



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on July 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, followed by a moment of silence that was held for the 25 Anniversary of the Hackensack Ford Fire Fighters (July 02, 1988). 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 Marsch 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 the bills for consideration.

BILLS

Passaic County Safety Academy	\$200.00	Greenwood Lake Marina	\$956.91
American Air Flow	\$346.66	E/G Auto Repair	\$322.40
Meadowlands Ford	\$6,856.00	HFD Reimbursement	\$6.58
Fire Fighter 1	\$8,500.00	The Body Works	\$750.00
Forrest Signs	\$1,100.00		

Asst. Chief Marsch inquired as to Somes Purchase Order amount.

Clerk Tripicchio advised that the recipiet was proven to be \$1,038.00 yet was reduced to \$658.00.

Communications:

- FF Leon Bay returned to light duty.
- A thank you letter was received from the Webber family thanking the Chief and the Department's presence as Ex Asst. Chief; Weber's wake.
- Letter of intent was received from Brendan Fisher to join Engine 1.



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- A letter of intent was received from resident Eric Gaire to rejoin Company 2.
- A letter of intent was received from Daniel DeRisi (Company 2).

The Board accepted all communications as read.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of June 2014, Company 1 responded to: 27 box alarms, 2 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 27 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Engine 1 is in fair condition.

There are issued with the engine as follows: the mobile radio, front discharge, front suction and several lights are in need of repair. Chief Speranza was informed of all of the issues.

A medical note was received for FF Leon Bay who has returned to light duty.

All members that are on medical leave of absence have been spoken to and are recovering.

Lieut. John Tripicchio informed the Board of his change of address.

All equipment is in working order and all members are in good standing.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of June 2014, Company 2 responded to: 27 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 30 alarms and 1 Mutual Aid call to Clifton.

Ladder certification was not completed due to an outrigger issue from the onset of the certification. This is being looked into.

3 residents submitted letter of intent to join Company 2.

(1) size 12 boot is needed



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(1) Bourke goggles are needed

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of June 2014 Company 3 responded to: 24 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 2 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 25 alarms. In addition 3 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

The parking brake has been repaired and the preventative maintenance was done.

(2) SCBA were received back from repairs.

(2) Batteries for box light

(1) Helmet is needed.

Ex Asst. Chief George Lodder is recovering and requested additional 3 months leave of absence.

Chief Van Ek will be on vacation from July 03, 2014- July 12, 2014.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of June 2014, Company 4 responded to: 28 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 1 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, for a total of 29 alarms. In addition held 1 drill (s) and 0 Mutual Aid calls .

The rear rotators are still having issues and Campbell Supply is working to repair same.

FF John Hurley is in need of bunker pants. FF Adam Geier has been provided a new set of boots as a result of the issues at the last brush fire (Route 208).

Engine 4 conducted a Fire Prevention class in Mahwah and had attended their wet down June 28, 2014.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of June 2014, Company 5 responded to: 29 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total 30 of alarms. In addition held 2 trainings.

Training was held with Ex Battalion Chief Peter Partridge as to Rescue Operations.

Rescue 5 attended the Passaic County Safety Academy with Engine 1 and held a mutual aid drill with Glen Rock.

Rescue 5 is waiting for the body repairs. The Rescue boat is in the process of being repaired.

FF Gordon Knepper is recovering from his recent surgery and doing well.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Fit testing has been completed for 95% of the Department. Members that do not complete the fit testing by August 29, 2014 will be Class "C" fire fighter until completed.

A Bond Ordinance was requested for turn out gear. An inventory has been requested so that we are accurate in ordering. Any member that is in need of gear and cannot wait the process must notify Chief Speranza immediately.

An Ordinance is being worked on for lock boxes to be installed on commercial properties, religious entities, multi occupancy (5000 square feet or more) and school buildings.

A LED grant incentive program was provided to the Borough Administration. The air conditioning in the Clerk's office is in the process of being repaired.

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Preventative maintenance schedules we read for each company. We are in the process of engaging with I'm Responding software for a 60 day trial. This is a new software that we explored a June Officer's meeting and had good reviews.

Due to the extreme heat in the upcoming summer be cognizant of member's during these times.

Dates to Remember

September 27, 2014- Hawthorne Day

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Asst. Chief Nelson, if there are any issues with the radios please notify them so they can address same.

Fire Prevention: There is discussions being held for 220 Townhouses being built on the McBride Properties.

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.

100th Anniversary: Chief Speranza stated that the bizarre appears to be extinguished due to numerous variables that would affect its outcome. It will be officially determined by the end of this week. This came to light with a meeting that was held with Mr. Bedrin who will assist the Department succeed in its good intentions for the residents.

Safety Officers: No report at this time.

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Old Business:

Company 1: Inquired if the SCBA quick connects ever ordered.

Chief Speranza stated that SCOTT would not warranty the bottles if they were added. SCOTT and Quick Connect are working out this issue. Once it is resolved we will again look into installing them.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Was the landscape at headquarters ever completed.

Chief Speranza stated that not as of yet.

Has the Department been approved for ISO Class 3.

Chief advised that we have yet to secure word on same yet once it is it will be announced.

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 L. Wojtecki was sworn in by FF and father Joseph Wojtecki.

Allison Speranza and Jennifer were sworn in by Borough Chief Speranza.

Company 1: S.L.A.P will be scheduled for the training center for clean up at the end of July.

Chief Speranza stated that a contractor is working on training center next week so that we can continue the project.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: Pricing is needed for light boxes to be mounted on the Engine.

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: George Degroot is recovering, Fundraiser at Applebee's (pamphlets handed out).
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.

Joseph Metzler stated that if the Department cancels the bizarre to advise the library as people have been scheduled to be off.

Ella Snyder also added that as soon as we know we have to advise Blue Sky.

Chief Speranza stated that he will inform all by end of next week.

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek, 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