



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on December 01, 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 John A. Pasquale III. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Capt. James Counselor, 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: Capt. Brian Warner.

MINUTES

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

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

BILLS

Ace Hardware	\$219.77	AT &T	\$59.68
MES	\$2,097.46	AAA Emergency	\$147.52
B & C Communication	\$54.00	Verizon	\$57.57
Verizon	\$41.77	B & C Communication	\$227.00
Triangle Trophy	\$75.00	CO 1-4 4 th Qrt rent	\$8,600.00
CO 5 4 th Qrt Rent	\$450.00	CO1-5 4 th Qrt Rent	\$225.00
John Tripicchio phone	\$30.00	Joseph Speranza phone	\$30.00
Mark Smith phone	\$30.00	Jarad Van Ek phone	\$30.00
Anthony DiVincent phone	\$30.00	Jim Geier phone	\$30.00
John Gurriell phone	\$30.00	Jan Van Ek	\$165.00
Verizon Wireless	\$156.55	Bill Fox Ilc Badges	\$119.80

Communications:

- A thank you card was received from the FF Thomas Kennedy family thanking the Department for the flowers sent.

- A letter was received from Ex Chief Victor Tamburro requesting a three (3) month leave of absence commencing on November 20, 2009.
- A letter was received from FF Leon Bay requesting a three (3) month leave of absence commencing on December 01, 2009.
- A letter of intent to join the Department and requested to be assigned to CO 1 was received from resident Stephen Butchyk.

The Board accepted Ex Chief Tamburro's & FF Leon Bay's three (3) month medical leave of absence.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Capt. James Counselor reported that for the month of November 2009, Company 1 responded to: 21 box alarm's, held 4 training's, 1 drill, 0 radio alarm and 2 still alarm's for a total of 28 alarms.

A letter was received from FF Leon Bay requesting a three (3) month leave of absence.

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: 22 box alarms, 0 mutual aid calls, 0 still alarm, 0 radio alarm and held 1 drills, for a total of 23 alarms.

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

A letter was received from Ex Chief Victor Tamburro requesting a three (3) month leave of absence commencing on November 20, 2009.

FF William Seidel has been placed on administrative leave.

All firefighters and equipment are in good condition.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of November 2009, Company 3 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 radio alarm, held 1 drill, 0 chief's call, 0 still alarm and held 1 training for a total of 24 alarms.

The foam cell level gauge, quartz light and light switch for the motor compartment were all repaired.

One (1) PASS device has been received with an additional one requested.

All firefighters and equipment are in working order.

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of November 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.

Two (2) thermal imaging camera batteries have been received.

One (1) Scott scba has to be sent out for repairs.

Craig Irvilino's transfer paperwork has been received and will be processed.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Company #5

Capt. Warner reported that for the month of November 2009, Company 5 responded to: 25 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 2 drill's for a total of 27 alarms.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members for their attendance at the Memorial service. It was a great showing for our newly inducted Fire Chaplain, Father Brian Sullivan.

The Department has applied for the following grants: First Alert and the Vermont Teddy bear grant. The First Alert grant would supply thirty (30) photo type detectors (value \$1,140) and the Teddy Bear grant (value \$1,200) would provide forty (40) bears.

The Borough is considering an Ordinance requiring that all new commercial property owners will need to purchase a lock box.

A meeting was conducted with the Mayor and Police Chief to address the dispatching concerns.

A preliminary budget hearing was held with Borough CFO & Administrator and thus far there is a 20% budget cut. It is expected that more cuts will be forth coming with the Finance Committee meeting. As a direct result, all members are urged to be extra diligent with Department Equipment.

As to the Firematic Officers for 2010 most of the Officer's candidates and present Officer's have completed the required certifications. Those Officer's that do not comply will be placed on administrative leave until the requirement's are obtained.

The Radio Room Division will be conducting radio audit's to insure the ID matches the radio to the individual it belongs to. This will commence for the following Mondays until all of the Department's radio's are completed. It is asked that all Department members be patient during this time in order to insure our own safety.

The following next few Mondays will also be fit testing for the remaining companies.

Due to recent occurrences with Department members outside of Firematic duties the Department will be introducing policies pertaining to criminal infractions, in appropriate conduct of a member and substance abuse. The polices where handed out to the Assistant Chief's for approval and adoption of a Department policy.

As issues arise we will need to adopt policies and compile our policies and by laws.

Dates to Remember:

December 04, 2009 – Borough Santa Parade (5:45 Headquarters)

December 14, 2009 – Times TBA -OSHA make up Physicals (N. Haledon)

December 21, 2009 – Toy Drive

January 02, 2010 – Department Bon Fire (Tentative) 7 pm

January 17, 2010 – Department Officer's Re organization Meeting 9 am

January 18, 2010 – Garden Apartments & Town House Fire Training (Van Dykes) 7pm.

Communication Division:

Communication Division: No report at this time.

Fire Prevention: No report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time

Fund Drive: No report at this time.

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: The Ladies Auxiliary will be handling the Toy Drive. The Department has received \$800 in donation's to purchase goods for needy families. Delivery is scheduled for December 21, 2009.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time

Juniors: No report at this time.

Web Site: No report at this time.

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: None at this time

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: In 2010 The Department will be adopting *additional policies* / by laws and Ordinances.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Wished Happy Holidays to all.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: Wished Happy Holidays to all.

Chiefs Report: Wished the Department Happy & Safe Holidays.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary