



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on May 05, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Borough Chief Joseph Speranza at 7:30pm, with a salute to the flag. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Mark Smith, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief Anthony DiVincent, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Capt. Brian Warner.

MINUTES

The previous Minutes were read. A motion to accept the Minutes as read was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek and Asst. Chief Smith.

Motion by Asst. Chief Geier and Asst. Chief Smith, that the following bills be approved and submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration:

BILLS

Verizon	\$53.05	Verizon	\$529.85
Verizon Wireless	\$151.27	BC Communication	\$2,071.05
Tri Lex Cleaner's	\$622.75	1 st Priority	\$921.68
AAA Emergency	\$2,066.95	Chief	\$345.00
Ridgewood Typewriter	\$253.37	Tri Trophy	\$794.00
Macaluso's	\$2,000.00	Ace Hardware	\$226.21
Passaic County Coll.	\$400.00	Northern NJ Cnsl	\$365.00
CO 1-4 1 st Qrt. rent	\$6,200.00	CO 5 1 st Qrt Rent	\$450.00
Asst Chief 1-5 1 st ph	\$150.00	Chief J Speranza 1 st ph	\$30.00
Clerk J Tripicchio	\$30.00		

Communications:

- A communication from the Oakland Fire Department celebrating 100 years, Saturday Sept. 12th 2009. For more information please go to www.Oaklandfd.org
- A communication from the Millington Volunteer Fire Department wet down, Saturday June 20th, 2009.
- Kohler Distributing Company will be distributing Hook and Ladder beer to local bar and stores. Kohler Distributing Company will donate \$4.00 for every barrel of draft beer sold and .25 for every case sold to help benefit the Saint Barnabas Burn Center.
- A letter resignation from Firefighter John Ydo that will take effect on this date.
- A letter of intent was received from Jr. Fire Fighter Nicolette Mc Lean

The Board approved the leave of absence for FF John Ydo.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Assistant Chief Mark Smith reported that for the month of April 2009 responded to: 11 box alarms, held 3 training's, 1 drill's, 0 radio alarms and 2 still alarm for a total of 16 alarms.

Engine 1 is in fair working condition.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Di Vincent reported for the month of April 2009 responded to: 13 box alarms, held 3 drills, for a total of 16 alarms.

Company 2 has received five (5) stream lights and one (1) bank charger that were previously requested.

Received letter from John Ydo requesting a resignation from the Fire Department.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of April 2009 responded to: 15 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 3 drills, 0 mutual aid call, 0 still alarms and 0 training for a total of 18 alarms.

FF Ken Silvestri returned back from the leave of absence.

FF Tom Bakker Sr. is still recovering and remains on medical leave.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of April 2009 Company 4 responded to: 15 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, and held 1 drill for a total of 16 alarms.

All SCBA bottles have been returned from hydrostatic testing and placed back into service.

Repairs for the cab lift controller are being currently being scheduled.

A request for one (1) set of high back suspenders.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Capt Brian Warner reported that for the month of April 2009 that Company 5 responded to: 18 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training and 3 drills for a total of 18 alarms.

Repairs to the seat belt are still being requested.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

Thanked all of the Captains and Asst Chief's that had assisted in the past drill held at the Hawthorne Spring Factory.

On behalf of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department and the Passaic Fire Department to the members who responded to the water rescue/ recovery operations.

A thanks was also given to all Assistant Chiefs that assisted with the Installation dinner.

This years Memorial Day Parade will encompass the annual inspection. Once times are given they will be distributed accordingly.

Mayor Goldberg has requested the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Junior's to assist in the set up and break down of a float for the Memorial Day Parade.

Van Dyk will be hosting their annual health fair **Wednesday May 13, 2009**. Anyone interested should contact Chief Speranza.

The Department has been assigned the logistics portion at the Hawthorne Day event. Anyone interested in this event sub-divisions will be formed.

A FEMA grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 is being made available for the replacement of Large Diameter Hose. This will not replace the current large diameter hose yet, will supplement as the current hose ages. Further it will also produce a saving's to the Borough residents.

Chief Speranza will be discussing with the Ladies Auxiliary as to a possible Department picnic slated for August 30, 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 11, 2009 - Open House / Fire Prevention

Committees:

Fire Prevention / In School Program: The report will be placed in each Asst. Chief's mailbox once received.

Training Committee: No report at this time.

Juniors Committee: There are three (3) more classes left and graduation will be scheduled thereafter.

Web Design: Any request that any members would be posted within 24- 48 hours.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time

Fund Drive: 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

Toy Drive: No report at this time

Communication Division: R2 George Zagatta reported that they responded to 8 box alarms, 4 details and held 4 trainings for a total of 16 Alarms.

One (1) new member has commenced training.

Vendor B & C will be in town to repair/ locate problematic issues within the Borough as well as re channel the mutual aid radio frequencies.

All members and it equipment are in good working order.

By Laws /Ordinance: a letter was submitted to the Borough's Ordinance Committee. Once a date is scheduled for a hearing it will be distributed accordingly.

Mutual Aid Meeting: 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: Darryl Foca was sworn in and assigned to Engine Company 3.

Company 1: Inquired as to the closing of Van Winkle Avenue in which the Department was never advised.

Chief Speranza stated that he too was not notified and he will discuss this with the Police Department, as this would slow down the response time of the Fire Department.

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.

Good & Welfare:

CO 1: Regrets for the passing of Diane Kennedy's brother.

CO 2: No report at this time

CO 3: No report at this time

CO 4: No report at this time

CO 5: FF Ralph Mantello has returned back from his extended medial leave. Annual Past diner will be held on May 09, 2009. See any member for tickets.

Chief Speranza: The Relief and Exempts meeting will be held on May 18, 2009 at Company 1. This will enable all that are interested to attend and ask questions.

Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to anyone from the floor wishing to be heard.

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

A Motion by Asst. Chief Van Ek, second by Asst. Chief Divincent that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary