, 2013- Rescue Training- 8:30 am Fire HQ

October 05, 2013- Hawthorne Day / Fireworks
October 12, 2013- Mutual Aid Beefsteak Dinner –Bloomfield, NJ
October 19, 2013 – Safety Officer's Awareness Course –9:00 am Van Dykes Park Place.
October 20-2013- Paintball Engine 1
October 26, 2013 - Coin Toss

November 17, 2013 Memorial Breakfast

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded to 8 alarms held 4 meetings for a total of 12 alarms.
All equipment is in working order.

Fire Prevention: Continue to provide identification as to hoarder's house within Borough.

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.

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Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: All companies need to vote as to hosting a summer's end carnival for August 2014. Next meeting will be on 10/02/13.

Memorial Park: No report at this time.

Safety Officers: No report at this time.

Uniform Committee: Asst. Chief Arturi advised that there was a preexisting Uniform Policy back in 1998 that was never approved. The 1998 uniform policy will be re-typed and presented at the next Fireboard.

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.
Company 5: No report at this time.
Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Joseph Gaglione (C05)

Company 1: Leut. John Carlo asked if hours can be provided for community services.

Chief Speranza advised that this has been an ongoing practice and is available upon request.

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: 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: No report at this time

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

FF Robert Luscombe inquired as to Engine 1 loss of power issue.

Chief Speranza advised it was the air cooler piping lines for the turbo that has to be replaced.

FF Robert Luscombe advised that Engine 1 will be hosting a paintball event on 10/20/2013 at Battle Creel in West Milford, NJ. Flyers were handed out. See any Engine 1 member for details.

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