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Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
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Minutes of the meeting held on June 02, 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 DiVincet, 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 DiVincet.

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

BILLS

Verizon Wireless	\$153.83	Verizon	\$29.76
Verizon	\$29.76	AT&T	\$56.09
B&C Communication	\$399.00	Jarad Van Ek	152.02
Darley	\$371.99	Trilex	\$165.75
Fire Companies	\$839.96	Ace Hardware	\$108.20
Triangle Trophy	\$159.00	Somes Uniform	\$80.00
Guard Line	\$1,482.00	Guard Line	\$919.95
Ken's Auto	\$237.86	Don's Auto	\$191.00
Chief Supply	\$353.99	1 st Priority	\$880.20
Advanced Air System	\$278.75	AAA Emergency	\$320.00

Communications:

- A thank you note was received from FF Tom Bakker Sr. for the flowers and well wishes sent by the Department.
- A letter from Mayor Richard Goldberg thanking the Department for attending the Memorial Day Parade.
- A letter from FF William Marra returning to active duty.

CORE: STATEMENT
Volunteers providing a professional service in
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention
to the citizens of Hawthorne.

(Last week's Minutes read that the Board accepted the medical leave of absence of FF John Ydo which should of read; a resignation letter was receive in which the Board accepted same with regrets.)

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Mark Smith reported that for the month of May 2009 responded to: 11 box alarms, held 3 training's, 1 drill, 2 radio alarms and 1 still alarm for a total of 17 alarms.

Received a letter from FF Bill Marra that he is ending his leave of absence. As of May 19, 2009, Junior FF Zack Hein has left Engine 1 to continue his rounds of fire companies.

Engine 1 is in fair working condition.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief DiVincent reported for the month of May 2009 responded to: 10 box alarms, held 0 drills, for a total of 10 alarms.

Company 2 has received two (2) 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 May 2009 responded to: 13 box alarms, 1 radio alarm, held 1 drill, 1 chief's call, 1 still alarm and 0 training for a total of 17 alarms.

The mobile radios on the apparatus have been reprogrammed.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of May 2009, Company 4 responded to: 14 box alarms, 1 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 0 chiefs calls, and held 1 drill for a total of 16 alarms.

As of 5/27/2009, Master Sergeant Frank Giannantonio will be on military leave for training at Fort Hunter-Liggett, California. Scheduled date for return is 6/29/2009.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Capt. Brian Warner reported that for the month of May 2009, Company 5 responded to: 16 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 1 drill and 2 work details for a total of 20 alarms.

Seat belt repairs were completed. The cab windows issue had been identified as a warranty issue. The parts have been ordered and will be repaired.

Ted Thomas, Jason Rees, and Craig Irvolino have completed the Confined Space Operations training class.

Thanks to those who supported the pasta dinner.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief:

I would like to welcome Nikki McLean to our ranks as a fire fighter. She was sworn in last night due to fire school attendance this evening.

With cooperation of the Borough we will be completing the process to enable us to have a Department picnic on August 30th. A recommendation was made to host our graduation ceremony for our Juniors program at that time. A head count will be required in order to keep the event affordable. The location of the picnic will be determined.

A reminder that there will be NO 4th of July fireworks display this year. The Chamber funding is not available.

The Hawthorne Day picnic will be held on September 26th. This will include a fireworks display. In a meeting with the Garden State Fireworks we have been approved to utilize 4" shells from the area of the Bocce Ball Court near the Municipal pool area.

Tomorrow at 8:30am, the Department will be hosting a DUI scenario event at the Hawthorne High School. This event will begin promptly at 8:50 AM and last until 10:30 AM. Press coverage will be on hand and this will be a high profile event for the FD/EMS/PD to benefit our students.

The Department has been requested to accept the County tender which has been housed with the NH FD over the past 2 years. A decision from the Board will be forwarded to the proper personnel.

We have received confirmation that all 50 states have now identified the swine flu.

Foreclosure are becoming more and more common due to the economy. We need to be aware of some in our area.

NJ Division of Fire & Safety is proposing Fire Officer's criteria that will include numerous hours in future courses.

President Obama's stimulus package includes grants that are referred to as "shovel in". This particular grant involves creating jobs in construction for the updating Fire Houses.

There is also a grant available for the Junior's Program which requires a 150 word or less essay submitted for consideration.

There is a "Dormitory Sprinkler Bill" that would require all new construction of one (1) to two (2) family dwellings to have residential sprinklers.

I would like to thank all of our members for their cooperation with our inspection and Memorial Day parade. Also thanks to Company 1, for hosting the Relief/ Exempt's special meeting.

Finally, I would like to remind our Chiefs that I will be on vacation from June 26th-July 2nd. Contact information for each Asst. Chief will be forwarded to the police department.

Dates to Remember:

June 5, 2009: DUI simulated drill

June 16, 2009: Officer's meeting: Easy Spanish for Fire Fighters

June 17, 2009: Smokehouse drill (Company officer's)

June 24, 2009: Safety Officer's Meeting

September 26, 2009: Borough Picnic

Communication Division responded to 7 alarms, ran 4 work details and held 3 meetings and participated in 1 mutual aid drill with the Wyckoff FD. As of May 1, 2009, all members, radio, computer and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Field Comm are in good working order.

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

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time

Juniors: The Junior's will be rotating again this month.

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:

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Request to attend the West Paterson 100 year Anniversary.

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: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Nikki McLean will be graduating from HHS & Jacob Gaetcher will be graduating from DePaul.

Company 4: Joseph Mascari had a kidney infection and is now recovering. Dot Geier is also recovering from a minor stroke.

Company 5: Julie Hill had surgery and is now recovering.

Chiefs Report: 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.

Kenneth Silvestri provided an update of the Firemen's home. Also, requested the Board to appreciate Ralph Malandrino for maintaining the FD memorial at the Borough Hall.

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

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Geier, second by Asst. Chief Van Ek that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary