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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on December 02, 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: 1st Lieutenant John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief Brian Vanderhook, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Capt. Brain Warner.

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

AT&T	\$54.14	Morris County Marine	\$1,582.42
HFD Reimbursement	\$284.41	Ace Hardware	\$130.71
Ken's Auto Electric	\$146.50	AAA Emergency	\$3,413.10
Ken's Auto Electric	957.30	Ridgewood Press	\$109.00
Ronald Hill	\$65.00	Fregman Power Equip.	\$352.00
HFD Reimbursement	\$59.76	Somes Uniforms	\$1,025.00
MES	\$261.32	BC Communication	\$686.62
BC Communication	\$399.00	Stephens Publishing	\$1,151.74
1st Priority	\$1,618.35	Ridgewood Typewriter	\$83.66
Nassau Diagnostic's	\$17,675.00	Pro Copy	\$180.00
CO 1,2,3,4,5	\$8,450.00	Tri Air Testing	\$590.00
BC Communication	\$1291.50	BC Communication	\$3,105.75
AAA Emergency	\$374.63	Fire Safety USA	\$2,925.00
Stewarts Deli	\$776.50	Verizon Wireless	\$129.69
Verizon	\$29.52	Verizon	\$53.61
Clerk John Tripicchio	\$30.00	Chief Joseph Speranza	\$30.00
Asst. Chief Mark Smith	\$30.00	Asst Chief Brian Vanderhook	\$30.00
Asst. Chief Jarad Van Ek	\$30.00	Asst, Chief James Geier	\$30.00

CORE: STATEMENT

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

Asst Chief John Guerrill \$30.00

Co 1, 2,3,4,5

\$225.00

Communications:

- A leave of absence was requested by FF Leon Bay that would begin on December 02 2008, and return on March 31, 2009.

The Board approved the leave of absence.

Company Reports:

Company #1

1st Lieutenant Arturi reported for the month of November 2008 CO 1 responded to: 24 box alarms, held 1 training, 0 drill's, 0 radio alarms and 2 still alarm for a total of 27 alarms.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Vanderhook reported for the month of November 2008 CO 2 responded to: 22 box alarms, held 3 drills, 0 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid calls and 0 still alarms for a total of 25 alarms.

The truck's fuel injectors were in need of repair. The service provided revealed that six (6) of the fuel injectors needed to be replaced. The truck was repaired and is now back in service.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of November 2008 Engine 3 responded to: 21 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 3 drills, 0 mutual aid call, 2 still alarms and 0 training for a total of 26 alarms.

The air horn on the apparatus is in need of repair.

Company 3 and it's members received and reviewed the Departments Accountability SOG.

FF Tom Baker Jr. has returned to active duty as of November 11,2008.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of November 2008 Engine 4 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, and held 2 drills for a total of 24 alarms.

Engine 4 is in need of various parts. They are listed as follows: the passenger side 2 ½ inch intake, the passenger side drain valve, one (1) 2 ½ inch 30 degree elbow, one (1) 3 ½ to 2 ½ reducer and four (4) spanner wrenches.

Engine 4 has also been utilizing the previous apparatus (1984 Hahn) primary fittings in which are all in need to be replaced due to their age and constant issues/ The following will need to be replaced; One (1) 2 ½ inch male – 3 ½ inch female swivel with cap, two (2) 2 ½ inch female to ½ inch male adaptor with cap, and two (2) 3 ½ inch male to 2 ½ inch female swivel.

At the regular meeting held on November 11, 2008 the members of Engine 4 closed all nominations. Both the Firematic and Social officers remain unchanged.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Capt. Brian Warner reported that for the month of November 2008 that Company 5 responded to: 21 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 1 training and 2 drills for a total of 24 alarms.

The boat motor was recently repaired and has been back in service.

Rescue 5's multi gas and the natural gas meters have been sent out for the calibration gases.

The mach 2 Hurst tool was received and placed in service.

The awning on the truck has been repaired.

Rescue 5 along with the radio division conducted a training on radio communication. Rescue 5 thanks the radio division for the time and knowledge they had displayed.

At this time FF Craig Irvolino's transfer has been completed.

A letter of resignation was received from FF Chris Benevento yet, will remain as a social member.

Rescue 5 thanks Company 1 for inviting them to join the Wallington Parade.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

A reminder to all driver of that when they are responding to an alarm, it is there duty to insure that the front of the structure is left open for Tower 2. This is a reoccurring issue and it is requested that the previously established guideline be adhered to.

When responding to any carbon monoxide or gas responses greater care must be taken. On any of these aforementioned responses we must be more diligent and don the SCBA's.

A reminder to all members that the Department has adopted plain language.

The previously adapted ten (10) codes are longer being adopted by the Department.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 8, 2008 - OSHA Make up, (RTK, Blood Bourne {Borough Hall 6:30 pm}).

December 14, 2008 - OSHA Physicals (10:00 am North Haledon Fire Co 2).

December 21, 2008 –Annual Toy Drive

December 26, 2008 - LOSAP is due.

December 27, 2008 - Bon Fire (Head quarters / 7:00 pm)

2009

January 11, 2009 - Mandatory Officer's Meeting

February 2009 - (Ladder testing)

March 21, 2009 - (Tentative Installation Dinner)

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

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: No report at this time

Bon Fire: No report at this time.

By Laws /Ordinance: Ordinances are completed and the first reading will read at the January Fireboard.

Old Business:

Company 1: Requested when the interviewing of the safety officers will commence. Also, inquired as to future Safety Officer classes.

Chief: All applicants will be reviewed by January end of January. As to future classes information will need to be gathered.

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: None at this time.

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: Inquired if the 2009 budget will include the cost of living increase in the rent.

Chief: It was added in the budget and should be considered by the Finance scheduled in early 2009.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: FF Frank Giantonio is currently in military leave and will be unable to the mandated make up physical date.

Chief: FF Giantonno would be excused for the make up date and will need to attend the local physician we utilize for new members.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chief: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

CO 1: FF Tom Kennedy had the back surgery and is on the road to recovery. Wished all members and their families a happy and healthy holiday season,

CO 2: Company 2 will be hosting their annual bus trip to NYC. 1:00 pm lunch and a return time of 8:00pm. Also, wished all members and their families a happy & healthy holiday's.

CO 3: Ex Asst Chief Dan Oliver will be applying for the Boonton Firemen's home. Wished all members and their family a happy and healthy holiday's.

CO 4: Wished all members and their family a happy and healthy holiday..

CO5: Wished all members and their family a happy and healthy holiday's.

Chief: Thanked all of the members for responding to the 2008 alarms. Lasrtly wished all members and their family a warm, safe and healthy holiday season. .

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

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 Geier that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary