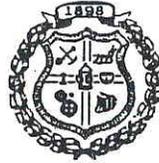


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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on November 04, 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: Asst. Chief Brian Vanderhook, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Jim Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief John Gurriell.

MINUTES

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

AT &T	\$48.64	B/C Communication	\$469.00
Ace Hardware	\$68.32	Dell Garden Center	\$38.50
Luschers Automotive	\$1,501.81	The Fire Store	\$2,701.95
Tee FX Screening	\$936.00	Ace Hardware	\$320.10
Stephanie Hill	\$65.00	Ed Sutherland	\$65.00
Jason Rees	\$65.00	Brian Patmos	\$65.00
John Gurriell	\$65.00	Bill Barclay	\$65.00
Brian Warner	\$65.00	Brian Warner	\$65.00
Sal Occupinti	\$65.00	HFD Reimbursement	\$660.25
HFD Reimbursement	\$147.63	Verizon Wireless	\$123.29
Verizon	\$55.49	Verizon	\$29.47
Ridgewood Press	\$627.25	Ken's Auto	\$339.00
State Line Fire	\$4,993.00	AAA Emergency	\$118.00
AAA Emergency	\$289.00	NJ State Vol. Assoc.	\$25.00
Darley	\$224.64	Midland Park Auto	\$55.68

Communications:

- A thank you letter was received from the Boonton's Fireman's Home thanking the Department for the donation to the Home.
- A thank you letter was received from Roosevelt Elementary School principal Joseph Brislin, thanking the members that attended Fire Prevention Week at their school.

- A medical letter was received for FF Tom Baker Jr. stating that he will be on medical leave beginning on 10 01 08 until the leg injury is resolved.
- A medical letter was received for FF Devin Hughes advising he is able to return to full active duty on November 04, 2008.
- A medical note was received for Junior FF Nicolette McLean requesting a medical leave for approximately 6-8 weeks. The medical leave will commence on October 27, 2008.
- Letters was received from Borough residents Hector Raices (CO5) & John Dorval (CO2) requesting to join the Department.
- The completed transfer paperwork was received from Company 5 on behalf of FF Theodore Thoms III.
- Completed applications for Jacob Gaechter (CO3) and Robert VanDuesen (CO4) were received.

The Board collectively approved the medical leaves of absence, the transfer and both applications.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Smith reported for the month of October 2008 CO 1 responded to: 30 box alarms, held 4 training, 0 drill's, 0 radio alarms and 1 still alarm for a total of 35 alarms.

Engine 1's auto eject was replaced.

Engine 1 year end total of alarms were 336.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Vanderhook reported for the month of October 2008 CO 2 responded to: 23 box alarms, held 02 drills, 0 radio alarms, 2 mutual aid calls and 0 still alarms for a total of 27 alarms.

Company 2 was in receipt of one Akron nozzle.

Company's 2 auto eject was replaced.

The year end of alarms were 337.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of October 2008 Engine 3 responded to: 31 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 1 drills, 0 mutual aid call, 0 still alarms and 1 training for a total of 33 alarms.

The year end alarms were 333.

First Priority has replaced the drain hose which had caused the occurring pump drafting issue. The pump was tested and has been retrained to working order.

Company 3 received one 2 ½ to 1 ½ gated wye along with Akron nozzle.

FF Tom Baker Jr. and Junior FF Nicolette Mc Lean are both out on medical leave.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of October 2008 Engine 4 responded to: 33 box alarms, 2 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, and held 1 drill for a total of 36 alarms.

The year end alarms were 334.

Asst. Chief Geier reported that he will be out of town beginning November 5, and will be returning on November 12, 2008.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Gurrieli reported that for the month of October 2008 that Company 5 responded to: 30 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 1 training and 3 drills for a total of 34 alarms.

The year end alarms were 335

A MACH 2 cutter for the Hurst system has been received and will be placed back in service. This was replaced as result of the previous cutter failed during the Fire Prevention.

The boat motor is currently being worked on.

The multi gas and the natural gas meters are in need of calibration gases. Theodore Thoms III transfer paperwork was turned in for Board approval.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

Chief thanked all of the members that assisted in the Training Center clean up. Downes Tree Service will now be able to assist the Department in moving the blocks for the training center.

The Chief also thanked the Department members that attended the Open House along with the clean up of Headquarters prior to the event.

The Departments Open house will return to the previous format to insure that the Fire Prevention provides the clear message. It was also discussed that the Department would no longer combine with any other Borough event. The date of the Open House will be **October 11, 2009** from the hours of 12 – 4 pm.

The OSHA mandated physicals were scheduled and attended by 92 of the Department members. Any member that does not complete the physical will not be able to operate on Fire Ground. Any member wishing to attend the physical would need to do so on the make-up date **December 14, 2008**. These physicals will be held in North Haledon, the times will soon follow.

A reminder that any member that has NOT completed the OSHA mandated classes will be required to do so. The dates for make-up are **November 24, 2008 and December 21, 2008**. These classes will be held at the Borough Hall. Those who will need to attend must advise Chief Joseph Speranza so that the names may be submitted prior to November 15, 2008 to Safety Director, Jennifer Skully.

The Memorial Breakfast will be held on **November 16, 2008** at the St. Anthony's RC Church. The service will commence at 8:30. All Department members that plan to attend must be in full dress and arrive promptly at the St. Anthony Church by 8:00am.

The annual bon fire will take place on **December 27, 2009**. Times and menu will follow.

It was announced that should Chief Speranza be unable to attend the 2009 Wildwood Convention the designee would be Captain Joseph Longo who would attend in place of Chief Joseph Speranza. This will insure so that we properly represented.

Due to the oncoming colder season will be encountering more carbon monoxide response as well as colder weather. With the season we will need to monitor the equipment and the condition of the members. Coupled with the colder weather we will be responding to more carbon monoxide responses. It is requested that we approach these calls with due caution. A reminder any member entering a building for a carbon monoxide response that **MUST** have their SCBA on and that we meter the air properly.

We will have an opportunity to perform a drill on house that will be demolished. The opportunity for the drill will be on Thursday, November 06, 2008. All Companies are urged to participate.

The ladder testing will take place in February 2009. The dates and times have yet to be confirmed.

Due to the new Safety Highway laws that is now in place it is required for all members to wear a safety vest when operating on two lane or more highway. The vests are currently on order and will be handed out to each company once they are received.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 06, 2008 Department drill
November 16, 2008 Memorial Breakfast (8:00 am full dress/8:30 service)
November 24, 2008 and December 21, 2008 (OSHA classes make-up)

December 5, 2008 Borough Santa's Parade (times to follow)
December 14, 2008 Make up Date for OSHA Physicals (times to follow)
December 27, 2009 Bon Fire (times to follow)

February 2009 (ladder testing)
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: Reported that due to the success of the coin toss they will be conducting two coin tosses in 2009. One will be conducted in the spring and the other in the Fall of 2009.

Communication Committee: No report at this time.

Fund Drive: Disbursements are being issued to each Company respectfully.

In School Program: No report at this time

Van Hook Scholarship: No report at this time.

Open House: No report at this time

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 status of the CEU cards
**Chief Speranza advised that he would secure the CEU cards.*

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: Jacob Gaechter and Robert Van Duesen were both sworn into the Department.

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: Inquired as to the Division of Fire & Safety's Fire Fighter challenge test.

Chief Speranza stated that this test is being challenged by the Passaic County Mutual Aid Association. Once further details are known it will be distributed.

Chief: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

CO 1: FF Tom Kennedy will be having back surgery.

CO 2: Inquired as to dates of the Toy Drive

Chief Speranza stated that Ex Ass.t Chief Richard McAuliffe is handling same and that no dates have been yet determined.

CO 3: FF Tom Baker Jr. & Junior FF Nicolette Mclean are both out on medical leave. FF Henry Joustra is recovering.

CO 4: FF Devin Hughes was out on medical leave and has returned to active duty.

CO5: No report at this time.

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.

Lieut. David Sylvester inquired as to the Golf Outing.

Chief Speranza stated that due to this year economy the Golf Outing was placed on hold and we should reconsider the thought for 2009.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary