



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on June 05, 2012.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the American Flag. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: 2nd Lieut. Joseph Pagnozzi.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Marsch.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Arturi and second from Asst. Chief Marsch that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment:

BILLS

Federated Emer. Service	\$1,400.00	I.R.S	\$55.00
Penguin Comm.	\$828.00	Tanis Hardware	\$9.95
AT&T	\$48.15	Adv. Air Systems	\$678.00
Universal Inc.	\$84.00	Federated Emer. Service	\$4,000.00
Ruscon Truck Service	\$600.00	Company 1-4 (\$1,550.00)	\$6,200.00
Company 5	\$450.00	Company 1-5 (\$45.00)	\$225.00
Asst. Chief's 1-5 \$30	\$150.00	Chief Joseph Speranza	\$30.00
Clerk John Tripicchio	\$30.00	HJFD Reimbursement	\$848.18

Communications:

- A medical note was received from Garden State Ortho Assoc. for FF Robert Tagliabue indicating that is unable to perform FD duties from May 07, 2012 to June 07, 2012.
- A letter of intent was received from Paterson resident Lawrence Rudesdyle (CO2).

- A letter of intent was received from Borough resident Richard Greenberg (CO3).
- West Milford Station 5, 605 Ridge Road West Milford, NJ 07480 Wet Down, Saturday June 23, 2012 1pm – 6pm.
- Eastern Christian Children's Retreat is hosting a Thank You Celebration honoring Fire Departments & Ambulance Corps of Wyckoff, Hawthorne, Midland Park & North Haledon on Wed. June 06, 2012.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of May 2012, Company 1 responded to: 15 box alarms, 1 still alarms, 0 chiefs call, 0 radio alarms, 1 mutual aid call, 0 standby's, 3 training's and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 21 alarms.

Engine 1 was out of service for transmission repairs and was returned on Tues, May 22, 2012. On the same evening the "jake" brake was found to be inoperable and is in need of repair.

In addition to the above Engine 1 didn't start on Memorial Day and will need to be explored. While conducting repairs it was also learned that there are other electrical issues that need to be addressed.

With the mention of above the Administration will need to be notified and to schedule meeting to discuss future of Engine 1. This will be a follow up to a previous letter submitted by Company 1 that received no response.

FF Vincent Corasio Jr. has returned Department page, the pager charger and the Passaic Country Identification card on June 04, 2012.

The Nederman exhaust system in the Engine room is still not functioning properly.

Engine 1 is requesting a new gate valve for the 3 ½ inch supply line.

Aside from the above Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of May 2012, Company 2 responded to: 16 box alarms, 0 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual Aid call, 0 standbys, 0 training's, and held 0 drill(s) for a total of 16 alarms.

The pulley bushings on the aerial ladder were repaired. During a drill with North Haledon the load manager once again was "shedding" power to the front emergency rotators.

There is a small oil leak that was discovered stemming from the drain plug; in turn the engine light is periodically coming on.

Ex-Asst. Chief Richard McAuliffe is recovering from back surgery.

Company 2 welcomes new members Marco Totaro, Mark Lundin & Scot Laubshire.

The Truck, equipment and all firefighters are in good working order.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of May 2012, Company 3 responded to: 16 box alarms, 1 drill (s) 0 radio alarm, 1 still alarm, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid and held 1 training for a total of 19 alarms.

Engine 3 is out for repair to air service tanks.

5 (five) sets of gear have been sent out for cleaning and 2 sets will have to be replaced.

The following equipment was also requested: 200 ft. of 1 ¾ yellow hose, one (1) stream light box charger, and one (1) pair of size 13 ½ boots.

Vendor Ruscon is also monitoring recent issues that were located while Engine 3 was being repaired.

Aside from above all firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of May 2012, Company 4 responded to: 14 box alarms, 2 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 1 Chief call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill(s) for a total of 18 alarms.

One (1) gas meter is still being repaired.

The #3 discharge isn't holding when it is not in use and the pressure gauges rises when apparatus in in pump.

Inventory of the SCBA bottles were handed to Chief Speranza.

Equipment being requested 4 lengths of 1 ¾ hose (red).

Some members are not receiving auto pages from E-Dispatch. One (1) hand microphone is needed for Kenwood portable for 304. Aside from above all members and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

2nd Lieut. Pagnozzi reported that for the month of May 2012, Company 5 responded to: 21 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 0 training, and 2 drills for a total of 23 alarms.

Rescue 5 is holding a Porterhouse Steak Dinner at the Brownstone, on June 28, 2012 (7:00 pm) Donations are \$120.00. See members of Company 5 for tickets.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all that fought the Forest Avenue fire stating that it was controlled and extinguished rapidly.

Thanked Company #1 for hosting Memorial Day refreshments.

The Division of Fire & Safety and the State of NJ is introducing a bill that Assistant Chief's will no longer be recognized and should be renamed Deputy Chiefs.

Passaic, Morris and Bergen have expressed their concerns with this bill and sent letter to Senator that sponsored the bill.

The Department is looking to purchase new Thermal Imaging Cameras that are smaller in size and technology has increased further protecting members.

The Department has adopted a rehabilitation guideline. Members will rehab after 1 bottle and up to a maximum of 2 bottles.

Dates to Remember

June 04, 2012- Department Meeting – Fire Headquarters 7:00pm

June 19, 2012 Captains / Lieutenants Meeting Fire HQ 7:30 pm.

October 06, 2012- Hawthorne Day

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: All members and equipment are in working order.

Fire Prevention: 55 Westervelt Avenue is still a concern and is being monitored.

Ladies Auxiliary: *No report at this time.*

Junior's/ Explorer Program: *No report at this time.*

Safety Officer's: *No report at this time.*

In School Program: No report at this time.

Van Hook Scholarship: Scholarship was awarded to Allyson Speranza

Open House: No report at this time.

Mutual Aid Meeting: The 2012 Mutual Aid plan was revised to include Wayne. In addition the County has now been split to 2 zones the North and the South.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Meeting will be held prior to next Fire Board.

Memorial Park: *Chief Speranza stated that the Department fund raising to raise money for project. This will be discussed next Chiefs meeting.*

Old Business:

Company 1: A request was made that a letter is to be sent to the Safety Committee to schedule a meeting to discuss Engine 1.

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: Marco Totaro (CO2), Mark Lundin (CO2), Scott Laubshire (CO 2) and Caitlyn Smith (Ladies Aux).

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Researching training for Department via Traditions Training and Erskine Lakes.

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: Leon Bay and Ralph Malandrino are recovering. Minor injuries sustained by 2 FF while training.

Company 2: Ex-Asst Richard McAuliffe is recovering from back surgery.

Company 3: No report at this time

Company 4: No report at this time

Company 5: Porterhouse Steak Dinner will be held on June 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Brownstone. Donation is \$120.00.

Chiefs Report: no report this date

Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to public.

FF Marco Totaro stated that there are ongoing discussions as to various aspects of the site and that ground breaking will commence on September 11, 2012 with completion set for September 11, 2013.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

Board Secretary