



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on January 03, 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 and held a moment of silence for the passing of Ex firefighter John Pamos. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: 2nd 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 van Ek, to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Marsch. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Warner and a second from Asst. Chief Van Ek 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	\$1,500.00	Company #5	\$25.00
Therawax	\$147.00	E/G Auto Repair	\$176.68
AAA Emergency	\$123.90	Henry's Plumbing	\$48.19
Valley Health	\$655.00	State Line Fire	\$786.10
Ricoh Copier	\$758.29	HFD Reimbursement	\$66.90
Grainger	\$326.10	Fire Fighter One	\$4,500.00
AAA Supply	\$2,020.00	Goosetown Comm	\$786.00
Fire Fighter One	\$2,199.00	I.R.S Inc	\$265.00
Campbell Supply	\$6,336.20		

Communications:

- A letter of resignation was received from FF John Neibo (CO3) and FF Jeff Marsch (CO2).
- An excuse letter was received from Asst. Chief John Arturi.
- St. Clements Episcopal Church thanked the Department for visiting the church and delivering toys to the less fortunate of their parish.
- A medical leave of absence was requested from FF George Lodder.

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The Board accepted all communications as read and stated above.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of December 2013, Company 1 responded to: 26 box alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 1 training(s) and held 0 drill (s), for a total of 28 alarms.

Engine 1 is functioning well and all equipment is in order

All members are in good standing.

Wished all a Happy New Year

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of December 2013, Company 2 responded to: 27 box alarms, 2 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 30 alarms.

Tower 2 responded to 2 mutual Aid calls to Paterson & 1 to North Haledon.

Tower 2 was out of service for the scheduled preventative maintenance and the SCBA bottles, which all had been tested.

Thanks to Capt. George Lodder and Lt. William Seidel for their 2013 service.

Tower 2 welcomes back Ex -Asst Chief Anthony DiVincent as 1st Lt. and Ronald Walker as 2nd Lieut.

The Drivers for 2014 are Victor Tamburro, William Redmon, William Seidel, and Jason Crawford.

Alternates: Andrew Skae and Mark Lundin.

A letter was sent to FF Marco Totaro with no response. A letter of intent is requested to be sent by the Board.

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As resignation letter was received from FF Jeffery Marsch.

A medical leave of absence was requested by FF George Lodder, beginning on 12/12/13 and for an undetermined date.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of December 2013, Company 3 responded to: 26 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, 2 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 0 training (s) and 0 drill (s) for a total of 28 alarms.

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

Wish all members and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of December 2013, Company 4 responded to: 28 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 29 alarms.

Requested 1 Box Light

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

Ff John Hurley has requested an extended 3 months leave of absence.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of December 2013, Company 5 responded to: 29 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 31 of alarms.

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Requested 2 applications.

2014 Officers
Assistant Chief - Brian Warner
Captain – Brian Laub
1st Lieut. Joseph Pagnozzi
2nd Lieut. Kyle Johnson

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Wished every member and families a Healthy & Happy New Year.

Thanked all outgoing Officers for their years of service and thanked all incoming 2014 Officers.

The 2014 Officers meeting will be held on January 21, 2014 at Fire Headquarters. All officers must attend and will commence precisely at 7:00 pm.

Due to numerous ongoing issues a meeting was held with Administrator Maurer and Police Chief McAuliffe. Various issues were addressed and will need to be looked at by our communication vendor. The Communication Division will also be asked to assist in rectifying issues.

Also, discussed was purchasing of on board tablets for each apparatus with integration of GIS / CAD software and air cards. This will be looked into further in 2014.

We will be hosting the St. Barnabas Burn program that will take place on April 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm at Headquarters.

Thanks to all of the members who responded to the New Year's Eve Mutual Aid Calls.

Due to the extreme weather it is asked to take extra precautionary measures to protect our members.

Also, due to numerous water pipe breaks insure that we secure the power prior to entering any basements.

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Moving forward it is requested that any new member that needs to take the FD exam to utilize the Valley Health Service office in Wayne.

We have been getting word that ISO will be back in the Borough to reanalyze and resurvey sometime in 2014.

Dates to Remember

January 10, 2014- Exempts Meeting -7:00 pm Company 1
January 17, 2014 – 17th Annual Installation Dinner -7:00 PM
January 24, 2014 – Officers Meeting – 7:00pm Fire Headquarters

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: Requested that the lights inside of Unit 57 be converted to LED as the current lights are drawing too much power and is not allowing Unit 57 to start.

Also, a log will be started to insure that there is proper maintenance of the vehicle.

Fire Prevention: Illegal Apartments are a growing concern. If the Department encounters same, report to Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement.

Ladies Auxiliary: Thanked all who assisted with the Toy Drive.

Junior FF's (Explorer Program): Instructor Frank Vittorio thanked all the members that assisted with the program and especially thanked Rescue 5 for the demonstration of the vehicle extrication.

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.

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100th Anniversary: No meeting was held last month due to the Holidays. The State gaming license is in the process of being acquired. A meeting will be held next month.

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: Lt. Carlo inquired why we have so many issues with our communications that we had some many opportunities to rectify with Borough's assistance as well as other Borough Departments. It is frustrating that time and effort to resolve this issue has not come to fruition and is hindering our activities that could lead to safety issues. This needs to be rectified now and not procrastinated any longer.

Company 2: Requested that a 14 ft. roof ladder should be purchased and left at the training center. Requested a new date for the Borough Id cards.

**Chief Speranza will acquire the new date for the id's.*

Requested status of gear that was sent out for repairs.

**Chief Speranza stated that they should be back in near future.*

Requested a new gas meter.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: They are having some issues with the Thermal Imaging Camera. Asst. Chief Nelson attended the Glen Rock Installation dinner and the relationship we have with them is much appreciated. They also inquired about our successful junior's program.

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: Requested how to secure application for the Passaic County Fire Academy.

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.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: FF Leon Bay is walking with prosthesis.

Company 2: FF George Lodder has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is having surgery.

Company 3: Lou Kline was hospitalized prior to the holidays and has returned back to the Firemen's home.

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.

Staci Speranza expressed concern of the attendance of the Firemen's home which was low this year. There should be more attendance to support both Ken Silvestri and for the firefighters who do not see much of the outside world.

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

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek, and a second by Asst. Chief Marsch that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

Board Secretary