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Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on March 03, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Joseph Speranza at 7:30pm with a salute to the flag. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Lieut. John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief Anthony DiVincent, Engine Company 3: Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Capt. Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief John Gurriell.

MINUTES

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

BILLS

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

AT& T	\$53.49	Verizon	\$53.26
Verizon	\$30.09	AAA Emergency	\$526.70
AAA Emergency	\$1,617.50	Ridgewood Typewriter	\$204.06
Yankee Propane	\$216.00	Chief Van Ek	\$41.94
Ricoh	\$684.50	Chief Supply	\$345.00
Ace Hardware	\$417.23	Occ. Med Assoc	\$200.00
Verizon Wireless	\$152.23	AAA Emergency	\$783.40
Ken's Auto Electric	\$145.00	Ken's Auto Electric	\$60.00
Guard Line Fire	\$324.95	Guard Line Fire	\$595.00
Gilby's	\$90.00	B & C Communication	\$1488.00
Ken's Auto Service	\$826.00		

Communications:

- A letter of intent to join the Department was received from resident Scott Laubshire. (Copy to Company 3)
- A Communication was received from East Dover Vol. Fire Company # 4 that FF Wayne J Duffy lost his hoe and has medical conditions that need attention. A fund for FF Duffy has been established for donations. Send donation to East Vol. Fire Co. c/o FF Wayne Duffy Fund. (Copies to Asst. Chief's)

Company Reports:

Company #1

Lieut. Arturi reported for the month of February, 2009 CO 1 responded to: 26 box alarms, held 0 drills, 4 trainings, 0 radio alarms and 1 still alarm for a total of 31 alarms.

Engine 1's ground ladders were tested. Vendor 1st Priority resolved the front suction piping issue.

FF John & wife Yvette Tripicchio are new proud parents of Gavin Frank Tripicchio.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Di Vincent reported for the month of February, 2009 CO 2 responded to: 25 box alarms, held 1 drill, 0 radio alarms, 1 mutual aid call and 0 still alarm for a total of 27 alarms

Tower 2's ground ladders were tested.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of February, 2008 Engine 3 responded to: 26 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, held 1 drill, 2 trainings, 0 mutual aid calls, 1 still alarm for a total of 30 alarms.

Despite constant use of the right valve air intake vendor 1st Priority was requested to inspect the re occurring issue of freezing up during its use.

Ken's Auto Electric was requested to repair the diesel exhaust system within the firehouse.

Engine 3's ground ladders were tested.

Junior FF Nikki McLean has returned from medical leave effective 02/07/09.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Capt. Nelson reported for the month of February 2009 Engine 4 responded to 26 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, and held 1 drill for a total of 27 alarms.

Engine 4's ground ladders were tested.

Two (2) SCBA's were sent out for repairs.

Engine 4 right side intake valve and drain assembly had to be replaced.

A request for a mask eye kit for Ex Asst Chief Van Hook is needed.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Gurriell reported that for the month of February, 2009 that Company 5 responded to: 28 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 mutual aid call, 0 still alarm, and held 2 drills for a total of 30 alarms.

The Natural Gas and Oxygen sensors need to be ordered. Rescue 5 truck is in need of a seat belt repair.

All equipment and Truck are in good working order.

Communication Division:

RC2 George Zagatta reported that for the month of February, 2009 that the Communication Division responded to: 14 box alarms, 6 work details, held 4 meetings, 0 mutual aid call, 0 still alarm, and held 1 drill for a total of 15 alarms.

The Communication Division attended 3 critiques, and participated in a drill with Rescue Company 5.

All members', radios, computer and recording equipment in the Radio Room / Cascade are in good working order.

Borough Chief's report:

On behalf of the Department I would like to congratulate Clerk John Tripicchio and his wife Yvette on the birth of their new son Gavin Frank Tripicchio. We wish them well.

I would also like to thank the entire Department for a job well done at both Horton Avenue and Kingston Avenue fires. The dedication and training efforts are very well noticed and appreciated.

The previously scheduled Lieutenants meetings were held and were successful. We will continue to work toward the common goal as outlined in the Officers meetings.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the Captains. The Captains meeting will entail cooperative training and roundtable discussion. This meeting is schedule for **8:00 pm, March 16, 2009 at Fire Headquarters.**

We will entertain the individual fire company round table discussion as in times past. These meetings are being proposed as follows:

Company 1: March 24, 2009

Company 2: March 30, 2009

Company 3: April 12, 2009

Company 4: April 13, 2009 8:15 pm

Company 5 April 13, 2009 7:30 pm

If any changes are necessary to the above schedules, please contact Chief Speranza with the new proposed times and dates.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 16, 2009- 8:00 pm- Captains Meeting

March 24, 2009 - Company 1

March 30, 2009- Company 2

April 12, 2009 - Company 3

April 13, 2009 8:15 pm - Company 4

April 13, 2009 7:30 pm -Company 5

Committees:

Fire Prevention / In School Program: Report will be secured and distributed.

Training Committee: No report at this time

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time

Fund Drive: No report at this time.

Scholarship: No report at this time

Ordinances / By- Laws: Clerk Tripicchio will read all changes for the final time next Fire Board.

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:

Oath of Office: Scott R. Finch (CO 1).

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: Again congratulation to FF Tripicchio's new born son.

CO 2: No report at this time

CO 3: No report at this time

CO 4: No report at this time

CO5: Dominick Savastano and Ralph Mantello continue to be out on medical leave yet are doing well.

Chief Speranza: 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.

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

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

**Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
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Board Secretary**