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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue  
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### Minutes of the meeting held on March 02, 2010.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for past Firefighter Thomas Furrey. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief James Counsellor, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief Anthony DiVincent, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Peter Vandervelde, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Counsellor to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Warner.

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek and second from Asst. Chief Di Vincent, that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration:

### BILLS

Verizon Wireless	\$140.37	AT&T	\$50.51
Verizon	\$57.24	Verizon	\$57.76
Bill Fox Co. LLC	\$215.30	Ken's Auto	\$232.50
Yankee Propane	\$26.00	Ace Hardware	\$138.88
MES	\$614.00	Turn Out Uniforms	\$147.96
AAA Emergency	\$358.07	AAA Emergency	\$45.00
PA Auto Parts	\$4.78	Ken's Auto Electric	\$152.92
HFD Reimbursement	\$256.76		

### Communications:

- A letter of intent was received from Borough resident Michael M. Naumov requesting to join Company 5.
- A three (3) month medical leave of absence extension letter was received from Ex Asst. Chief Victor Tamburro.

- A letter was received from FF Robert Barclay requesting to be placed back onto the active roster for the daytime since he now conducts most of his business in Hawthorne.
- A communication was received from Basking Robbin's indicating they will again host their .31 cent ice cream night on Wednesday April 28, 2010.
- Rifle Camp Fire Company 3 will be hosting their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Firematic exposition on Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 10:00 a, to 4:00 pm. It will be held at Mc Bride Avenue and Memorial Drive Woodland Park NJ.

*The Board accepted and granted Ex Asst. Chief Tamburro's three (3) month medical leave of absence.*

## **Company Reports:**

### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Counsellor reported that for the month of February 2010, Company 1 responded to: 15 box alarm's, held 4 training's, 0 drill, 2 radio alarm's and 4 still alarm's for a total of 23 alarms.

Engine 1's front suction, foam system and generator are all out of service.

Engine 1 pending age is clearly a concern. The above issues are re occurring issues that clearly need to be addressed. The primary concern is the failure to protect Borough residents and the safety of the member's, which could be effected.

All firefighters and other than above equipment mention issues are in good working order.

### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief DiVincent reported for the month of February 2010, Company 2 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 0 still alarm, 0 radio alarm and held 2 drills, for a total of 24 alarms.

Thanked Chief Speranza, Department Officer's and the members that attended the visitation for Thomas Furrey and those that had served as part of the honor guard.

The Truck and all firefighters are in good working order.

### **Company #3**

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of February 2010, Company 3 responded to: 19 box alarms, 2 mutual aid calls, 0 radio alarm, 1 drills, 0 still alarm, 2 stand by's and held 1 training for a total of 25 alarms.

One (1) SCBA has returned from repair.

The apparatus's batteries were replaced by vendor Federated Fire Apparatus. The same batteries were replaced 2 ½ years ago. Federated will be looking into the ongoing electrical issues.

Federated Fire Apparatus has ordered parts for the generator display and tank level gauge. Awaiting repairs at this time.

All of Engine 3's ladders were tested. One of the ladders halyard had to be replaced.

Thanks to all of the juniors that assisted with hydrant detail.

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

### **Company #4**

Lt. Peter Vandervelde reported for the month of February 2010, Company 4 responded to: 23 box alarms, 1 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 0 Chief's call, 0 mutual aid calls, and held 1 drills for a total of 25 alarms.

A request of two (2) pager's was requested.

One (1) survivor light is in need of a battery.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### **Company #5**

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of February 2010, Company 5 responded to: 26 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 1 drill's for a total of 27 alarms.

The intermittent electrical issues with the Truck have been repaired and the generator was also serviced.

One (1) small mask and a regulator were requested.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

**Borough Chief Speranza Report:**

Thanked all of the members for a job well done and for their professionalism at the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Fire Chief for the Day and the ice rescue drill.

A meeting was held with the finance committee and our budget was cut as expected. With their understanding the Installation Dinner was approved and will be held on Friday March 12, 2010.

A boating Safety course is in the process of being scheduled. Any member wishing to secure this certificate it is asked to advise your respective Assistant Chief. The fee for this certification will be \$15.00 per member. The Department, under the training line, will pay the fee.

CEVO driver's training will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:00 pm sharp. The course will be held at fire headquarters.

There has been several communications that "white powder" is again starting to appear. If we are called out and locate a white powder we need to take the extra precaution not to move the powder and notify the proper authorities.

The Department will once again be handling the Logistics for Hawthorne Day, which will include Firework duty.

*Dates to Remember:*

**March 11, 2010- CEVO Course**

**March 12, 2010 – Installation Dinner (pending approval)**

**May 04, 2010 – Passaic County 200 Club -Valor Awards**

**September 09, 2010 Passaic County 200 Club – Annual Beefsteak**

**Communication Division:**

Communication Division: responded to 9 alarms 1 mutual aid. 1 stand-by 3 trainings for a total of 13 alarms.

All members and equipment are in good working order.

Fire Prevention: No report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

Junior's/ Explorer Program: New classes are beginning. Copies of the class schedules were placed in each Assistant Chief's mailbox.

Safety Officer's: SO Frank Vittorio stated that the shields were in and were handed out to the Assistant Chiefs.

Fund Drive: No report at this time.

In School Program: No report at this time.

Van Hook Scholarship: All potential members should submit their considerations now in order to hand the scholarship out in time.

Open House: No report at this time.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time

Web Site: Any uploads will need to be presented to administrator Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek.

**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: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time

**New Business:**

Oath of Office: None at this time

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time

Company 3: Website calendar is updated. Any additional dates needed please advise Administrator Asst. Chief Van Ek.

Company 4: No report at this time

Company 5: Thanked all that had attended and participated in the ice drill.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time

**Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: Comedy Dinner March 20, 2010. Ask any Company 1 member for tickets

Company 2: Thanked all that had attended and assisted with the honor guard for Tom Furrey's wake.

Company 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Andrew Massey lower back surgery went and will now commence physical therapy. April 03, 2010 Harley Davidson Raffle will be drawn.

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.

Capt. Longo stated we need to support Company 1 and their process of acquiring a new apparatus. It is apparent that the re occurring issues could hamper responding as well as the failure to protect the resident's of the Borough.

Ff Frank Vittorio thanked all of the members that responded to the incident at his home.

No 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 Counselor that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Tripicchio*

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