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Minutes of the meeting held on May 05, 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. 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, 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.

AC Arturi advised that last Minutes indicated that he had ordered parts for Engine 1. This was incorrect as he requested a quote and that an order has not yet placed.

Also, inquired if we are paying E Dispatch only until June 2015 and then going to the free vendor.

Chief Speranza stated that we will determine this shortly.

Chief Speranza asked to hold the American Air Flow bill as this may have to be paid by the Borough as the repairs were made to the Boroughs building.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Longo and a second from Asst. Chief Warner, that the following 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.

BILLS

American Trade Mark	\$580.00	Advanced Air System	\$391.50
Ricoh	\$16.69	E/G Auto Repairs	\$366.00
Ridgewood Press	\$1,178.00	American Air Flow	\$337.00
Penguin Mngt	\$828.00	I.R.S LLC	\$762.00



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Communications:

- A letter of intent was received from Troy Greer (CO3) & Kyle Harris (CO3);
- Public Agency Training Council - Hands On Electrical Fire / Arson Investigation July 20-22, 2015. Whitehall Twps. Fire Dept. Whitehall, PA. Register at www.patc.com ;
- Thank you note from the family of late Darren L DiVincent;
- FF Thomas Kennedy extended his medical leave of absence;
- The Mayor of the Borough of Glen Rock thanked the Hawthorne Fire Department for that past 3 Months of providing assistance to their Borough;
- FF George Rege extended medical leave of absence.

The Board accepted all communications as read.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief John Arturi reported for the month of April 2015, Company 1 responded to: 17 box alarms, 0 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 18 alarms. In addition held 3 training(s).

Waiting for the radio installer vendor to complete the electrical installation of the pump panel radio and speaker for crew cab.

We have received (1) one tripod light which has been mounted inside of the officer side rear compartment.

Request (1) additional tripod light, provided that funds are available and is approved by the Board.

Awaiting quotes for the sight rods and an additional shelf for the driver side rear compartment. The minor engine issues were related to the engine's computer and was resolved. We will be monitoring this closely.

FF Thomas Kennedy submitted a medical note extended his medical leave of absence dated April 06, 2015 and received on April 09, 2015. He is doing well as each day passes.

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

Company #2

Asst. Chief Maher reported for the month of April 2015, Company 2 responded to: 16 box alarms, 2 still alarm(s), 0 Chief's call, 2 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 21 alarms In addition, held 0 training (s) and responded to 0 mutual aid call(s).

Received (20) SCOTT SCBA bottles that were placed in service.

The bodywork has been scheduled with Body Works of Midland Park, NJ. This repair will take a few days to complete.

The annual driver training is now underway.

Congratulations to Derisi, McCarvill and Junior Fire Fighter Marsch for completing FF 1.

Tower 2 is scheduled for preventative maintenance on May 06, 2015 in Fair Lawn, NJ .

Equipment Request:

Boots: Sizes 6 & 13W.

(1) Medium Glove with wristlet

(2) Turnout pants and 1 coat

(1) Fire Line Tape

Congratulations to Brendan Marsh who was sworn into the Department.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Joseph Longo reported that for the month of April 2015 Company 3 responded to: 19 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 1 still alarm(s), 1 standbys, and 1 drill (s) for a total of 22 alarms. In addition held 1 training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

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Engine 3's driver's side and officers side seats were repaired.

The oil dipstick cap has to be replaced.

Received (1) Ventis Multi Gas meter and was placed in service.

Engine 3 has still yet to recover (2) salvage tarps that were left at 11 Coolidge Place.

Thanked all Company 3 members that participated in the coin toss for the 100 year Anniversary.

Received letters of intent from (2) prospective members Troy Green Jr and Kyle Harris who reside in the neighboring City of Paterson, NJ.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of April 2015, Company 4 responded to: 15 box alarms, 10 still alarms, 1 radio alarm(s), 1 drill (s), 0 standby(s), for a total of 27 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s) and was called for to 7 Mutual Aid call (s).

Engine 4 is has isolated the leaking valves on the deck gun and the #3 rear discharge.

We have a chronic issue with a compartment door warning light is constantly on and needs to be looked into.

20 SCOTT SCBA bottles were received and placed into service.

FF George Rege remains on medical leave for planned knee replacement in June.

Equipment Request

(1) Voice amplifier

Request 300' of forestry hose

(2) Nozzles

(1) 1 ½ in. gated wye to 2 in. discharge

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Caution tape and mask wipes.

Request to attend Paramus FD wet down on June 7, 2015.

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

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of April 2015 Company 5 responded to: 19 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 2 drill (s) for a total of 20 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s).

The boat motor was damaged and is in need of replacement due to its 20 year age. We are currently securing (3) quotes for its replacement.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanks to all of the members that came out for the OSHA mandated courses. The remaining OSHA course CD's will be delivered to each company for compliance. This would then conclude our annual requirement.

We are in the process of pricing out the certified APCO training course for the radio communication members. There will also be limited spaces for additional Department members if interested.

We attended a public council meeting to address the snow ordinance proposals. The public that had attended asked several questions that were all addressed. There was positive feedback with various street issues with plans to address them. These proposed changes will assist us significantly when responding during the wintery weather.

Additional dates are being secured for additional Cardio Doppler testing.

Tower 2 destructive testing is being scheduled and may include a neighboring town to further reduce the cost.

There was a question that was posed by a concerned member pertaining to prospective members that apply to the Department and have suspended license. The question was

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submitted to the Borough Attorney who had no issues with this as it did not affect volunteering for the fire service.

Congratulations to all members who have completed Fire Fighter 1.

All members that work at fires should have their gear cleaned to avoid contaminants. The issues we face nowadays are far dangerous than we had in times past.

The ongoing dispatch errors was reported to the Mayor. A meeting will be scheduled to address our concerns.

It will now be required that any company that leaves equipment on a scene to document the Fire Report so that Fire Prevention / Donald Turner can assist and retrieve the items for us.

A new threat is amongst us, propane tanks that are converted and give off Adronoius Ammonia.

Dates to Remember

May 05, 2015 -7:30 pm Passaic County Mutual Aid Meeting
May 07, 2015- Department Meeting
May 19, 2015- 7:30 PM at HQ Lieut. Meeting
May 25, 2015- Memorial Day Parade

June 05, 2015- FD DUI Program

July 20, 2015 – Department CEVO Course

October 20, 2015 – 9-12 Coin Toss

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: A meeting will be scheduled shortly to encompass all members.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

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Junior FF's (Explorer Program): The practical will be on May 187, 2015 at the training center, need several apparatuses for the training.

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

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

100th Anniversary: Coin Toss was successful. Pictures were taken of all apparatuses for T shirts. Company 4 will get rider for the event. Every Monday between 4-9Pm Shortways Barn will donate back to FD.

October 10, 2015 Coin Toss. Looking for DJ and food vendors. Market Basket to give us a quote Help is needed for many jobs.

Chief added that we need to support this committee and all vendors that are assisting us. Advised that if additional assistance is needed we should speak to Shirley Shortway and Sharron Abood who have previous experience with event planning.

Training Center: Supplies are needed and a list was composed and handed to each Asst. Chief's to see if we can get local vendors to donate some of the material. It was requested that the Captains meet at the training center to go over supplies list. We are looking to secure maintenance free items so that it lasts.

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

Exempt: No report

Old Business:

Company 1: Asked the status of the tablets.

AC Warner stated that he is securing the tablet mounts and they will be installed shortly.

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.

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New Business:

Oath of Office: Ex Asst. Chief John Marsh sworn in Brendan Marsh.

Company 1: The County Haz Mat team is now part of the Ordinances which they are now assigned to the Dept. of Health. Attended a Traffic Incident class and attended a seminar on crude oil which he learned is extremely hazardous and we should be aware of this. He offered to share some insight on the seminars but is not train the trainer certified.

Also stated that he inquired that last Fireboard was cut short and perhaps we should look elsewhere to hold Fire Board.

Joseph Meltzer stated that there is no overtime so that is why they have to close at 9:00pm

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Asst Chief Longo stated that it's imperative to have our gear cleaned so we don't bring harmful products to our homes and effect our families.

Company 4: The new communication cable and a new receiver is arriving and they will be installed this week.

AC Arturi inquired if we can still transmit when we get the loud noise interruption.

AC Nelson stated we can do so as it will cut through it when we do. This is also being looked into to rectify.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chief's Report: The Department will have an Ordinance Committee that will be headed by Ex-Chief Victor Tamburro. This will also include a member from each company. Minutes will also be taken so that the Department knows what transpires and we are all on the same page.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: No report at this time

Company 2: No report at this time

Company 3: No report at this time.

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Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: No report at this time

Chief: We have 20K set aside for turn out gear for the next (3) years and 6K for cleaning gear.

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

Joseph Meltzer stated that he had received a solicitation for a donation and is fraudulent. The letter was handed over to Chief Speranza.

Chief Speranza stated that he will into this further with the Attorney General's office and report back their findings. He will also post it in the Hawthorne Press to forewarn the public.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
Board Secretary