



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on February 07, 2015.

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, Gordon Knepper and Marty Perrone. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1, Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2, Asst. Chief David Maher, Engine Company 3, Asst. Chief Joseph Longo, 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 while a second was made by Asst. Chief Arturi. The Board were all in favor to dispense the previous month's Minutes.

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 the consideration of payment.

The Board were all in favor to submit the bills for consideration.

BILLS

Triangle Trophy	\$976.50	AAA Emergency	\$1,450.00
Macaluso's	\$9,500.00	HFD Reimbursement	\$173.99
Fire Fighter 1	\$984.00	Eternity Studios	\$778.00
Fire Companies.com	\$931.29	AAA Emergency Supply	\$424.55
Comm. Specialist	\$800.00	I.R.S Inc.	\$2,000.00
Command Radio	\$367.50	PA Auto Parts	\$75.00
CO#2	\$83.58	Tanis Hardware	\$39.58
LW Bill Alarm Ent.,	\$134.55	Anthony Manzo	\$65.00
Comm Specialist	\$4,400.00	Campbell Supply	\$672.07
HFD Reimbursement	\$825.00		

Communications:

- Resignation from FF Joseph Magnifico (CO1)
- Resignation from FF Javier Vargas (CO2)
- Letter of intent from Michael J. Heckinger (CO2)
- Letter of intent from John Neibo (CO5)



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- Letter of intent from Jose Dominguez (CO5)
- Medical leave of absence from Lt. David Sylvester
- Medical leave of absence from Thomas "Yoshi" Kennedy

The Board accepted all communications as read.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief John Arturi reported for the month of January 2015, Company 1 responded to: 32 box alarms, 4 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 37 alarms. In addition held 2 training(s).

Engine 1 had radios and additional electrical outlets installed. Vendor will come back for additional work to install the speakers, microphones and an inverter.

E1's thermal imaging camera and remains out of service.

FF Thomas Kennedy out of medical leave. FF Joseph Magnifico resigned and all equipment was returned.

A quote was submitted for East Coast Emergency lighting for (1) portable tripod light.

Equipment request was handed over to Lt. Tripicchio for a medium mask for FF Laurie Foley as the neck strap broke.

Personally thanked all members that assisted at the 7th Avenue fire. In particular the members of CO2 who had assisted with the double hose lay. This was the Engine's 1st fire with the new engine and handled it handled 5 lines beautifully without any pump issues.

All other equipment are in working order and with the exception to the above. All members are in healthy.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Maher reported for the month of January 2015, Company 2 responded to: 31 box alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 36 alarms In addition, held 0 training (s) and responded to 5 mutual aid calls.

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CO2 2 015 Officer's:

Asst. Chief	David Maher
Captain	Anthony DiVincent
1 st Leit.	Ronald Walker
2 nd Lieut.	Mark Lundin

Drivers:

Ex- Asst Chief.	John Marsh
FF	William Redmon
Ex Asst Chief.	Brian Vanderhook
FF	Andrew Skae

Alternat's:

FF	William Seidel
FF	Jason Crawford
FF	William Marra
Ex-Chief	Victor Tamburro

Campbell Fire Equipment repaired the faulty hydraulic speed selector switch in the bucket. A new mobile bucket radio was installed and programmed.

Letter of resignation from Javier Vasquez.
Letter of intent from Michael Heckinger.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Joseph Longo reported that for the month of January 2015 Company 3 responded to: 30 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 1 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 32 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

Equipment list was submitted for consideration to Chief Speranza.

Company 3 is in need of a new roadway insignia, stating "DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY". There are hazardous traffic conditions as a result and is for the safety of the firefighters responding to a call.

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Engine 3's pump gauge panel and the side level gauges were modified and installed by Campbell Supply.

Ex-Asst. Chief George Degroot is rehabbing at home.

Lou Kline is out of hospital and recovering from pneumonia.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of January 2015, Company 4 responded to: 28 box alarms, 9 still alarms, 1 radio alarm(s), 1 drill, 0 standby(s), and 0 Chief's call, for a total of 39 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s) and was called for to 5 Mutual Aid call (s).

2nd Lt David Sylvester was injured while volunteering for the Ambulance Corp. and is on medical leave.

Broad Hurst sheet metal had to redesign the equipment box as the prior employee working there is no longer employed and the said design was not authorized by owner. Owner will speak to E4 to resolve.

At a mutual aid fire call, Fair Lawn cascade would not refill 3 SCBA bottles as they were outdated.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of January 2015, Company 5 responded to: 38 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 0 drill (s) for a total of 38 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s).

Rescue held an ice rescue drill with Tower 2 and North Haledon FD. Looking to have another ice drill in near future.

Requested (2) two Mustang type ice suits as they had failed during the ice drill. Letters of intent were received from John Neibo and Jose Dominguez.

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Thanks to all who had attended both the wake and funeral services for Gordon Knepper. Asked if we can keep the Barclay family in our thoughts and prayers.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report: Thanked the Department for responding during the most inclement weather and the coldest of times. We all prevailed at our tasks and we all came home safely. We will continue during these times and we need to take extra precautionary measures to ensure our safety.

Commended all that came out for the recent fires. We did an excellent job saving property and we all worked together to get the task at hand done and without any physical incident.

We also need to insure that all of our equipment is functioning so it is ready to use when necessary. The Department has collectively responded to 50 calls thus far and we are just in February.

We are working to purchase and install the tablets and the integration of the CAD program. We will also look into EMCI for or phone dispatching that will intergrade with the CAD Program.

Thanked all that had attended the funeral Gordon Knepper.

Dates to Remember

April 25, 2015- Train the Trainer – “Trailing”

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Currently working on radio issues.

Fire Prevention: New properties are developing within the Borough. As a result of the recent “Avalon Apartment” fire, FD has requested for upgrades of sprinkler’s to assist us in the out of reach areas as it is a concern not only for the safety of the residents but us as responders.

55 Westervelt is continues to have issues and are in the process of being addressed by FD.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

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Junior FF's (Explorer Program): Make up classes are being re scheduled due to inclement weather. Graduation will take place in April. Thanked all the companies that assisted, without them their assistance, the program would not be this successful.

In School Program: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: No report at this time.

Training Center: Contractor will complete additional interior repairs in future. Captains will meet in March for future plans.

Safety Officers: Meeting is scheduled on February 23, 2015, 7:30 pm a @ CO1.

Exempt: No report at this time.

Old Business:

Company 1: Thermal Image Camera is still out of service.

Company 2: Requested (2) 3180 Kenwood batteries for the portable radios. Needs software for the new CO meters. On recent calls there were some issues that needed for Fire Prevention Bureau to address.

Company 3: 179 Wagraw has a snow plower that places snow onto CO 3 property and Inhibits access for vehicles and needs to be addressed.

Also there are various streets in town that an apparatus cannot travel through and is a huge concern.

Several DPW members stated that Borough is working on snow removal yet they have also been running into issues due to residents parking in street when they have to clean them.

Chief Speranza stated he will discuss with the Borough as this is a concern. He suggested Alternate side parking for odd even days so that DPW can clean properly.

Company 4: Requested SCBA batteries.

Company 5: Requested SCBA batteries.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

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New Business:

Oath of Office: No report at this time.

Company 1: Inquired as to the Rescue drills and why the Rescue qualified member of CO1 was not called if they are supposed to be part of the team.

Chief Warner responded that the vehicles that were donated for the drills was a direct result of a member from Company 2's. The 2nd vehicle was also secured by that member and was marked for the Juniors Class.

Website needs to be updated.

Chief Speranza stated that he has a work group that will take over the site.

Company 2: Tower 2 was given compliments by another town during mutual aid calls.

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 Thomas Kennedy.

Company 2: No report at this time
Company 3: No report at this time

Company 4: Company 4 will not be selling roses this year.

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-Chief Borough Victor Tamburro expressed concern of Company 5 retiring #'s as this should only be done for line of duty deaths.

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Chief Warner understood same and stated that they would they will withhold the #'s until absolutely needed.

Ex-Chief Borough Victor Tamburro inquired why the Department attends functions in full dress rather than Class B as outlined in the funeral protocols.

Chief Speranza stated that if the family requests same then it is granted.

Ex-Chief Mark Smith asked to place shovel hydrants on Department sign. Also, expressed concern that if the companies' properties are not cleaned they could be held liable for injuries as result.

Chief Speranza stated that the shovel hydrants is already on the sign and will again express concerns of the snow clearing.

Captain Peter Van Der Velde asked whose responsibility is to clear apron when it is plowed in.

Chief Speranza stated that the Borough generally cleans the driveway and if it is an issue we now have a snow thrower that we can utilize. Chief will assign members to assist when needed.

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

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Arturi, and a second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
Board Secretary