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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on April 01, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Joseph Speranza at 7:30pm with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for West Milford, NJ Fallen Fire Fighter, Ray Barrett. In attendance to this meeting was Engine Company 1: Lieut. John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Captain 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

A Motion by Asst. Chief Gurriell and a second by Asst. Geier, that the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed as they were previously distributed to the Board.

BILLS

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

Verizon	\$53.45	Verizon	\$25.48
AT & T	\$40.22	Occupational Medical	\$195.00
Pac Tools I	\$605.65	Saturn Software	\$300.00
Gilby's	\$84.00	Atlantic Screen Printing	\$280.00
Verizon Wireless	\$123.86	The Fire Store	\$54.98
The Fire Store	\$78.97	AAA Emergency	\$233.40
Chief Supply	\$480.20	Northern NJ Council	\$308.00
1 st Priority	\$802.16	Ace Hardware	\$32.98
MES	\$2,365.25	The Body Works	\$2,231.78
U Line	\$571.55	Chief Supply	\$197.97
Ken's Auto	\$322.00	State Line Fire Safety	\$94.80
Bob's Tires	\$500.00	Crucial Memory	\$53.99

Communications:

- A thank you letter was received from resident Gloria Dunn, thanking Company 3 for attending their child's Birthday party.

- A thank you card was received from the La Forgia (Tripicchio) family for the beautiful flowers that were received sent.
- A letter from FF Robert Tagliabue informing the return from his leave of absence, effective March 17, 2008.
- A (3) three month medical leave of absence was requested by FF James Bakker due to hip replacement surgery effective March 31, 2008 with return date of June 1, 2008.
- A military leave of absence was requested by Vincent Corasio Jr. as he has enlisted in the Navy.
- A letter was received from the Office of Senator John Girgenti requesting the Department to consider donations for Corporal Shane Ugliono of Hawthorne who was injured while on patrol in Iraq. Donations may be made payable to Corporal Shane Ugliono and mailed to: John A. Girgenti Civic League P.O. Box 341 Hawthorne, NJ 07506.
- A communication was received from Rifle Camp Fire Co. No. 3. who will be hosting their 18th annual Firematic Expo on Sunday April 27th, 2008 between 10am – 4pm. For information contact Ernie Berthold at (973) 777-9630.
- A letter was received from Captain Joseph Longo thanking the Board for accepting Aric Longo into the Department. The letter also requested permission from the Board to commence Aric Longo's Oath of Office after Fire Board due to a previous conflicting engagement.
- A letter was received from Fire Company 1 advising the Board that FF Tim Shipman is in violation of Borough Ordinance 17-3.
- A request was received from FF Frank Vittorio (Committee Chairman of the Keith Van Hook Memorial) seeking approval to hold a clam bake which would be held on Sunday June 22, 2008 with a rain date of Sunday, June 29, 2008. If approved additional approval will be requested from the Borough to use the picnic area of the Hawthorne Municipal Pool.
(*Board approved clam bake)
- A letter of intent was received from Steve Butchyk, requesting to become a member of Tower Co. 2.

**A motion to accept the medical and military leaves were approved by the Board.*

Company Reports:

Company #1

Lieut. Arturi reported for the month of March, 2008 CO 1 responded to: 20 box alarms, held 4 trainings, 1 Drills, 6 radio alarms and 1 still alarms for a total of 32 alarms.

A letter was received from FF Vincent Corasio Jr. requesting a military leave.

A letter was sent to FF Tim Shipman requesting that he was to meet with the Company officers. FF Shipman failed to respond in which the Board will be notified accordingly.

Several phone calls were placed to vendor Fire and Safety to repair the front suction as it is currently inoperable. It was also requested that Fire & Safety perform the repairs within the Borough.

All firefighters and equipment other than the previously mentioned are in good working order.

Company #2

Captain DiVincent reported for the month of March, 2008 CO 2 responded to: 21 box alarms, held 1 drill, 0 radio alarms, 0 Mutual aid call and 5 still alarms for a total of 27 alarms.

The driver's side mud flap was replaced by vendor, First Priority.

Also, the driver's side rotator was repaired.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of March, 2008 Engine 3 responded to: 21 box alarms, 1 radio alarms, held 1 drill, 0 mutual aid calls, 3 still alarms for a total of 26 alarms.

The vendor 1st Priority has repaired the braking system. They will also be returning to repair a sending unit for the secondary air system and to replace the air actuator for the front suction.

One of the rotators of the light bar has been replaced with LED's. CO 3 will continue to replace all bulbs that burn out with LED'S

FF Scott Singletary has responded to the letters and reiterated that he would like to remain in active status. It was also noted that that his performance will be re-evaluated in 4 weeks.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Capt. Michael Nelson reported for the month of March, 2008 Engine 4 responded to: 19 box alarms, 0 still alarm, 5 radio alarms, and held 2 drills for a total of 26 alarms.

A stream light box charger base and 3 stream light survivor light batteries were received.

Engine 4 is requesting repairs to (1) one SCOTT bottle which was damaged at the 5th Avenue fire.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Gurriell reported that for the month of March, 2008 that Company 5 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 trainings and held 3 drills for a total of 25 alarms.

A Scott multi-gas meter has been repaired and is back in service.

FF Ralph Mantello remains on medical leave and is doing well.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

I would like to thank our members whom either attended the services or participated on scene for FF Ray Barrett of the West Milford FD.

A reminder: The annual installation dinner will be held on **Saturday April 26th** at 7:00 PM at The Barnyard and Carriage House, Totowa NJ. Coverage will be provided at Fire Headquarters and at Engine 3.

I have forwarded a copy of the seminars to the Asst Chief's which are being conducted on May 15th, 2008 by the Passaic County Mutual Aid Association, concerning CTI Heart Scans.

It is highly recommended that all members are to attend the (45) forty five minute seminar on the heart scooping procedure.

St. Joseph's Hospital will be offering the heart scan at a cost of \$150.00 per member. As details become readily available they will be disseminated accordingly.

The Department AEDS pads will need to be replaced over the next few weeks due to their expiration.

The potential for a minor drill over the next couple of days is likely for a house that is being demolished on Kenwood Avenue.

North Jersey Fire Protection has advised the department that they have moved some sprinklers. (copies will be submitted to the Chiefs)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 26, 2008- Installation Dinner 2008
May 6, 2008 – Tricky Tray (Ladies Auxiliary)

Committees:

Fire Prevention / In School Program: Will be placed in each Asst Chief's mailbox.

Training Committee: Monday, April 28, 2008 - Chief Moran and Lieut. Lewis will conduct R.I.T. Awareness for the entire Department. The May Day program will be scheduled shortly.

Ladies Auxiliary: **May 6, 2008 – Tricky Tray.** Tickets \$35.00 contact Dot Geier.

Communication Committee: No report at this time.

Fund Drive: No report at this time.

Scholarship: The recipients have already been chosen.

Old Business:

Company 1: None to report at this time.

Company 2: None to report at this time.

Company 3: None report at this time.

Company 4: Requested that the Chief send a communication to re-advise Police Department dispatchers of the Fire Department protocols.

Company 5: None to report at this time.

Chiefs Report: None to report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Donald Kanaar III (CO 5)
Aric Longo (CO 3) (*after Fire Board)

Company 1: None to report at this time

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: None to report at this time

Company 4: None to report at this time

Company 5: None to report at this time

Good & Welfare:

CO 1: FF Tom Kennedy has returned from the hospital and is doing well.

CO 2: Asst. Chief Vanderhook's wife gave birth to a baby boy.

CO 3: Florence Bay passed away. FF Jim Bakker will be having hip surgery.

CO 4: No report at this time

CO5: No report at this time

Chief Speranza thanked all members that attended Florence Bay and the Grillo family visitations.

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

FF Vittorio thanked the board for approving the clam bake and looks forward to the Departments participation in making it a successful event. Also requested liability insurance certification for the event.

Chief Speranza indicated that the permit must be secured by the Borough Safety Department Jennifer Scully..

Ladies Auxillary President Julie Hill requested a pager.

Chief Speranza indicated that currently there are no pagers available due to the supply and demand which is 1st and foremost for the Fire Fighters. Any additional pagers that are repaired are kept in stock for the Fire Fighters This is due to the limited budget are unable to provide every Department member with a pager.

Don Kanaar, III stated that the West Milford members at the Passaic County Fire Academy have expressed the thanks for attending FF Ray Barrett funeral and for also assisting with responding.

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

Motion by Asst. Chief Van Ek second by Asst. Geier the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary