



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on July 03, 2012.

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 to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Capt. 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 Motion was made by Asst. Chief Marsch.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Arturi and second from Asst. Chief Warner that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment:

### BILLS

Verizon Wireless	\$52.57	Tanis Hardware	\$170.93
Verizon	\$62.34	Verizon	\$52.57
Federated Emergency Service	\$195.70	All Mobile Equip.	\$978.00
Ruscon Truck Services	\$1,691.22	Ace Security	\$5,600.00
Federated Emergency Service	\$2,500.00	HawthorneAutoLab	\$474.80
All Hands Fire	\$342.89	All Hands Fire	\$1,632.398
Skyland's Fire Equip	\$12.00	Bob's Tire	\$158.00
Fire Fighter One	\$9,507.00	AT & T	\$48.55
Federated Emer Service	\$1,981.37	The Body Works	\$953.80
Insurance Restoration Service	\$79.40	Verizon	\$62.94
Insurance Restoration Service	\$1,200.00	Verizon	\$46.80
Verizon Wireless	\$120.41	Turn Out Uniforms	\$49.99
Ken's Auto Service	\$283.50	Air Purifiers	\$546.00
Riverside iron & Metals	\$723.84		
Federated Emer Service	\$2,184.54		
Federated Emer Service	\$453.94		

Asst. Chief Marsch inquired as to the repairs to Tower 2.

Chief Speranza advised that they were previously scheduled and Federated is to conduct the repairs in the near future.

### Communications:

- A medical note was received from Garden State Ortho Assoc. for FF Robert Taglibue extending his medical leave of absence from June 11, 2012- July 11, 2012.



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- Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek submitted a personal leave of absence from the dates of June 28, 2012 - July 06, 2012 and then again for July 21, 2012 to July 28, 2012.
- A letter was received from FF Justin Molnar who advised he has enlisted in the United States Army and requested a military leave of absence.

The Board reviewed FF Molnar request of military leave yet Asst. Chief Marsch advised that it was his understanding that he has enlisted yet will not start until 2013. He also stated that he was not notified of same and will further discuss with FF Molnar.

*The Board held rendering a decision until more information is received.*

### Company Reports:

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of June 2012, Company 1 responded to: 21 box alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 chiefs call, 1 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby's, 3 training's and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 29 alarms.

During a recent truck check, a loose wire was located that was not connected. The wire was then traced back and it was found that it provides power to various electronics located within the cab. Vendor Ken's Auto was contacted to make the necessary repairs.

Engine 1 is requesting a new gate valve for the 3 ½ inch supply line.

FF Leon Bay is back on active duty.

Aside from the above Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of June 2012, Company 2 responded to: 20 box alarms, 0 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual Aid call, 0 standbys, 0 training's, and held 3 drill (s) for a total of 23 alarms.

Received one (1) new pager.

Requested three (3) radio pagers for new members as well as gear is requested for three (3) new members.

Three (3) sets of gear were sent out for cleaning and received two (2) new bunker pants.

There are two (2) salvage tarps that remain at the Forest Avenue house fire site and they need to be returned.

There are minor issues with the Truck that were reported last month and still remain outstanding.

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

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### Company #3

Capt. Longo reported that for the month of June 2012, Company 3 responded to: 18 box alarms, 1 drill (s) 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarm, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and held 2 training's for a total of 21 alarms.

Engine 3 is awaiting repairs to the air service tanks.

One (1) oscillating warning light was replaced.

Seven (7) sets of gear have been sent out for testing and cleaning.

One (1) light box charger was received.

An application from Rick Greenberg was received from the Clerk.

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

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of June 2012, Company 4 responded to: 20 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standbys, 1 Chief call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill(s) for a total of 18 alarms.

A request was made to make repairs to the rear discharge and the 5" inch discharge valve that is not closing completely.

One (1) gas meter is still out for repairs.

FF Craig Irvolino has returned to active duty and has been placed on Class B Probationary status until further notice.

FF Robert Taglibue has sent in a medical leave extension and indicated that an extension is to follow.

Four (4) lengths of 1 ¾ red hose and 2 lengths of yellow 2 ½ inch hose are requested.

One (1) ICOM radio pager has been received.

Some members are still not receiving auto pages from E-Dispatch.

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

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### Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of June 2012, Company 5 responded to: 23 box alarms, 1 extrication, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 0 training, and 2 drills for a total of 26 alarms.

Vendor Campbell supply repaired various items on Rescue 5.

Requested one (1) windshield saw.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all members that participated in the annual DWI Hawthorne High School program. Expressed that this year's program had an impact on those who had attended.

In addition thanked the Hawthorne High School drama class whose performance was spectacular and drove the point home to their peers. Also, thanked Capt. Joseph Longo, Asst. Chief Brian Warner, Stacey Speranza, FF Travis Lodder and Company 5 members for assisting and making the program a huge success.

Chief Speranza stated that he is requesting a Department walk thru at the Washington Avenue Apartments so we are familiar with the property. He also mentioned that there is a lock box that contains a key to gain entrance in the event that the key holder is not available.

We have received the radio pagers and we are conducting a probationary period with several units. Once the probationary period expires, the remaining pagers will be distributed.

As to the fiber optics and narrow banding there has been no communication from the Borough as to its progress.

There is no bond for gear and the Department's gear are showing its age during the recent cleaning and inspection process. This is a huge concern that we have to further explore a remedy.

2 large scale Department drills are being planned.

The Training Center is entering phase 2. We need to repair the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor during this stage. Thanks to Engine 3 who has donated some furniture for the training center. Captains Dibella and Captain Sutherland will need to take a more proactive approach as to the center as they have been assigned this task and no progress has been made.

Most companies gear has been cleaned and or tested. Company 1 remains outstanding to complete this task.

September 24, 2012 a social event will take place at headquarters to reacquaint ourselves.

Due to extreme hot weather members need to keep hydrated and keep out of the heat when possible.

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On July 06, 2012 a Department presentation will be presented to the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade at 11:45 am and at the Boys Club at 10:30 am.

Vendor Campbell provided professional services when conducting the repairs to Rescue 5. We will continue to utilize them.

### Dates to Remember

**July 06, 2012- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade 11:45 am and Boys Club 10:30 am presentation.**

**September 24, 2012- Social Event- Headquarters 7:30 pm.**

**October 06, 2012- Hawthorne Day.**

### COMMITTEES

**Communication Division:** Responded to 3 alarms, 6 trainings and 1 driver training for a total of 10 alarms.

Unit 57 has issues with the light bar, the scene lights on both sides and the rotary lights.

Capt. Longo inquired who was responsible for the Unit 57 truck check.

*Chief Speranza advised that the Radio Division and the Cascade team are responsible for the truck checks. Since the Radio Division has been doing a great job with the maintenance they will continue and will be responsible for conducting the truck checks. They will also report accordingly via the monthly Fire Board.*

**Fire Prevention:** 55 Westervelt property is an ongoing concern and is constantly being monitored.

Capt. Longo advised that he has been monitoring the site and there are numerous hazards both obvious and hidden. All must take heed to this warning if we are requested to respond to that site.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** *No report at this time.*

**Junior's/ Explorer Program:** *No report at this time.*

**Safety Officer's:** *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.

**Mutual Aid Meeting:** No report at this time.

**Hawthorne Day:** No report at this time.

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**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Chairman George De Groot advised that there is no interest in the program and that the Committee will be disbanded. De Groot advised that there was no response from any company as to find raising ideas.

Asst. Chief Arturi advised it was discussed at Company 1 and they are in favor of a wet down type celebration.

All the other companies expressed that their company meetings are next week and by next Fire Board their ideas will be brought forward.

*Chief Speranza stated that if there is no interest from any company we will not move forward with this committee.*

**Memorial Park:** Chief inquired if the Department was interested in a Fire Truck Pull event as a fund raiser.

Chief Speranza also stated that Clerk Tripicchio had mentioned coin toss / tag day as a low impact fundraiser to kick start funds and progress from there. This will be further discussed after each company attends their monthly meetings and report back next Fire Board.

### **Old Business:**

Company 1: A majority of Company 1 members are in favor with the LED sign that will benefit the Department as a whole.

Company 2: Reported that one (1) gas meter and the MSA charger are missing. They also interviewed prospective Paterson resident and declined same as resident is 4.5 miles away and if they had to respond it would be 13-15 minutes with no traffic. Therefore it would not be conducive to either side.

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: Joseph Magnifico (CO1).

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

### **Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: Ex-Asst. Chief Robert Shannon is recovering.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time

Company 4: No report at this time

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Company 5: No report at this time.  
Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

**Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to public.**

Frank Orisi inquired as the companies call back from service do they provide the times and OCA or do companies need to call for them.

*Chief Speranza asked if Companies can call Unit 57 for the numbers if they are in service.*

Ex-Asst. Chief Mark Smith advised that 55 Westervelt is an ongoing issue why doesn't the Borough step in.

*Chief Speranza stated he has no answer for the Borough yet we will need to take the necessary steps to protect our members.*

*Chief also stated there are various vacant houses that we will need to take precautions if we are called to their locations.*

*Ex Asst. Chief Degroot inquired who is vendor All Mobile Equipment repairs.*

*Chief Speranza stated that this is FF William Seidels company who are conducting the minor repairs to Engine 3.*

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

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Warner, second by Asst. Chief Marsch that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Trippicchio*  
Board Secretary