



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on February 04, 2014.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 Warner, to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Arturi. 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

Campbell Supply	\$449.94	Macaluso's	\$8,493.75
HFD Reimbursement	\$189.25	HFD Reimbursement	\$92.47
CO5 Reimbursement	\$72.11	Triangle Trophy	\$730.00
CO1 Reimbursement	\$68.81	Passaic County Mutual Aid	\$75.00
Tanis Hardware	\$151.76	E-Dispatch	\$828.00
Passaic County 200 Club	\$250.00	Campbell Supply	\$449.94
Campbell Supply	\$6,535.26	Campbell Supply	\$476.94
Campbell Supply	\$648.45	Fire Companies.com	\$983.00
PA Auto Parts	\$67.41	Bob's Tire	\$30.00

Asst. Chief Marsch inquired as to the \$476.94 bill.

*Chief Speranza advised that the invoice was for various electrical issues that were discovered during repairs.*

#### Communications:

- A medical note from FF Joseph Magnifico was received as he is having a medical procedure.
- A letter of intent was received from resident from Adam Geier (C04).
- Macaluso's thanked the Department for having the annual Installation / Awards program at their establishment.



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- Hawthorne Domestic Violence Response Team's Purple & Blue Challenge run will be held on September 28, 2014. For More info go to [hawthornedvrt.org](http://hawthornedvrt.org).
- Haledon Chief Michael Moscotello thanked the Department for providing Mutual Aid to Haledon FD on 12/31/13.
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade – Phillipsburg NJ. Saturday August 09, 2014.
- A medical note was received from FF Frank Giannantonio.
- A medical note was received from FF Robert J. Taglibue.
- A medical leave of absence was received for Ex Asst Chief George Degroot.

The Board accepted all communications as read and stated above.

### **Company Reports:**

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of January 2014, Company 1 responded to: 44 box alarms, 3 still alarm(s), 1 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 52 alarms.

Engine 1 had a minor fire due to a wire of a light box. It was removed and replaced. The box light and charger both haven been removed for the apparatus and are out of service. Engine 1 is in fair condition.

FF Joseph Magnifico requested a medical leave of absence due to surgical procedure (a medical note is forth coming).

FF Leon Bay and FF Tom Kennedy are still on their medical leaves.

As FF Kennedy is out Lt. John Carlo will assist in the 100 Year Anniversary Committee.

All members are in good standing.

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of January 2014, Company 2 responded to: 44 box alarms, 4 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 2 standby(s), 0 training(s), 4 Mutual Aid Call (s) and held 0 drill (s) for a total of 54 alarms.

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Tower 2's front hubs appear to be losing oil and needs to be looked into. Campbell Supply had supplied (2) two pin for the doors yet there are the wrong size and needs to be replaced with the correct pins as the door is binding. The red interior red light is not working and needs to be repaired.

Tower 2 is requesting permission to attend Woodland Park's Parade in May 2014.

FF Andre Skae is requesting a 3 month leave of absence due to schooling.

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

### **Company #3**

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of January 2014 Company 3 responded to: 45 box alarms, 1 radio alarm (s), 4 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 0 training (s) and 1 drill (s) for a total of 51 alarms. Also included Mutual aid responses to North Haledon and prospect Park.

The rocker switch for the rear scene lights for the cab still needs to be repaired.

(2) SCOTT SCBA masks are needed in size small.

(1) Application for Kyle Little is requested.

Ex Asst. Chief George Degroot is requesting a (3) three month medical leave of absence from Jan. 01, 2014.

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

### **Company #4**

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of January 2014, Company 4 responded to: 44 box alarm's, 5 still alarms, 1 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, and held 0 drill (s) for a total of 50 alarms.

FF Gianntonio was injured while entering the apparatus and will be on a medical leave of absence.

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FF Robert Taglibue sustained a work related injury and has requested a medical leave of absence.

The Thermal Imaging Camera is still out for repairs.

Inquired that Robert Van Duesen has not yet responded to the Department's letter as to intent.

A request was made to use the Department sign for the Rose Sale.

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

### **Company #5**

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of January 2013, Company 5 responded to: 44 box alarm's, 6 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 2 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 training (s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total 53 of alarms. 1 Mutual Aid call.

Requested 1 application.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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

Thanked all members who has responded in the recent cold weather as well as those who responded to the New Year's Eve mutual aid calls.

184 Wagraw property has submitted a request to rebuild yet there are some concerns that will be addressed by the Department.

### **Dates to Remember**

April 14, 2014 –St. Barnabas Burn program 7:30pm FHQ  
April 18, 2013- Ladies Auxiliary Fish & Chips Dinner - 5:30 -7:30 pm

### **COMMITTEES**

**Communication Division:** No report at this time.

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**Fire Prevention:** 55 Westvelt has been completed and a walk thru has been requested.

**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.

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

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

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Chief Speranza expressed that since Chairman DeGroot is on medical leave the Department should consider use an event planner.

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

**Uniform Committee:** No report at this time.

**Exempt Association:** Meeting Friday January 10, 2014.

### Old Business:

Company 1: Provided update as to the active shooter seminar that has been postponed until further notice.

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: None

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: Requested a CAD printer for the Firehouse.

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.  
Chief's Report: No report at this time.

**Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: No report at this time.  
Company 2: FF George Lodder is undergoing chemotherapy.  
Company 3: Ex Asst Chief George Degroot had foot surgery.  
Company 4: Thanked all that attended Ex FF John Patmos's wake.  
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 Nelson, and a second by Asst. Chief Marsch that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary