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Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
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Minutes of the meeting held on February 03, 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: Lieut. John Arturi, 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: Asst. Chief John Gurriell.

MINUTES

The previous Minutes were read. A motion to accept the Minutes as read was made by Asst Chief DiVincent and Asst. Chief Gurriell.

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

BILLS

BC Communication	$184.00	Triangle Trophy	$135.00
Baudville	$173.68	Nassau Diagnostic	$350.00
Chief Supply	$2,701.30	Verizon	$29.65
Verizon	$53.11	DMS Computer LLC	$159.90
Penquin Communication	$720.00	Passaic County 200	$250.00
1st Responder Newspaper	$80.00	Ace Hardware	$131.41
AT&T	$50.88	Occupational Med	$210.00
Passaic Cnty Mutual Aid	$75.00	Ken's Auto Electric	$408.57
Verizon Wireless	$182.60	Aerial Inspection	$1,050.00
B/C Communication	$675.00	1st Priority Emergency	$2,542.72
David Maher	$40.00	Passaic County Comm.	$75.00
Ricoh America	$31.60	AAA Emergency	$690.00
AAA Emergency	$323.40	AAA Emergency	$202.50
Ken' Auto Electric	$105.00	AVAN Electric	$41.10
Ace Hardware (08Grant Line)	$1,359.75		

Communications:

- A thank you card was received from Florence Garaland and the Hauser family for the Departments condolences.
- A thank you note was received from Joann Van Hook for the flowers that the Department sent.
- A thank you letter was received by the residents of Kingston Avenue for the Departments Toy Drive visit.
- A leave of absence was requested by FF William Marra that would commence on December 15, 2008 and return on March 15, 2009.
- A communication from the Dover Fire Department's 135th Anniversary Parade. The parade will be held on June 6, 2009 For more info call parade chairman's at 973 714 6684 (copies to Chief's)
- A communication was received from the Township of Washington Fire Department's 75th years of service parade. The parade will be held on May 16, 2009. More info call 201 664 3292. (Copies to Chiefs)
- The NJ State Exempt Firemen's Assn. 27th Annual State Firemen's memorial Service will be hosted by the Waldwick Fire Department and the Waldwick Exempt Firemen's Assn. April 18, 2009 at 11:00 am. (Copies to Chief's).
- A memorandum was received from the Division of Fire Safety clarifying the process for volunteer firefighter candidates being fingerprinted and conducting a background check. This service will be conducted by the local Police Department. (Copies to Chief's)

The *Board approved the leave of absence for FF William Marra.*

Company Reports:

Company #1

Lieut. John Arturi reported for the month of January 2009 Company 1 responded to: 30 box alarms, held 4 training's, 0 drill's, 2 radio alarms and 2 still alarm for a total of 38 alarms.

A leave of absence was requested by FF William Marra that for three (3) months beginning on December 15, 2008.

An application was handed to Scott Finch for completion.

One (1) Scott Proton CO Detector.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Vanderhook reported for the month of January 2009 Company 2 responded to: 28 box alarms, held 2 drills, 0 radio alarms, 3 mutual aid calls and 0 still alarms for a total of 33 alarms.

Company 2 received two (2) MT 1000 low band batteries. Company 2 has not received the five (5) stream lights that were previously requested.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of January 2009 Company 3 responded to: 29 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 1 drill, 0 mutual aid call, 1 still alarms and 1 training for a total of 32 alarms.

Vendor, Ken's Auto Electric, repaired the air horn on the apparatus.

The gas pistons for two (2) compartments are beginning to fail and will need repair or will need to be replaced.

Engine 3 is requesting a new battery pack for the Bosch cordless tools.

Engine 3 received the traffic safety vests and the members were instructed on their use. One (1) Scott Proton CO detector was received.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of January 2009 Company 4 responded to: 31 box alarms, 2 still alarm's, 0 radio alarm, and held 1 drill's for a total of 34 alarms.

Engine 4 passenger side intake drain valve is still waiting for repair. Vendor First Priority will need to be re-contacted for this service.

Ken's Auto Service repaired the power to the light tower. Engine 4 received one (1) Proton Co Detector.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief John Gurriell reported that for the month of January 2009 that Company 5 responded to: 35 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training and 2 drills for a total of 37 alarms.

Rescue 5's is still in need of an oxygen sensor for the multi gas meter. One (1) of the seatbelts in the cab is broken and is in need of repair.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

Thanked all members that attended Fire Chaplains Mnsgr. George Hundt's farewell service.

The Department will be purchasing seventy five (75) carbon monoxide detectors from Ace Hardware. These funds will be encumbered from and close out the 2008 Homeland Security Grant.

The Departments SOP'S states that all members that "on scene" shall don their turnout gear and SCBA. It is specifically encouraged that the Officers set the example for other's to follow.

Meetings are being scheduled for the Department's Committee's to solidify the Department's outlook and direction of 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 15, 2009 - Ladder testing
March 21, 2009 - (Tentative Installation Dinner)
September 26, 2009 Rain Date 09 27 09 (Tentative) Borough of Hawthorne Picnic
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.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time

Fund Drive: No report at this time.

In School Program: Lt. Dibella handed a three (3) page report on the Creative Safety program.

Chief Speranza will further discuss the discontinuance of this program at the next Chief's meeting.

Van Hook Scholarship: No report at this time.

Open House: No report at this time

Toy Drive: No report at this time

Communication Division: Attended the scheduled meeting by the Chief. They will provide and attended the monthly Fire Board meetings. SOG'S are being developed for radio communication as well as discussion of proper radio identification to insure safety of the fire fighter. Will be requesting any past Cascade / Radio Room members or additional HAMM radio operator's to join the Radio Communication Division.

By Laws /Ordinance: Lieut. John Arturi Ordinances requested that minor changes be made to 17- 6C.

Mutual Aid Meeting: Mutual Aid President -Chief Speranza informed that the Association is looking into CEVO driver's training. Once we learn more the Department will schedule same. The Clifton Fire Department will "house" the homeland security DECON truck.

The State of NJ is now requiring that each Department to review their Mutual Aid plan and to identify the arriving equipment with addresses that they arriving from example: Hawthorne - Engine Company 4, not Engine Company 4.

If a second alarm is struck and the Task Coordinator is not available it is required to contact the County Coordinator.

The Mutual Aid meetings will continue to be held at the Fire Academy. The February 19, 2009 meeting will be held at the Tides and will include dinner.

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: Anthony Manzo III was sworn in and assigned to Rescue Company 5.

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: Requested that we should be cognizant and not schedule any functions around the Wildwood Convention week due to limited members.

Chief Speranza acknowledged same.

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 opened questions for Board on the 2nd reading of the Ordinances.

Lt. Arturi reiterated the changes that need to be made on Ordinance 17-6 C, and 17- 2-B. The Board agreed with the changes.

Chief Speranza then opened the meeting for questions from the public as to the Ordinance's. No questions were received from the public.

Chief Speranza re opened the meeting to the Board.

The requested changes will be made and will be voted on at the 3rd and final reading at next Fire Board. Once accepted they would be submitted to The Borough Attorney Michael Pasquale for further review.

Good & Welfare:

CO 1: **March 14, 2009 - Annual Comedy Dinner** $35 donations. See any Company 1 member for tickets. FF William Marra injured his back and is recovering.

CO 2: FF Jacob Baum's wife, Joyce Baum is still recovering.

CO 3: No report at this time

CO 4: Will be hosting their annual Valentine's Day Rose sale on **February 12, 13 & 14th 2009.**

CO 5: Reported that FF Dominic Savastano and FF Ralph Mantello are continuing rehabilitation and will both remain on medical leave. FF Donald Kinnard will be requesting a medical leave. Once the medical note is received it will be handed to the Clerk

Chief: tentative dates for the Borough Picnic are September 26, 2009 with a rain date of September 27, 2009.

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