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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on May 06, 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: 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 Arturi 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

Avan Electric	\$276.91	HFD Reimbursement	\$58.05
Fregman's Power Equipment	\$140.00	E/G Auto	\$97.50
Fregman's Power Equipment	\$540.00	P/A Auto Parts	\$28.62
State Line Fire Equipment	\$62.45	I.R.S	\$35.00
North Jersey Fire	\$240.00		
State Line Fire Equipment	\$210.00		

Asst. Chief Marsch inquired as to Fregman's purchase orders.

Clerk Tripicchio advised since there were several small amount Fregman orders, the orders were combined since it was the same vendor.

### Communications:

- A medical note from Ex Asst. Chief Brian Van Hook returning to active duty effective May 06, 2014.
- The Department received a thank you from the Bully Buster Advisor, Lorraine Powell, for participating in the Bully Buster Community Service Day.
- Ex Asst. Chief DeGroot extending his medical leave of absence an additional 3 months effective April 04, 2014.



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- A medical leave of absence for FF Laurie Foley was requested for 3 months effective April 01, 2014.
- A letter of intent was received from Craig Geier and to be assigned to Company 4.

The Board accepted all communications as read.

### **Company Reports:**

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of April 2014, Company 1 responded to: 21 box alarms, 2 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 2 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 26 alarms.

The CO meter is out service as it is no longer charging and has been taking out of service. FF Laurie Foley has requested a 3-month medical leave of absence.

Engine 1 is in fair condition. All equipment is in working order and all members are in good standing.

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of April 2014, Company 2 responded to: 19 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 20 alarms and 4 Mutual Aid calls to Paterson & North Haledon.

Four (4) ladder belts were received.

The new PPV fan has been repaired and placed back in service.

Company 2 will be attending Woodland Park's 100 Year anniversary on May 17, 2014. Anyone wishing to march is to contact Company 2.

Ex Asst Chief John Peterson received a liver transplant and is in good spirits.

FF George Lodder is undergoing new treatment and is also in good spirits.

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 April 2014 Company 3 responded to: 20 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 0 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 21 alarms. In addition 1 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

Ex Asst. Chief George De Groot requested an additional 3- month medical leave of absence.

The #4 & #3 discharge are in need of repairs.

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

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of April 2014, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standbys, 0 Chief's call, and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 24 alarms. In addition 3 Mutual Aid calls to Glen Rock.

Campbell Supply has to fix the light tower.

One (1) Kenwood portable was received with the City of Passaic frequency.

Vendor Communication Specialists will be contacted to secure an additional charger for the bank charging system.

Three (3) Motorola radios were received for Glen Rock mutual aid responses.

Company 4 requested to attend Fair Lawn's Wet Down on May 10, 2014.

Ex Asst Chief Brian Van Hook has returned to active duty effective May 06, 2014 .

Junior FF Craig Geir submitted letter of intent.

New suspenders are being requested to Lt. Devin Hughes.

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

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Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of April 2014, Company 5 responded to: 23 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby(s), 0 drill (s) for a total 23 of alarms. In addition held 2 trainings.

Company 5 attended the St. Barnabas burn program and were also re certified in AED / CPR.

Rescue 5 is waiting for body repairs.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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

Department has entered into a cooperative agreement with Fair Lawn's repair program for the apparatuses. This will save the Department and the Borough of Hawthorne **capital** for minor and maintenance repairs.

As to smaller department vehicles, they will be serviced by Hawthorne Auto Lab.

Captain's Peter Van Der Velde and Joseph Longo spoke to the communication division to iron out some issues / concerns. In addition, the Communication's Division has been provided a purchase order to upgrade equipment.

A meeting will be held in the near future to designate and qualify additional Cascade and Communication members to assist and bolster responses.

There will be detours from Lincoln Avenue all the way down to Diamond Bridge due to road repairs. Updates will be provided as progress reports are made available.

We are looking to upgrade our ISO rating to Class 3 that will benefit commercial entities.

The training center still has a leak and needs to be repaired so we can complete the final phase. We are possibly look at vendors to resolve this issue.

The Juniors Explorer program has exploded and will be recommended for National award for the Boys Scouts of America.

We have met with the Glen Rock and Fair Lawn to discuss daytime responses. There was several options and will be further explored by all three towns. Another meeting will be held on May 19, 2014 to further discuss.

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A meeting is being scheduled with the County Coordinator to discuss the Mutual Aid plan for Passaic County.

SCBA FIT testing will be conducted this month. The schedules were handed to Asst. Chiefs.

The Department has applied for two (2) turn out gear grants.

A Department drill is set for May 31, 2014 from 8:30-10:30 am. Details to follow.

Memorial Day Parade May 26, 2014, Memorial Service will be at 12:00 pm. Steff off of parade will be at 1:00 pm.

The Hawthorne Fire Department's softball team is 2-1 and in fourth place. Next game is May 18, 2014 against the Fair Lawn FD that will be held at the Wagaraw ball field. Come support the team.

### **Dates to Remember**

May 31, 2014- Department Drill

May 26, 2014- Memorial Day Parade . 12:00 pm Memorial Service 1 pm %step off+

June 06, 2014- HHS Stone Cold Program -9:00 am.

### **COMMITTEES**

**Communication Division:** March 2014, responded to: 11 box alarms and held 2 meetings. All equipment and members are in working order.

**Fire Prevention:** The McBride property has been vacated. There was discussion of possible 160-170 residential housing units to be built.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** The fish and chips was a successful even. The ladies thanked all that assisted and supported the event.

**Junior FF's (Explorer Program):** No report at this time.

**In School Program:** No report at this time.

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**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:** The previously proposed sight is no longer available. A new site is being looked into and will be announced.

All Chairmans / sub Chairmans have been assigned to various tasks.

Sign-up sheets for various hours / tasks has been distributed to each company.

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

### 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: Adam Geier was sworn in by Ex Asst. Chief Scott Geier

Company 1: Asst Chief Arturi asked if an Fire Police Ordinance was being proposed and was approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

*Chief Speranza stated that was a proposal and not an Ordinance.*

Asst Chief Arturi stated that if a Fire Police is being developed financing should not come out of the Department budget yet rather the Borough.

*Chief Speranza stated that this is in the infant stage and will have to be worked out.*

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

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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: Tom Kennedy was hospitalized.  
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.**

Manager of the Firemen's Home Ken Silvestri thanked the members that participated in the annual golf outing. It was again a huge success and was sold out.

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 Arturi that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary