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Minutes of the meeting held on June 02, 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 Ex Officer Jacob Baum. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1, Capt. Christopher Dibella, Tower Company 2, David Maher, Engine Company 3, Asst. Chief Joseph Longo, Engine Company 4, Captain Peter Van Der Velde, and Rescue Company 5, Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

A motion was made by, Asst. Chief Warner, to dispense the previous Minutes while a second was made by Asst. Chief Maher. The Board were all in favor to dispense the previous month's Minutes.

The Departments BILLS were read as follows:

BILLS:

AAA Emergency	\$5,000.00	Hawthorne Chevy	\$59.05
FF One LLC	\$72.50	Command Radio	\$2,175.00
Suburban Generator	\$1,020.91	HFD Reimbursement	\$140.00

Motions were made by, Capt. Dibella and a second from Asst. Chief Warner, 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 letter of intent was received from Daniel Dube (CO2);
- FF Leon Bay submitted a retirement letter effective June 01, 2015 (CO);
- Received a medical note from Dr. Harlan Levine MD advising the that FF George Rege is under his care for an upcoming knee surgery;
- Resignation letter from FF David Vanderweile (CO1);
- Medical leave of absence for George Zagatta effective 06 01 15.



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- Ex Asst Chief Jared Van Ek submitted a (3) month leave of absence.
- Allamuchy Fire Wet Down June 06, 2015.
- Louis 2nd Bay Library will host Flag Day to Veterans Monday June 15, 2015 11 AM to 1- PM.
- The family of Jacob Baum thanked the Department for flowers and attendance.

The Board accepted all communications as read.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Capt. Dibella reported for the month of May 2015, Company 1 responded to: 21 box alarms, 5 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 2 drill (s), for a total of 28 alarms. In addition held 2 training(s).

The radio and speakers are in the process of being installed. Fire& Safety was contacted regarding some minor issues. Parts have been ordered.

FF David Vanderweile resigned from the Department effective June 01, 2015.

FF Leon Bay retired from the Department effective June 01, 2015.

FF Thomas Kennedy continues to improve daily.

Both Bay and Vanderweile letters were accepted with regrets.

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

Company #2

Asst. Chief Maher reported for the month of May 2015, Company 2 responded to: 21 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 26 alarms In addition, held 0 training (s) and responded to 0 mutual aid call(s).

The Truck has been serviced by Fair Lawn Fleet Garage.

The annual driver training is now underway.

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Letter of intent from Daniel Dube.

(2) Members have been enrolled in FF2 and 2 in FF1.

Equipment Request;
(3) ICOM battery Clips
(1) 60 MIN RIT pack bottle

On (2) alarms 168 & 187 the Police Desk had failed to acknowledge that Tower was back in quarters.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Joseph Longo reported that for the month of May 2015 Company 3 responded to: 20 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 0 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 21 alarms. In addition held 2 training (s) and 1 mutual aid response(s).

Engine 3 will have the preventative maintenance done at the Fair Lawn Fleet Garage 06/10/15. The air horns, high idle and door sensor indicator all have to be checked.

The oil dipstick cap has been ordered and has not yet come in.

A list of medical supplies were handed into Chief Speranza.

Thanked Engine 3 & Engine 4 for assisting in the Juniors Practical at the training Center. Thanks to all that assisted through the year to make this program a success.

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

Company #4

Captain Van Der Velde, reported for the month of May 2015, Company 4 responded to: 19 box alarms, 3 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm(s), 1 drill (s), 0 standby(s), for a total of 23 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s) and was called for to 3 Mutual Aid call (s).

Engine 4 was serviced by the Fair Lawn Feet Garage who also repaired the compartment warning light issue. A piston hinge was ordered for the front bumper. They are also looking to repair a new light switch for the jake brake.

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Engine 4 is also having the discharge issues and air intake valve to be repaired by another vendor. Received new Ventis gas meter and has been in placed in service.

Engine 4 will be attending the Paramus Wet Down on Sunday June 07, 2015.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of May 2015 Company 5 responded to: 25 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total of 26 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s).

The boat motor was ordered. The new SCOTT SCBA bottles have been placed in service.

We have obtained a quote for new cutter.

Rescue 5 was provided a demo of the Res Q jacks stabilization system and will be seeking quotes for same. The drivers training is underway.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanks to all of the members that came out for Ex Asst Chief Jacob Baum's & who had attended the Memorial Day services.

Congratulated the Explorer / Junior Program and its success.

The Department was dispatched to an incident immediately following the parade to assist EMS and PD. Thanks to the individuals that responded.

June 05, 2015 - Scared Straight program at HHS.

June 15, 2015 –Traffic Incident Course VDPP 7-11 PM.

July 20, 2015 – Department CEVO Course VDPP

We are submitting bids to replace the outdated AED units.

We have several fund raising ideas for the 100 Year anniversary. Short way's Mondays kick back to FD.

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July 18, 2015 Atlantic Highlands fishing trip sign-up sheets circulated.

The Radio Division / Cascade units had a productive meeting that provided positive outcomes that will be implemented.

The Aerial ladder test will be implemented in tandem with Wanaque to cut cost this upcoming July.

We have received an email from a concerned resident for the Departments last car fire. This will be further looked into.

We have received a Birthday request for Park Slope resident. The assignment was handed to Engine 1 as it's in their fire district.

The Department's hoses and nozzles were submitted for bidding.

Dates to Remember

June 05, 2015- FD DUI Program

June 15, 2015 - Traffic Incident Course VDPP 7-11 PM.

July 20, 2015 – Department CEVO Course VDPP

October 20, 2015 – 9 -12 Coin Toss

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded to 15 alarms, held 2 meeting (s) & 1 training (s).

Both the Radio Room and Field com are all working with no issues as of May 31, 2015.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

Junior FF's (Explorer Program): The Jr's practical was completed and the program continues to be a success. Members will be assigned to company after Graduation in June.

In School Program: June 05, 2015 FD DUI Program as HHS.

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Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Productive meeting, 10/20/15 Coin Toss.

Company 4 will provide rider for beer Garden. A letter was submitted to Kohler Distributors. We are looking into a DJ. We are looking into Fireworks. We are looking at an Ad book. George Lodder has stated that he would donate a seminar that we can invite other towns to generate funds. We are looking into commemorative flags.

Captain Dibella added that we should look into commemorative coins.

Asst. Chief Maher asked for t-shirt artwork. The t-shirt proofs are being secured and will be sent to each company so that we can start to place orders.

Training Center: Captains Dibella, Van Der Velde Chief Speranza and Asst. Chief Longo all and met at the training Center to go over various items. Supplies are needed and a list was composed and handed to each Asst. Chief. Some of the items that were needed are the blocks re set and property re graded. We need to secure funds to complete unfinished items at the training center. A department meeting will be scheduled to go the funds needed.

Safety Officers: Complete Drivers Course by the June Fire Board. Next meeting June 02, 2015.

Exempt: No report

Website: Travis Lodder will be maintaining same and has requested each company to provide historic photos.

Next year will be 100 year anniversary theme for the entire year.

Old Business:

Company 1: Asked if we are going to order the remaining click mates.

Chief Speranza stated that we could order the remaining click mates once we secure the quote so we can request a purchase order.

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Inquired as to the type of APCO training for the radio division and the cost for same.

As to the APCO training, it is the Dispatcher Course. As to the cost it is dependent on how many members sign up. We are also looking to open it up to other towns that would reduce its cost.

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: Javier Padilla II & Carlos Rivera Jr.

Company 1: A member had inquired as to the Federal Id's. Asst. Chief Arturi made contact with the authorities and was advised that Hawthorne PD will not handle that. County Coordinator Allen Delvecchio was also contacted and was directed to OEM Coordinator Murphy who advised that the County Coordinator handles this. A report will follow with additional information.

Chief Speranza stated that AC Arturi's efforts should have not occurred as he had spoken to all of the authorities and that the application packets have to be given to us before we can do anything. There is a stale on that and we are working to resolve same at the County level.

Company 2: Thanked all that had attended Ex Asst Chief Jacob Baum services.

Company 3: Request to attend a Blooming Grove, NY function.

Chief Speranza stated this needs the Mayor' approval.

Company 4: No Report at this time.

Company 5: Congratulated Rivera and Padilla.

Chief's Report: No report.

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Good & Welfare:

Company 1: Both Leon Bay and David Van Der Wiele were accepted with regrets.
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.

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

Lt. David Sylvester advised that the July 18, 2015 fishing trip will earn funds for the 100th year anniversary and that they need 50 people and to ask family members etc. so that it can be a success.

A discussion was held between EC Smith and Chief memorialized below:

Ex-Asst. Chief Mark Smith inquired as to the Federal ID and what the stale mate was.

Chief Speranza stated that hold up is at the law enforcement level as funds are geared to that Department rather than the Fire Department. We are in the process of securing the applications then we can move forward. Chief will follow up with the County Coordinator as he is the person we need to channel our efforts to.

EC Smith where did all the prior allocated funds go for these ID's.

Chief Speranza stated that it all went to law enforcement.

EC Smith stated that why we don't secure all the needed info now so that when the application's come in we can complete and turn around quicker than the continued procrastination.

Chief Speranza stated that we have most of the information in the personnel files and will be a quick turnaround.

AC Maher stated that since the Police Department is the administrator why can't the assist us.

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Chief Speranza stated that Chief McAuliffe has to approve the hours necessary to do it for the Department. We will approach this once we secure the applications.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
Board Secretary