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Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on November 10, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Borough Chief Joseph Speranza at 7:30pm, with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for the victims of Fort Hood Texas. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Mark Smith, 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: Assistant Chief John Gurriell.

MINUTES

The previous Minutes were dispensed. A motion to dispense the Minutes were made by Asst. Chief Van Ek and Asst. Chief DiVincent.

Motion by Asst. Chief Smith and Asst. Chief Geier, that the following bills be approved and submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration:

BILLS

Ken's Auto Electric	$840.00	Fire Companies.com	$239.97
Fire Engineering	$76.00	Ace Hardware	$944.23
Gilby's	$840.00	B/C Communication	$24.00
Twister Display	$113.00	AT & T	$46.17
HFD	$634.01	Verizon	$34.73
Verizon	$56.33	B/C Communication	$40.00
Motorola	$78.00	Gilby's	$205.00
Federated Emergency Serv.	$1,450.00	Federated Emergency	$707.79
Verizon	$488.86	HFD reimbursement	$132.00
Chief Supply	$1,428.75	Fregman's Power Equip.	$150.00
B & C Communication	$47.25	First Priority Emerg. Veh	$2,700.89
Ken's Auto	$310.48		

Communications:

- A thank you card was received from the Irvilino family thanking the Department for attending the visitation services of Lucille Killmer.
- A letter was received from Lieut. Ronald Hill requesting a three (3) month medical leave of absence due extra complications from eye surgery.
- A letter of resignation from FF Donald Kinard was received.
- A medical note from Dr. Joseph A Lozito Jr's office placing FF Thomas Kennedy on medical leave from October 15, 2009 to May 01, 2010 due to knee complications.
- A letter was received from FF Robert Tagliabue requesting a leave of absence of six (6) months due to personal reasons.
- A letter of transfer was received from FF Craig Irvilno requesting to transfer from Company 5 to Company 4.

The Board accepted Lieut. Ronald Hill's three (3) month medical leave of absence, FF Thomas Kennedy and FF Robert Tagliabue's six (6) month leave of absences.

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Smith and a second by Asst. Chief Geier to accept FF Donald Kinard's resignation with regrets. The Board collectively accepted, FF Donald Kinnard's resignation with regrets.

FF Irvilino's transfer request would be further discussed between the Asst. Company 5 and 4.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Mark Smith reported that for the month of October 2009, Company 1 responded to: 27 box alarm's, held 4 training's, 3 drill's, 0 radio alarm and 1 still alarm's for a total of 35 alarms.

<u>Engine 1 year ending totals from November 2008 - October 2009:</u>

258 - Box alarms
34 - Still Alarms
4 –Radio Alarms
9 – Drills
1 Chief's call
37 – Training's
Total alarms with training 343

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.
Engine 1 is in fair working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief DiVincent reported for the month of October 2009, Company 2 responded to: 27 box alarms, 0 mutual aid calls, 0 still alarm, 0 radio alarm and held 4 drills, for a total of 31 alarms.

One (1) spare SCBA bottles is still out of service.

The truck has been serviced and all is in order.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of October 2009, Company 3 responded to: 28 box alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 3 drills , 0 chief's call, 2 still alarm and held 1 training for a total of 34 alarms.

Engine 3 year ending totals from November 2008- October 2009:

259 - Box Alarms
10 - Still Alarms
7- Mutual Aid Calls
1 – Radio Alarm
19 – Drills
Total 296

Engine 3 is waiting for replacement of the foam cell level gauge.

Four (4) pairs of gloves and three (3) floatation devices were received.

Congratulations to Chief Joseph Speranza on his re election of Borough Chief

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of October 2009, Company 4 responded to: 27 box alarms, 1 still alarm, 1 radio alarm, 0 Chief's call, 0 mutual aid calls, and held 4 drills for a total of 32 alarms.

Engine 4 responded to 300 alarms for the November 2008 to October 2009 year.

The year end percentages were submitted to Clerk Tripicchio for processing.

Engine 4's Firematic Officers will remain the same for 2010.

One (1) small SCBA mask for FF Devin Hughes and a replacement netting for Lieut. David Sylvetser were requested

The thermal imaging camera is in need of service as it is no longer holding a charge as a result one (1) thermal imaging camera battery has to be ordered.

FF Robert Van Duesen has completed Fire Fighting 1 and has been taken off of Probationary status.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst Chief Gurriell reported that for the month of October 2009, Company 5 responded to: 29 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 3 drill's for a total of 32 alarms.

One (1) battery bank charger was received.

A combo kit and rotary hammer are both out of service. Both need to be replaced and prices are still being researched.

The combo pack batteries are needed to be replaced as they no longer hold a charge.

The rotary hammer is in need of being replaced as it is no longer functioning correctly.

Rescue 5 is requesting permission to attend the Wallington Day Parade.

A resignation letter was received from FF Donald Kinard with regrets.

FF Anthony Manzo and FF Kyle Johnson have both completed their Fire Fighter 1.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members for their support of the re-election of Borough Chief who serve as the Department Fire Chief for the three (3) year term for the years of 2010 to 2013.

Also, thanked all of the members that participated in the three (3) recent Department wide drills.

On November 15, 2009 the Department will be attending the Memorial service which Will be held at St. Anthony's RC Church at the 8:30am. The Department will be Introducing Father Brian Sullivan as the third Chaplain.

The OSHA mandated physicals were completed. Any member that did not attend, a Make- up date will be held on December 17, 2009 at Borough of North Haledon. Times will follow once they are made available.

Any member that does not attend these mandated physicals will not be able to engage as a front line fire fighter.

An Engineered Lumber Type & Truss Type Constructed buildings Ordinance proposal has been presented to the Mayor for consideration. This Ordinance would mandate that these type buildings must have identification on the exterior of the building.

A second Ordinance was proposed to the Borough to notify the Department of the storage containers contents in order to assist the Department when responding.

The Department has requested that all lock box owners must insure that the keys inside the box are updated. There have been instances when the Departments responds and

The Department has also requested both the Mayor and Police Chief to address the dispatching concerns.

Dates to Remember:

November 15, 2009 – Memorial Service (St. Anthony's)
December 04, 2009 – Borough Santa Parade
December 12, 2009 – Times TBA -OSHA make up Physicals (N. Haledon)

Communication Division:

Communication Division stated that they responded to 04 alarms, 2 work details and held 2 meetings for a total of 9 alarms.

All members, radio, computer and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Field Comm are in good working order.

Fire Prevention: No report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time

Fund Drive: The Holiday mailing has been sent out.

In School Program: No report at this time

Van Hook Scholarship: No report at this time

Open House: No report at this time.

Toy Drive: No report at this time.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time

Juniors: No report at this time.

Web Site: There is an active calendar that allows the Department to post dates including meetings and activities etc. It will be updated monthly.

Old Business:

Company 1: Inquired who will train the PD Dispatchers.

Chief Speranza stated that the Police Dept. will handle the training.

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.

New Business:

Oath of Office: George Reese and Robert Stonier were sworn in and will be assigned to the Radio Room Division.

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.

Chiefs Report: Chief Speranza attended a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss possible adding a bonfire at Fire Headquarters after the Santa Parade. The Chamber representative declined adding a Bon Fire and will leave the Santa Parade as it is with no changes.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: FF Thomas Kennedy and FF Frank LaRosa are both recovering.

Company 2: Congratulated Chief Speranza on his re election.

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.

Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to anyone from the floor wishing to be heard.

FF David Sylvester inquired if the Department will be participating as a vendor at Hawthorne Day.

Chief Speranza stated that the next meeting will be held in January and that any suggestions are welcomed.

FF Gerry Flanagan received a letter from FF Robert Tagliabue stating that he is doing well.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tripicchio
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Board Secretary