



Borough of Hawthorne  
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue  
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

**Minutes of the meeting held on April 06, 2012.**

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the American Flag and held a moment of silence for a fallen US Marine Sgt. DeAugustine. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. John Tripicchio, Tower Company 2: Capt. William Redmon, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

**MINUTES**

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

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Van Ek and second from Asst. Chief Warner that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment:

**BILLS**

Ruscon Truck Repair	\$3,172.00	The Home Depot	\$200.00
AT & T	\$48.36	Tanis Hardware	\$49.97
The Body Works	\$1,549.57	Fire Fighter One	\$249.56
MES	\$407.99	NJ Vol. FF Dues	\$25.00
Turnout Uniforms	\$47.99	Valley Health Med Center	\$840.00
State Line Fire Safety	\$143.30	CNP Fittest NJ LLC	\$100.00
Penn Wells Publications	\$289.99	Federated Emer. Serv.	\$2,500.00
All Mobile Small Eng LLC	\$611.98	Verizon Wireless	\$334.39
Turnout Uniforms	\$95.98	Firefighter One	\$517.48
Quest Diagnostics	\$224.25	Zoll	\$101.36
Firefighter One	\$2,099.00	Air Purifiers	\$125.00
Adv. Air Systems	\$1,196.23		

Asst. Chief Nelson inquired as to the Advanced Air invoice.

Chief Speranza advised that it was the maintenance contract for the air system and cascade.

## **Communications:**

- A letter of intent was received from resident Joseph Sproviero to join Company #1.
- A medical note from Ridgewood Ortho Group advising that Ex-Asst Chief John Lane is able to return to full active duty, effective April 02, 2012.
- A completed application was received from Matthew Ryan (CO4).

The Board accepted the medical return of Ex-Asst. John Lane.

## **Company Reports:**

### **Company #1**

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Tripicchio reported for the month of March 2012, Company 1 responded to: 16 box alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 chiefs call, 0 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid calls, 0 stand bys, 0 training's and held 4 drill (s) , for a total of 23alarms.

There is an oil leak near the valve gasket in the engine block.

The Nedereman exhaust system in the engine room is not functioning and needs to be repaired.

Aside from the above Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

### **Company #2**

Capt. Redmon reported for the month of March 2012, Company 2 responded to: 14 box alarms, 2 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 1 Mutual Aid call, 0 stand bys, 0 training's, and held 4 drill(s) for a total of 21 alarms.

Requested to purchase a new K-12 Fire rescue saw as the prior saw is non-repairable.

Tower is out for the annual aerial ladder testing.

Alan Ribbe Jr. (son of Ex FF Alan Ribbee) has passed away earlier this month.

All of the Trucks ground letters have been inspected and tested.

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

### **Company #3**

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of March 2012, Company 3 responded to: 15 box alarms, 2 drills, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarm, 0 standby, 0 mutual aid and 1 training for a total of 18 alarms.

This is an air leak with the front suction that needs to be repaired.

Engine 3 received 7 out of the 8 requested lengths of 1 ¾ inch hose.

The previously ordered hose washer parts have been received.

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

### **Company #4**

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of March 2012, Company 4 responded to: 11 box alarms, 3 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 2 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 2 drills and held 1 training for a total of 19 alarms.

Engine 4's air actuated air valves have been repaired. A transducer that was defective was also replaced. It was purported that this was a result of the hard water that the Borough has.

Ken's Auto adjusted the mercury switch on the light tower.

The Body works will be conducting repairs to Engine 4.

One (1) gas meters has yet to be returned from repairs.

Ex-Asst Chief John Lane has returned to full active duty effective 04 02 12.

### **Company #5**

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of March 2012, Company 5 responded to: 22 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 0 training, and 3 drills for a total of 25 alarms.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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

Thanked all that had attended the Van Dyke Department Drill. He especially thanked Van Dyke Park Place Mngt., Capt. Joseph Longo, Safety Officer Frank Vittorio and the Mutual Aid companies.

The Van Dyke drill critique will be held on April 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm at FHQ. April 24, 2012 Officer inspection and maintenance seminar.

There was a rumor as to the Departments budget. The Borough has yet to be approved and there is nothing in stone. There is also follow up meeting as to the Capital budget which will be held in the upcoming weeks.

The Radio Bond Ordinance will be heard on April 18, 2012. The Departments request has been forwarded for consideration.

The Fire Act grant has opened up this week. The Department will be applying for the Verizon Blue Force accountability system. Further a grant will be requested for outdated gear to assist is saving money for the Borough.

May 07, 2012 will be the new Training Center date for cleanup.

April 23, 2012 7 pm at CO1 – RIT Awareness Training for Engine CO1, 3 & 4.

A revised Officer Training schedule has been handed out. A note as to the specific change for Luet. training of April 24, 2012. The Lieut's will meet at 7:00 pm with the remaining Officers at 7:45 pm.

### Dates to Remember

**April 12, 2012- 7:30 pm – Van Dyke Drill critique (FHQ)**

**April 23, 2012 7 pm RIT Awareness training for Engine CO1, 3 & 4 at CO1.**

**April 24 ; 2012 Lieutenants 7:00 pm (FHQ)**

**April 24, 2012- Officer's 7:45 - Gear inspection/ maintenance seminar (FHQ).**

**April 21, 2012- Passaic County Mutual Aid Beefsteak Dinner (Bloomingdale NJ) 7:00 pm.**

**May 05, 2012- Murder Mystery -**

**May 07, 2012 will be the new Training Center date for cleanup.**

### COMMITTEES

**Communication Division:** Responded to 17, alarms, 0 work sessions, and held 4 meetings for a total of 21 alarms.

The main radio repeater was repaired by Motorola at no charge to the Borough. Also, a discussion was held with the borrowing a digitized dispatching system. The Police Department desk will move to Fire Headquarters in the following weeks.

All members and equipment are in working order.

**Fire Prevention:** 55 Westervelt still has issues, therefore, be forewarned in the event we have to respond.

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

**Junior's/ Explorer Program:** *No report at this time.*

**Safety Officer's:** *No report at this time*

**Website** – The Hartford Insurance Company will be advertising on our site and the Department will be compensated for same (\$20 per month). This compensation will be credited to the Borough.

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

**Van Hook Scholarship:** *No report at this time*

**Open House:** No report at this time.

**Mutual Aid Meeting:** President Speranza stated that the County has now established a large scale fire band frequency. The frequency will be in the 470 UHF range and will also include portables radios for County Departments. The frequencies will be split into 3 zones : North, South and County Wide.

State / Federal Id's are moving forward. This id's will include all of you certifications, These are highly decorated and protected by both State & Federal governments. Once a member resigns from the Department they will be forfeited. If they are not returned State and Federal Government's will take action not the Department. It is that individual's responsibility to comply with same.

**Hawthorne Day:** No report at this time.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** May 05, 2012 Murder Mystery Spaghetti Dinner. Donation \$35:00. See any member that is on Committee. The circus has been put on hold until next year.

**Memorial Park:** Liaison Ex –Asst. Chief Geier reported that the Memorial park will have a budget of 75K. Ground breaking will commence on September 11, 2012 and will be unveiled in 2013. Fund raising will be required from all entities. The water park has been scaled down.

#### **Old Business:**

**Company 1:** Company 1 reported that Vince Corasio Jr. is in violation of Ordinance 17-9A (meeting violation). Numerous attempts were made with FF Corasio Jr and no response was ever received.

*Chief Speranza advised he discussed this issue with Asst. Chief Arturi and Clerk is to send certified letter.*

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: Mathew Ryan (CO-4)

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

**Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: Easter Plants Sale April 06 & 07, 2012.

Company 2: FF Robert bell will have a procedure conducted in upcoming weeks.

Company 3: Thanked all that purchased the 50/50 raffle.

Company 4: No report at this time

Company 5: Porterhouse Steak Dinner will be held on June 28, 2012, 7:00 pm at The Brownstone. Donation \$120.00.

Pasta Dinner will be held on May 12, 2012. Adults \$12.00 & Children \$8.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary