



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on August 05, 2008.

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. Chief Mark Smith, Tower Company 2: Capt. Anthony DiVincent, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief John Gurriell.

MINUTES

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

BILLS

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

Verizon	\$53.34	Verizon	\$25.75
AT & T	\$48.28	CO 1-4 rent	\$6,200.00
CO 5 rent	\$450.00	Asst. Chief 1-5	\$150.00
Chief Speranza	\$30.00	Clerk Tripicchio	\$30.00
CO 1-5 phone	\$225.00	B & C Communication	\$117.00
AAA Emergency	\$564.30	Ace Hardware	\$13.99
Verizon Wireless	\$125.87	The Fire Store	\$474.49

Communications:

- Thank you letters from FF Ken Silvestri and Ambulance Chief Ken Houtsma flowers/ gifts sent to them by the Department during their time of illness.
- Thank you letter was received from the Pataki and FF Hill's family for the Department's support during the time of need on the passing of Mr. Pataki.
- East Brunswick Township Fire Department submitted letter asking for donations for a Firefighter Tom Lukowski who is attending chemotherapy for a tumor and is incurring medical expenses beyond the family's financial abilities. (copies to Asst. Chief's)

- 27th Annual Antique show September 20, 2008, at the NJ Fireman's home from 9am to 5pm (rain or shine).
- A letter from FF Ralph Mantello updating the Board of his medical condition and is requesting an extended medical leave of absence due to ongoing medical issues.
- The Chamber of Commerce expressed their thanks for the Department attending the annual Fourth of July fireworks and donated \$200 to the department.
- A letter was received from FF Ted Toms II requesting a transfer to Rescue Company 5.
- William Brauch submitted a letter to the Department requesting consideration for Associate membership.

The Board requested FF Ralph Mantello to secure a medical note from a doctor as to the time he is requesting to extending the medical leave.

FF Toms transfer was discussed and the transfer paperwork has been handed to Company 2 for further processing.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst Chief Smith reported for the month of July 2008 CO 1 responded to: 26 box alarms, held 3 training, 1 drill, 0 radio alarms and 1 still alarm for a total of 31 alarms.

One SCBA is still out for repairs.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Capt DiVincent reported for the month of July 2008 CO 2 responded to: 23 box alarms, held 2 drills, 0 radio alarms, 3 mutual aid calls and 0 still alarms for a total of 28 alarms.

The driver side snow chains and bracket are waiting repairs once a mechanic is available.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of July 2008 Engine 3 responded to: 27 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 2 drill's, 1 mutual aid call, 2 still alarms and 0 training for a total of 32 alarms.

The tripod light has been repaired and the rear lights of the apparatus have been replaced by Led's.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of July 2008 Engine 4 responded to: 27 box alarms, 2 still alarm, 2 radio alarms, and held 2 drill's for a total of 33 alarms.

One battery for the radio and a stream light box charger is being requested.

The apparatus was serviced by First Priority for minor repairs.

Company 4 received two 1 ¾ pony length hose that have been placed into service.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst Chief Gurriell reported that for the month of July 2008 that Company 5 responded to: 29 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training and 2 drills for a total of 31 alarms.

The Rescue trucks canopy will be repaired by First Priority and the required part has been ordered.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

There will be a drill at Hawthorne High School either on Sunday August 24 or Monday August 25. Once the dates are confirmed they will be announced. Prior to the drill the Safety Officers will also attend the meeting prior to the scheduled drill.

The drill at Brockhuizen lane has been postponed until after the Borough Council has their meeting to discuss the ongoing issues.

Engine 4 will be undergoing the annual maintenance and service in September.

The training center needs work to be completed so that we may utilize more efficiently. The summer is winding down and we will need to concentrate on the site being cleaned up and be ready for phase 1.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 25 / 26 2008 - Hawthorne High School Drill.

October 22, 2008- Ladies Auxiliary fish & chips

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: Requesting status of County identification cards.

Chief Speranza stated that in order to secure a county Id it must be scheduled with the county clerk's office.

The Ladies Auxiliary van has been inhabited by bee's and will be moved to a different location at Headquarters.

The 3rd annual Fish & Chips dinner will be held on October 22, 2008.

Communication Committee: 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: Open House is near and assignments will be distributed by next Fire Board. Last year was a success and we will look to bring in more vendors. All suggestions are welcomed.

Bon Fire: No report at this time.

By Laws Ordinance: No report at this time.

Old Business:

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: Requested the status of returning to the traditional annual inspection.

**The Board will further discuss at the next Chief's meeting.*

Company 3: Requesting if there is any make up dates for the OSHA classes as well as any scheduling for the remaining mandated classes.

Chief Speranza stated that Safety Director Jennifer Scully will be contacted to secure dates for the mandated classes.

Company 4: Requesting batteries for radios as well as 2 pairs of boots.

Chief Speranza stated that the both have been ordered and should be arriving shortly.

Company 5: Requested the dates of the leadership camp.

Chief Speranza re-confirmed that the dates for leadership camp are August 18-22, 2008.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: None at this time

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

Chief: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

CO 1: Hilda Malandrino had surgery and is recovering at home.

CO 2: FF Carloyn Webber had minor surgery and is recovering at home.

CO 3: FF Both FF Al Anema and FF Ken Silvestri are recuperating for their respective surgeries.

CO 4: No report at this time.

CO5: FF Ralph Mantello had surgery and is currently on medical leave.

Chief: No report at this time.

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

FF Kenneth Silvestri alerted the Board that on Thursday August 07, 2008 the annual exempts meeting will be held in Wayne's Company #4 located on Parish Drive at 7:00pm.

Chief Speranza encouraged all members to attend to support the event.

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

A Motion by Asst. Chief Geier, second by Asst. Chief Smith that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary