



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on August 05, 2014.

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: Capt. David Maher Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Capt. Peter 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 Van Ek. 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 the bills for consideration.

#### BILLS

HFD Reimbursement	\$260.00	Quest Diagnostics	\$235.58
Valley Health	\$280.00	Tanis Hardware	\$110.92
HFD reimbursement	\$38.22	North Jersey Fire Equip.	\$1,696.52
AAA Emergency	\$442.51	Communication Specialist	\$31.50
Fregman's Power Equipment	\$644.95	Ricoh	\$838.00
Tanis Hardware	\$74.47	Air Purifiers Inc.	\$1,383.00
E-Dispatch	\$828.00	Bergen County Academy	\$365.00
AAA Emergency	\$1,280.00	Campbell Fire Equipment	\$750.00
Fire Fighter 1	\$504.00	Broad Hurst Sheet Metal	\$2,200.00
Eagle Fire Equipment	\$3,700.00	HFD Reimbursement	\$153.99
Company 1-4	\$6,800.00	Company 5	\$450.00
Company 1-5	\$225.00		

#### Communications:

- FF Thomas Kennedy extended medical leave of absence.
- FF Jason Crawford requested a personal leave of absence.
- Ex FF William Barclay requested a return to the Department for daytime assistance.
- FF Robert Taglibue requested extended medical leave of absence.



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- Lieut. David Sylvester requested medical leave of absence and will return September 01, 2014.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Brother Helping Brother's Golf Classic, September 19, 2014, for more details call 732 353 6201 -Michelle McDonnell

The Board accepted all communications as read.

### Company Reports:

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of July 2014, Company 1 responded to: 18 box alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 20 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Engine 1 is having pumping issues and is being closely monitored. The thermal image camera is not charging and needs to be repaired.

Engine 1 is scheduled to go to the training center this month to clean up the site.

FF Thomas Kennedy requested a medical leave of absence.

All other equipment are in working order and with the exception to the above the remaining members are all well.

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of July 2014, Company 2 responded to: 18 box alarms, 4 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 23 alarms and 2 Mutual Aid calls.

The preventative maintenance has begun on the Truck.

Company 2 has made numerous attempts to reach out to members FF Anthony Dellalo and FF Justin Molnar who will not return response. It was requested that a letter be submitted to both to remove same from the Department roster.

FF Jason Crawford has a requested a 3 month personal leave of absence effective July 01, 2014.

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

### Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of July 2014 Company 3 responded to: 20 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 1 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 22 alarms. In addition 2 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

The pump maintenance was completed.

An estimate for the replacement of headlights have been acquired and will be submitted for consideration.

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

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of July 2014, Company 4 responded to: 20 box alarm's, 1 still alarms, 1 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, for a total of 22 alarms. In addition held 1 drill (s) and 4 Mutual Aid call(s).

The compartment light switch is in need of repair. The control light switch has been repaired.

Engine 4 has completed the pump maintenance.

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

### Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of July 2014, Company 5 responded to: 21 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total 22 of alarms. In addition held 1 training (s).

Rescue conducted an extrication drill with the Ambulance Corps that was successful. The focus was on patient packing and removal of vehicles.

Ex FF William Barclay has requested return for the daytime response.

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The boat has been repaired and returned back in service.

Rescue's body work is the process of being completed.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### **Borough Chief Speranza Report:**

The Department has been awarded ISO Class 3. This is a phenomenal feat for a volunteer Fire Department. There may be consideration given to attempt and secure ISO Class 2 rating which is unheard of in a volunteer organization.

The OSHA Department physicals are scheduled for Sunday, September 07, 2014 10:0 am – 11:30 am and Monday September 08, 2014 6:30 pm -8:00 pm.

A press release was submitted for the cancellation of the Departments Festival.

Thanks to Rescue 5 for conducting a cooperative drill with the Ambulance Corps.

An ordinance was submitted to the Borough's Ordinance Committee for the lock box on commercial type properties.

### **Dates to Remember**

September 07, 2014- OSHA PHYSICALS

September 08, 2014- OSHA PHYSICALS

September 20, 2014 -Coin Toss

September 27, 2014- Hawthorne Day

### **COMMITTEES**

**Communication Division:** Responded to 9 alarms and held 4 meetings.  
All members and equipment are in working order.

**Fire Prevention:** 85 Wagraw Road is in the process of being rebuilt near the entrance closest to Company 3.

**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.

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**Open House:** No report at this time.

**Passaic County Mutual Aid Meeting:** No report at this time

**Hawthorne Day:** No report at this time.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Coin Toss September 20, 2014 9:00 am -1:00 pm. A meeting was held and the discussion of a picnic was the topic. Estimates are being secured for this event. The next meeting will be held on August 28, 2014.

**Safety Officers:** No report at this time.

### Old Business:

Company 1: Pierce manufacturing has advised they would buy the apparatus for \$20,000.00 toward a trade in value. The Borough Administrator advised that Engine 1 will be auctioned on a government website instead. It is requested that the 1994 Engine 1 not leave the Borough until the 2014 Engine 1's members have been trained on it and all of the equipment has been transferred over.

Company 2: Has requested that if the Lock Box Ordinance is approved, the Police Department is the only Department that can open the lock box remotely when the Fire Department is on scene.

*Chief asked Captain Maher to secure an estimate for the program and its installation.*

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: Requested to attend Wurtsborough NY's Wet Down on 08/28/14.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

### New Business:

Oath of Office: None

Company 1: Pierce has uploaded pictures of the progress of the 2014 Engine 1.

Company 2: Requested a walk through for 55 Westervelt property.

*Chief advised he will follow up for same.*

Company 3: Requested to secure pictures in Jersey City on September 11, 2014.

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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: Thomas Kennedy Medical leave.  
Company 2: George Lodder is on his last chemo treatment.  
Company 3: George Degroot is recovering and doing well.  
Company 4: No report at this time.  
Company 5: Gordon Kepper is doing well.  
Chief: No report at this time.

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

No public comments

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Arturi, and a second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary