

Minutes of the meeting held on January 04, 2011.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence was held for Captain Kenneth Adamo. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Capt. John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief Anthony DiVincent, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

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

A motion was made by, Asst. Chief Counsellor and second from Asst. Chief Geier that the following bills be approved and is to be submitted to the Borough Administrator in consideration for payment:

BILLS

Ken's Auto Electric	\$650.00	AAA Emergency	\$1,158.00
AT &T	\$57.53	AAA Emergency	\$214.50
Federated Emer. Ser	\$615.35	Tanis Hardware	\$169.42
The Home Depot	\$1,422.40	AAA Emergency	\$34.63
Federated Emer Ser	\$5,200.00	Nassua Diagnostics	\$14,400.00
Midian Electronics	\$1,274.60	AAA Emergency	\$34.63
Karen Arsenault	\$95.00	Paul Conway Sheilds	\$52.05
Technical Fire Ser.	\$675.00	Motorola	\$83.46
Verizon	\$56.10	Verizon	\$47.33

Communications:

- **Holiday Greetings were received from the following entities: Downes Tree Service, Yankee Propane, and Nassau NDI Diagnostics & Suburban Generator.**
- **A 3- month leave of absence was requested by, Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro for the dates of January 01 2011 until March 01, 2011.**
- **An Uncompleted Application was sent in by, Matthew Ryan. (CO4)**
- **Jason Goodrich sent in a completed application. (CO 5)**
- **A letter of intent was received from Junior FF Nicholas Canova. (CO1)**
- **A letter of intent was received from resident Alek Shoomiloof. (CO1)**
- **A letter of intent was received from Junior FF Zachary Hines. (CO2)**
- **Beefsteak benefitting RJ Dansen (Ex- Chief Prospect Park) who was diagnosed with Autonomic Dysfunction. The Benefit will take place on Friday March 11, 2011 at 7:00pm. The benefit will be held at North Haledon CO#2 568 High Mnt. Rd. North Haledon NJ. Donation \$45.**
- **Buffet Breakfast benefitting RJ Dansen (Ex-Chief Prospect Park) who was diagnosed with Autonomic Dysfunction on Saturday January 22, 2010. Cost: Donation of your choice. The event will be catered by Sean & Jackie Collins (formerly the Lunchbox). The breakfast will take place at the Covenant Church, 400 North Haledon Avenue, North Haledon, NJ,**

The Board of Fire Commissioners collectively granted leave of absence to Ex Borough Chief Victor Tamburro.

The uncompleted application for Matthew Ryan was returned for failing to complete the application in its entirety.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Capt. Arturi reported that for the month of December 2010, Company 1 responded to: 15 box alarms, held 3 training's, 0 drill, 1-radio alarms, 1 stand by and 6 still alarms for a total of 26 alarms.

The heater in the rear cab has been inspected and the parts are on order for the repair.

There is an electrical issue with the pump panel switch and the console switch for the rear lights.

A new auxiliary adapter needs to be installed as a short decommissioned the adapter, which is used for high band (Wyckoff portable).

Vendor Ken's Auto Electric has been contacted to look into providing an estimate for the aforementioned electrical repairs.

Asst. Chief Counsellor had same day hand surgery and is recovering.

2011 Line Officers are as follows:

Assistant Chief James Counsellor
Captain John Arturi
1st Lieutenant Christopher Dibella
2nd Lieutenant John Tripicchio

All firefighters and other than above equipment mentioned issues are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief DiVincent reported for the month of December 2010, Company 2 responded to: 13 box alarms, 2 still alarm, 1 chiefs call, 0 radio alarm, 0 mutual aid, 1 stand by 0 training's and held 0 drills, for a total of 17 alarms.

Happy New Year to all and good luck to all of the 2011 Line Officers.

2011 Line Officers are as follows:

Assistant Chief George Webber
Captain William Redmon
1st Lieutenant John Marsch
2nd Lieutenant *Open at this time*

Drivers:

Joseph Metzler
Anthony DiVincent
Brian Vanderhook
George Webber

Alternate Driver's

Victor Tamburro
Keith Webber
Jason Crawford
David Maher

The Truck and all firefighters are in good working order.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of December 2010, Company 3 responded to: 15 box alarms, 1 drill, 0 radio alarm, 3 still alarms, 1 stand by, 1 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 21 alarms.

Federated Emergency Services need to repair two (2) valves; the magnets for the rear roll up door sensor and the drain line.

Three (3) older type Steamlight batteries and a Kenwood charger are requested at this time.

2011 Line Officers are as follows:

Assistant Chief Jared VanEk
Captain Joseph Longo
1st Lieutenant Robert Lamb III
2nd Lieutenant Andrew Massey

2011 Social Officers are as follows:

President Robert Lamb Jr.
Vice President Vincent Kay
Treasurer Henry Joustra
Secretary Frank Vittorio

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of December 2010, Company 4 responded to: 16 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 trainings, 2 Chief call, 0 mutual aid calls, and held 0 drill for a total of 20 alarms.

On two (2) occasions the rear brakes of Engine 4 have been locking up and need attention.

One (1) Streamlight box light is still out of service.

One (1) 50ft length of 5 -inch hose was returned as a cut was located and needs to be replaced.

One (1) 5 – inch gate valve is still needed.

Two (2) small SCBA masks are being requested at this time.

A completed application from Matthew Ryan was handed in.

Engine 4 is again re-requesting 10 jump suits needed for water rescue operations assistance.

2011 Line Officers are as follows:

Assistant Chief James Geier
Captain Michel Nelson
1st Lieutenant Peter VanDerVelde
2nd Lieutenant Devin Hughes

Happy New Year to all.

Other than the above-mentioned items, all equipment and members are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of December 2010, Company 5 responded to: 27 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 2 drills for a total of 29 alarms

2011 Line Officers are as follows:

Assistant Chief Brian Warner
Captain Edward Sutherland
1st Lieutenant Salvatore Occhipinti
2nd Lieutenant Brian Patmos

Happy New Year to all.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked Asst. Chief Anthony DiVincent for his service and dedication as the Assistant Chief of Company 2 and the entire outgoing 2010 Officers for their dedication in their respective position.

On behalf of the Ambulance Corps and the Borough Chief of the Department, thanked all of the members that were on standby and assisted the Corps on their responses to assist residents

The Department faced many challenges in 2010 and we all worked through them. Thanked the Board of Fire Commissioners, all of the 2010 Line Officers and Department Clerk for their tenacity in enduring those challenges.

The Department will continue to move forward in a positive fashion 2011 that being said the 1st mandatory 2011 Officers meeting will be held on January 23, 2011 at 9:00 am. This meeting will consist of the solidifying of the groundwork for a positive 2011.

LOSAP percentages have not been turned in yet, by all Companies. It is urged that they are to be provided by this weekend so that we can complete the final LOSAP certification report and hand them into the Borough in a timely fashion.

In 2011 all monthly fire reports must be handed in to the Clerk at the end of each month, as we need to send them into the Borough in a timely manner.

The Department will once again be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Tubing Event at Campgaw Mountain on January 26, 2011. Cost is \$13.00 per member.

Dates to Remember:

January 22, 2011-RJ Dansen Breakfast Benefit (8-11am)
January 23, 2011 - Mandatory Officers Meeting (9:00 am)
January 26, 2011 - Tubing at Campgaw Mountain.
March 11, 2011 – RJ Dansen Beefsteak Benefit (7 pm)

Communication Division:

Communication Division: responded to 17 alarms, 1 work detail, 1 stand by, 0 trainings and 6 meetings for a total of alarms.

The ANI display screen at Fire Desk purchase order has been submitted for approval and waiting it's return.

The on board computer on 5-7 needs to be replaced as it is no longer working.

All members and equipment are in good working order.

Fire Prevention: Will be placed in the mailboxes of each Assistant Chief.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time

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

Safety Officer's: A list of all Drivers' that DID and DID NOT participate in the Department sponsored driving course must be submitted to the Safety Officers so an accurate tracking report can be composed. Further, a driver's list of each Company is also requested.

Fund Drive: No report at this time.

In School Program: No report at this time.

Van Hook Scholarship: The names of eligible students must be submitted for consideration at this time. Further, a list of each company's representatives was also requested.

Open House: No report at this time.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time

Web Site: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

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: Requested a letter to be sent to the Borough regarding snow plowing.

(Chief Speranza stated a meeting would be scheduled to discuss ongoing concerns)

Company 5: Notified the Board that Ted Thoms III has not responded in the required time frame and therefore, is no longer eligible to re enter the Department roles.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time

The 2nd Reading of the By Law 17-5 election section 2 (E) was conducted.

Ex Borough Chief Victor Tamburro expressed to change the by law to reflect that the rather than defaulting to the Senior Assistant Chief for a certain time period the Department should have an opportunity to select the Chief.

A discussion ensued and the by law was held off for further review / revamping to include Ex Chief Tamburro's recommendation.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Jason Goodrich was sworn in and assigned to Company 5.

Asst. Chief George Webber entered appearance replacing Asst. Chief DiVincent at the table.

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: Requested a single chain for the tires of Rescue 5.

Chiefs Report: Chief reiterated that the Department should consider assisting Ex Chief RJ Dansen due to his medical issues the family is incurring.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: Asst. Chief James Counsellor had same day surgery.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Ex-Asst. Chief George DeGroot is recovering, and Carolyn Joustra was in the hospital and now is out and back at the facility. Joseph Wojtecki had hernia surgery.

Company 4: No report at this time

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: William Schmidt is no longer Passaic County Academy Secretary. A new product for stovetop fires has been manufactured by Fire Stop and available at a cost of \$48-60 per unit.

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

Ex -Asst. Chief Brian Van Hook recommended that the Hydrants be painted in a higher visibility color, as the recently painted red hydrants are difficult to see to see during low light conditions.

Capt. William Redmon suggested that perhaps one cost effective way was to identify hydrants that are close to a street sign is to place a reflective sticker on a street sign itself identifying the hydrant.

Chief Speranza stated that he would bring this issue forward to Borough's attention.

FF Frank Vittorio requested the Board's permission to have motorcycle clubs ride in the parade.

Chief Speranza referred FF Vittorio to speak with the Parade Chairman (D.Tanis).

Ex-Asst. Chief Joseph Metzler stated to the Board that FF Ted Thom III has already been removed from the Departments roles months ago as a letter of resignation was submitted to the Relief Association removing him from the State roster.

Ex-Borough Chief Tamburro recommended that the Department develop a protocol to destroy all computer hardware prior to the computers being turned over to the Borough.

Chief Speranza stated that the Department has already begun destroying the hard drives and will continue to do so.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary