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Minutes of the meeting held on September 02, 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. A moment of silence was held for the 9/11 victims. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Lt. John Carlo, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, 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 Marsch, 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 Warner 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 the bills for consideration.

BILLS

AAA Emergency	\$2,390.00	Yankee Propane	\$36.00
Valley Health	\$560.00	Fair Lawn DPW	\$2,100.00
Fair Lawn DPW	\$1,150.00	HFD reimbursement	\$360.00
HFD Reimbursement	\$250.00	Bergen County Academy	\$95.00
AAA Emergency	\$115.80	AAA Emergency	\$438.94
Fire Fighter 1	\$900.00	Communication Specialist	\$190.00
Pioneer products	\$267.90	State Line Fire Equipment	\$50.35
Meadowlands Ford	\$1,100.00	1075 Emergency Lighting	\$1,060.00

Communications:

- FF Thomas Kennedy returned to light duty.
- Boaters Class will be held on September 28, 2014

The Board accepted all communications as read.

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Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of August 2014, Company 1 responded to: 17 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 20 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Engine 1 repaired the burnt out lights on the Engine. The Engien has some discharges that are leaking.

FF Thomas Kennedy returned to light duty.

All of Company 1 members have been fit tested. Thanks to Robert Scott of the Passaic County Sherriff's office that assisted in completing same at no cost to the Department.

Company 1 completed the assigned month cleanup of the training center.

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 August 2014, Company 2 responded to: 18 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 1drill (s) for a total of 21 alarms In addition, held training and responded to 2 mutual aid calls.

The preventative maintenanceand the ladder certficvations were completed on the Truck.

Tower 2 received a new multi gas meter with the calibration kit. It was noted that the software for the calibration kit was blank and a new disc has been requested from the manufacturer.

Both Captain David Maher and Lt. Ronald Walker will be handling the calibration of the units for the Department.

Company 2 welcomes 3 new members : Dennis McCarvill, Daniel Derisi and Eric Gaire.

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 August 2014 Company 3 responded to: 18 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 2 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 21 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

The pump certification has been completed. The worm fitting for the pump casing was replaced. The tank level sensor that is located underneath the hose bed has to be replaced.

Several members of Company 3 will be attending this year's convention.

Engine #3 will be conducting a drafting drill with Wyckoff # 3 on September 22, 2014 and will be attending the Passaic County Fire Academy on September 29, 2014.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of August 2014, Company 4 responded to: 18 box alarm's, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, for a total of 20 alarms. In addition held 1 drill (s) and 0 Mutual Aid call(s).

A quartz bulb was received from Fair Lawn DPW and was installed.

1075 Emergency Lighting has submitted a quote for the LED lighting.

Company 4 needs fire reports.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of August 2014, Company 5 responded to: 16 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total of 19 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s).

Rescue will be hosting their laser tag at Hawthorne Day. Football mania tickets are also be sold at this time. See any Company 5 members for tickets.

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All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked the Department for their response to Van Dyke's Park Place. Both the management and the staff were appreciative for the display of professionalism.

Thanked all members who attended the leadership program and the helicopter landing.

Lt. David Sylvester entered the Woodland Park cook off. Although he did not repeat last year's victory, his efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Hawthorne Day Committee has requested any one that will be selling and /or providing services are to complete the application process by September 08, 2014.

All Explorer/ Juniors instructors are to meet on September 03, 2014 at Fire Headquarters for a brief meeting.

OSHA physicals will be held on September 7, 2014 from 9:30 am to 11:00am and September 08, 2014 from 7:00 Pm to 8:30 PM.

9/11 memorial service will be held on September 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm. We need to be in full dress with mourning bands by 6:00 pm sharp. The honor guard is needed for the ceremony.

Hawthorne Day, September 27, 2014. Assignment will be handed out in the upcoming days.

School will open on September 03, 2014 we are to be cognizant when responding.

A head count is needed for the Wildwood Convention attendees.

We will be meeting with vendor ECIM for dispatching at North Haledon next Monday.

An Officer Management Leadership meeting will be held on October 21, 2014.

Dates to Remember

September 07, 2014- OSHA PHYSICALS 9:30 am to 11:00 am

September 08, 2014- OSHA PHYSICALS 7:00 pm -8:30 pm

September 11, 2014- 9/11 Ceremony 6:00 PM sharp

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September 20, 2014 -Coin Toss 9:00 am
September 27, 2014- Hawthorne Day ALL DAY
September 28, 2014- Boat Class -8:00 AM - Location TBD

October 06, 2014 –In School program
October 21, 2014- Officer Meeting 7:30 PM at HQ

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded to 20 alarms and held 4 meetings.
All members and equipment are in working order.

Fire Prevention: Boat Class will be held on September 28, 2014 at 8:00am. Location will be announced in near future.

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.
Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.
100th Anniversary: No report at this time.

Old Business:

Company 1: No report at this time.
Company 2: When responding to Mutual Aid to Paterson there are dispatching issues.

Chief Speranza stated he will address same with their Chief at the the County meeting.

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: Daniel Derisi and Daniel McCarvill

Company 1: No report at this time.
Company 2: No report at this time.

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Company 3: Company 3 will be at Hawthorne Day selling Premio sausage and peppers.
Company 4: No report at this time.
Company 5: Laser tag at Hawthorne Day and Football Mania tickets are being sold.
Chief's Report: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: Thomas Kennedy returned to light duty.
Company 2: George Lodder completed his chemo treatment.
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.

Ex Asst. Chief Foley ("AC Foley") asked if there is task list at hand for the training center as Company 1 fulfilled their month and the entire site was cleaned up.

Chief Speranza stated that this was being handled by the Captains.

AC Foley then asked if the contractor completed the repairs at the training center.

Chief Speranza stated that the contractor would be down there next week.

AC Foley stated that there was good progress at the training and we need to continue on that path so it is completed. He added that the training center has been an ongoing project back when he was on the Board and empty promises were made and not kept. In particular the plan that was developed by Captain Longo is at a standstill. Also, is there anymore allocated funds for the training center.

Lt. Carlo added that there is no direction as to what the next company is to do.

Asst. Chief Marsch stated that his company is next and he asked what needed to be done.

Lt Carlo stated to rip up the damaged flooring.

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Asst. Chief Marsch stated that he will have his company handle that.

Lt. Carlo also asked Company 2 to take up all of the roof wood that they used.

Asst. Chief Marsch stated there are still pieces they can use so he will look into that as well.

Chief will address the training center with the Captains to compose a list for the Department so we can move along.

AC Foley inquired as to the new will money and if a meeting was going to be held with the Asst. Chief and Presidents.

Chief Speranza stated that we are fortunate to receive some will funding yet there is no specific way of utilizing it. A meeting will be held with the Asst Chiefs and the President's on September 07, 2014 at 8:30 am at Fire Headquarters. One of the recommendation is to apply it to the training center as the Department as a whole would benefit.

AC Foley asked if the fit testing can be scheduled at various times so that as shift worker can complete the fit testing.

Chief Speranza stated that he will consider scheduling the fit testing during the OSHA physicals.

Chief also mentioned that new members will now go to Occupational Health in Fair Lawn rather than Valley Health due to the billing practices and issues. Also, we will look into if the CDL physicals are acceptable for the OSHA Physicals.

AC Foley asked if at the 100 year Committee will be serving beer at the picnic.

Chief Speranza stated that he was no made aware of this and will have to look into same yet he is not endorsing it. Further, it has to be approved by the Board and the Borough.

AC Foley asked what is the status of the Chevy Impala and its usage.

Chef Speranza stated that there is a purchase order for it to get repaired. Unit 61 (Tahoe) and Unit 59 (van) will disposed of and the Impala will be used for Fire Prevention and or spare vehicle.

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AC Foley asked about the status of the lock boxes.

Chief Speranza stated first we have to see if the lock box ordinance is approved and then we can see if we can get the lock box activation via the Department. We look into the remote lock box and it was discussed at the last Fire Board. The program requires the CAD system and we are waiting for its integration.

AC Foley asked if the John Deere gator is available for sale as he was interested in buying it.

Chief Speranza stated he will need to speak to its owner to see if he will sell it.

AC Foley asked Asst. Chief Van Ek if they are benefiting from Premio Sausage even though, they sent a letter to the Department's fund drive of no donations.

AC Van Ek stated that they had no issue with Premio and they have a good relationship.

Ex-Chief Tamburro stated that Premio may have sent a letter to us due to a possibly the recent noise complaint against them.

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