



Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on July 07, 2015.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the flag and a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for a Midland Park Police Officer and a Fallen Fire Fighter in South Jersey. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1, Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2, David Maher, Engine Company 3, Asst. Chief Joseph Longo, Engine Company 4, Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5, Liuet. Joseph Pagnozzi.

A presentation by the California Insurance Company started the meeting explaining its insurance program and its benefits to Volunteer memberships.

MINUTES

Clerk Tripicchio read the Minutes. A motion was made by, Asst. Chief Warner, while a second was made by Asst. Chief Maher to accept the Minutes as read.

The Departments BILLS were read as follows:

BILLS:

HFD Reimbursement	\$140.00	Passaic County Assoc.	\$100.00
AAA Emergency	\$219.43	AAA Emergency	\$354.94
State Line Fire Equip.	\$11,411.25	AED Supply Store	\$7,800.00
PA Auto Parts	\$108.30	Emerg Equip.	\$319.00
Gates Flags	\$161.60	Confined Space Trng LLC	\$500.00

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

The Board were all in favor to submit the bills for consideration.

Communications:

- A medical note was received from George Zagatta.
- Chief Joseph Speranza informed the Board of his change of address
- A medical note was received by FF William Seidel due to an emergency surgery.

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The Board accepted all communications as read.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst Chief Arturi reported for the month of June 2015, Company 1 responded to: 9 box alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 11 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Engine 1 has a small power steering leak that was identified on Monday 07/06/15. Fire and Safety will be called to repair;

Received (1) LED head light kit for the 2K generator. Both generators are now equipped with the new LED lights;

Received (1) tablet case; (the tablet is not yet in service).

Hoped everyone had a nice Fourth of July.

All other equipment are in working order and with the exception to the above.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Maher reported for the month of June 2015, Company 2 responded to: 9 box alarms, 4 still alarm(s), 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 14 alarms In addition, held 3 training (s) and responded to 4 mutual aid call(s).

The annual driver training is now underway;
Welcomed Daniel Dube to the Department;
(2) pair' of turnout pants and (1) turnout coat was cleaned and repaired.
During the flow testing (1) bottle was removed as it had bad threads;
Aerial testing is being scheduled this month.

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

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Asst. Chief Joseph Longo reported that for the month of June 2015 Company 3 responded to: 9 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 0 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 10 alarms. In addition held 2 training (s) and 3 mutual aid response(s).

Engine 3 had its electrical problem fixed with the door sensor indicator siren.
Flow testing was completed;
Need to replace SCBA mask straps;
Thanked Asst. Chief Warner with helping with the computer installation and the Wi-Fi installation in Engine 3's building;
Engine 3 attended the Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp and made a presentation;
Ex-Asst Chief George DeGroot was admitted to the hospital and is scheduled to have foot surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

FF Joseph Wojtecki Jr. has enlisted in the USMC. Company 3 wished him well in his new endeavor.

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

Company #4

Asst Chief Michael Nelson, reported for the month of June 2015, Company 4 responded to: 10 box alarms, 3 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm(s), 1 drill (s), 0 standby(s), for a total of 14 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s) and was called for to 3 Mutual Aid call (s).

Engine 4 attended the Glen Rock July 4th celebration;
Flow testing was completed;
The light tower has issues as it's not correctly seating in the cradle and is activating a warning light. This needs to be looked at.

(2) Probationary shields are being requested;
FF George Rege had successful knee surgery and will be attending physical therapy and is making good progress.

Asst. Chief Nelson will be away on vacation from July 10 to July 28, 2015.

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

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Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of June 2015 Company 5 responded to: 10 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total of 12 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s).

The Res Q jacks stabilization system was approved and ordered;
Driver training was completed and the training sheets were handed in;
All tablets were handed to each company; any issues contact Asst. Chief Warner.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanks to all of the members that came to the Hawthorne High Scholl DUI program. Once again it was a huge success due to the Department and Ms. Hackett's drama class presentation.

The Department was approved to purchase new fire hose and nozzles. The bid was won by AAA Emergency Supply and an order will now be placed through them.

The AED's have also been approved to purchase in order to replace the outdated ones that we currently have. An order will now be placed to secure new AED's.

The Borough has approved a bond to purchase (12) sets of turnout gear.

Rescue 5 has new rescue jacks and Hurst tool that was recently approved and is on order. Tranbiong will commence once the new tools arrive. This will also encompass the members that were selected earlier in the year to participate with Recue.

We are entering the summer months and the heat index will rise. All members need to exercise caution during extreme temperatures.

The Shell Oil Company sent us a warning pamphlet that we are not to use a cell phone while fueling vehicles. A test was conducted and showed that the use of a cell phone can transmit an ignition source.

The Department is looking into a vendor to handle our Departments uniforms so that we are all wearing the correct style and color. Once a vendor has been identified the Department will be advised.

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Dates to Remember

July 13, 2015- Lieut. Meeting
July 20, 2015 – Department CEVO Course VDPP
July 27, 2015 – Department Drill

August 15, 2015 - Fishing Trip
August 17, 2015 – Helicopter Landing -Lincoln Middle School
August 20, 2015 – Lincoln Middle School / Leadership Camp/ meet 11 AM at Headquarters

October 20, 2015 – 9am / 12 noon Coin Toss

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded to 7alarms, held 4 meeting (s) & 2 work details

Green light works intermittently;
Portable halogen light bulb is out;
Left bank controller not working; and needs to be replaced
Someone used the cascade and did not re fill the bottles; pressure was below 1500 psi
Generator was not designed with an access.

Asst Chief Nelson added that the cable was finally installed.

Both the Radio Room and Field com are all working with no issues.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

Junior FF's (Explorer Program): No report at this time.

In School Program: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Sub committees were formed. Kohler was sent a letter to host the event.

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Ordinance Committee: A letter was to the Borough to secure some dates so that we can present some items.

Training Center: Materials are starting to come in and will soon be installed. We need burn barrels and hydrants

The Center was approved the Class A burn certificate.

Safety Officers: The Drivers Course check list has been extended to the end of July. Next meeting August.

Exempt/ Relief: Next meeting July 07 16 15.

Website: No report

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: The tablets will be handed out Monday June 08, 2015 after 9:00 pm. Each company has to order their desired mounts.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Daniel Dube

Company 1: No Report at this time.
Company 2: No Report at this time.

Company 3: Requested approval for their elections to move up as previously discussed 6 months prior. Asst Chief Arturi inquired if Asst. Chief Longo addressed the possibility of FF Van Lenten leaving the Department. Asst Chief Longo assured that was addressed. The Board then unanimously approved Company 3's election.

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Company 4: No report at this time.
Company 5: No report at this time.
Chief's Report: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

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: FF Jorge Padilla is looking to transfer from CO5 to CO3 due to his driving issues.

An open discussion was held. The Board requested that a meeting is to be held to further clarify the transfer.

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

FF Dennis McCarvill expressed his opinion as to the Department's appearance when wearing uniforms and attending functions. An open discussion was held with the public and the Board

Chief Speranza further recommend that FF McCarvill with both work Capt. Van Der Velde and Lieut Tripicchio.

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

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Longo, and a second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
Board Secretary