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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on September 01, 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 the 9/11 victims. In attendance at this meeting were, Engine Company 1, Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2, Asst Chief 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 Maher, while a second was made by Asst. Chief Warner to accept the Minutes as read.

The Departments bills were read as follows:

#### BILLS:

AAA	\$900.00	Meadowlands Ford	\$3,957.99
Occ. Medical Center	\$340.00	Yankee Propane	\$36.00
AAA Emergency	\$3,754.60	Technical Fire Service	\$1,000.00
AAA Emergency	\$396.00	Ricoh	\$28.19
Emergency Equip.	\$319.00	WC Construction	\$74.95
Fair Lawn DPW	\$200.00	Trade Mark LLC	\$320.00
Fire Safety Education	\$947.00	Bergen County Trg Center	\$100.00

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Nelson and a second from Asst. Chief Arturi, 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 three (3) month medical note was received from FF Gene DeAustines eff. 08/01/15;
- A letter of intent was received by resident Frank Struck; (CO5)



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- A military leave of absence was received by Joseph L Wojtecki. In addition, attached were official letters from USMC; (CO3)
- A letter was received from Company 1 endorsing Asst. Chief Arturi for the 2016-2019 term for Borough Chief;
- Carolyn Arturi submitted a letter offering her full support for Asst. Chief Arturi's decision of running in the 2016-2019 Borough Chief election;
- Asst. Chief David Maher submitted a change of address;
- Ex-FF William Barclay is looking to re-join Company #5;
- A resignation letter was received from Ex-Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek.

The Board accepted all communications as read.

### **Company Reports:**

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of August 2015, Company 1 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 standby(s), and held one (1) drill (s), for a total of 23 alarms. In addition held three (3) training(s).

Engine1 requested one (1) drop charger for the engineer's compartment.

Engine 1 is scheduling the remaining electrical work to be completed by the Fair Lawn motor pool division.

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

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Maher reported for the month of August 2015, Company 2 responded to: 23 box alarms, 5 still alarm(s), 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 29 alarms In addition, held three (3) training (s) and responded to 0 mutual aid call(s).

Tower 2 will be getting some body repairs done this week.

11 members will be attending the 2015 Firemen's Convention in Wildwood, NJ.

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

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### **Company #3**

Asst. Chief Joseph Longo reported that for the month of August 2015 Company 3 responded to: 21 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 0 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, and one (1) drill (s) for a total of 22 alarms. In addition held two (2) training (s) and 0 mutual aid response(s).

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

### **Company #4**

Asst Chief Michael Nelson, reported for the month of August 2015, Company 4 responded to: 22 box alarms, 13 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm(s), 1 drill (s), 0 standby(s), for a total of 37 alarms. In addition held 0 training (s) and responded to ten (10) mutual aid call (s).

Awaiting the light tower has to be adjusted as it is no longer sitting correctly into its cradle:  
There is a tear in one of the jump seats and needs to be repaired;  
Requested two (2) voice amplifiers and one (1) large mask;  
Requested three (3) black helmet shield's and mask cleaning wipes.

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

### **Company #5**

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of August 2015 Company 5 responded to: 24 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 standby(s), 1 drill (s) for a total of 25 alarms. In addition held one (1) training (s).

The new stabilization struts have been mounted on the truck.

A letter was received from William D Barclay to re-join the department and become a daytime member.

Requested a new mount for the new electric Hurst tool.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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### **Borough Chief Speranza Report:**

The Department has been pre-qualified for the "Firehouse Subs" grant. If granted, we would purchase fire prevention equipment. One of the items sought would be a flameless extinguisher training system.

Thanks to the member that participated in the Leadership Camp. In particular, Tower 2 and Engine 4 and rescue 5 for their cooperation for the helicopter landing.

The training center is shaping up and thanks to all that have put their time and efforts to make it happen. The State inspected the site and have approved a Class a certification. The inspector also provided compliments on how the center was built, its functionality and all of its safety features.

There has been some ongoing issues with the City of Paterson with not complying with the States Deployment act. This has now caught the attention of both Local and State Officials attention. This will be further explored.

As a result of the Wildwood convention manpower will be light. A head count is needed so that we can coordinate our efforts along with the surrounding towns.

We had to postpone the drill for several houses on Royal Avenue. In its place we have scheduled a missing person drill that will take place at Van Dyke's Park Place on Thursday 09/03/15.

The new AED's will arrive this week and will be distributed once they arrive.

With the 2015 fiscal coming into the 3 / 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, we will be focusing on the 2016 budget.

When we will expect equipment to arrive

#### Projected Dates:

PPE:	7 weeks out
Hose:	10/14/15
Nozzles:	09/25/15
AED's:	09/06/15
Quick Connect:	4 to 6 weeks
Accountability Boards:	2 weeks

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We have researched a car fire simulator and the cost to purchase is 36K. As a result we will have to research further.

### **Dates to Remember**

September 03, 2015- VDPP Missing Person Drill 7:15 pm.  
September 09, 2015- Explores Graduation  
September 11, 2015- 9/11 Memorial Presentation  
September 12, 2015- Pump Testing for Engines 1, 3 & 4  
September 13, 2015 – FD vs PD Softball 7:30 PM  
September 26, 2015: Hawthorne Day

October 20, 2015 – 9am / 12 noon Coin Toss  
October 25/26 2015 –OSHA Physicals

### **COMMITTEES**

**Communication Division:** Responded to 20 alarms, held 2 meeting (s) & 1 drill for a total of 24 alarms.

Requested that when anyone calls for PSE&G please give more details.

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

**Fire Prevention:** Issues with 55 Westervelt were addressed.

Asst. Chief Longo mentioned that there was no FDC connections and there are handi cap parking issues.

*Chief Speranza stated that there are FDC and will have to look into the parking issues.*

**Ladies Auxiliary:** No report at this time.

**Junior FF's (Explorer Program):** Graduation is September 09, 2015.

**In School Program:** No report at this time.

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**Hawthorne Day:** Details are to follow as to the FD logistics.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Last meeting was a success as it had the most attendance to date. Many things were accomplished. T-shirts have been ordered, 238 pieces were purchased and we have to sell the remaining 262. We are looking at securing commemorative coins. Minutes were handed off to each company. 09/23/15 next meeting.

**Ordinance Committee:** Ex-Chief Tamburro stated that he had placed calls with the Borough attorney and is waiting for a return call.

**Training Center:** Items are being purchased and will be delivered to the Center by next week. As request for several empty 55 gallon barrels.

**Safety Officers:** No Report.

**Exempt/ Relief:** No Report.

**Website:** No report

### **Old Business:**

Company 1: There appears to be a leak in the Unit 57 cascade system. The click mate doesn't fit North Haledon's bottle and will be looked into.

Company 2: The new CO meters can be calibrated by Tower 2.

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: Sadasia B. Butler, Troy L. Greer and Kyle M. Harris.

Company 1: E1 requested permission to attend Liberty State Park.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: The Training Center is now Class A and we have to follow all training center rules for a Class A center.

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Company 4: We have HQ generator issues and parts are being ordered and will need to be installed. When this occurs power will be shut off for 1-2 hours.

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

### **Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: Thanked Company 1 for his endorsement.  
Company 2: Keep George Lodder in thoughts.

Company 3: George Degroot is back from rehab.  
Company 4: No report at this time.  
Company 5: Gene DeAugustines is on medical leave.  
Chief: No report at this time.

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

Ex Chief Tamburro asked why Unit 5/8 responds after Rescue 5 is already responding.

*Chief Speranza stated that it is usually for manpower and for a limited response. The issue is that the truck needs to be used as sitting without any use costs us more in the long run with maintenance.*

Safety Officer Frank Vittorio stated that the Department should secure training center guidelines so that we can endorse and follow.

*Chief asked Vittorio to secure same and we will look into it.*

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