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Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on January 03, 2012.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the flag. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief James Counsellor, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

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

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

BILLS

Federated Emer. Service	\$1,653.54	Verizon	\$45.95
Verizon	\$61.14	AT&T	\$47.80
Giant Tire	\$1,550.00	Federated Emer. Service	1,500.00

*Asst. Chief Counsellor question several purchase orders.
Chief Speranza and Clerk Tripicchio explained the purchase orders validity and reason.*

Communications:

- A medical note was received from Garden State Orthopedic Associates stating that FF Frank Vittorio may return to light duty effective, January 02, 2011.
- A resignation letter was received for FF Keith Weber effective January 01, 2012.

The Board accepted the resignation with regrets.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Counsellor reported for the month of December 2011, Company 1 responded to: 17 box alarms, 4 still alarm, 0 chiefs call, 4 radio alarms, 0 mutual aid calls, 0 stand bys, training's and held 0 drill(s) , for a total of 25 alarms.

Engine 1 is waiting for the repairs of two (2) LED lights to replace the portable tripod quartz lights.

2012 Officers

Asst. Chief John Arturi
Captain Christopher Dibella
1st Lieut. John Tripicchio
2nd Lieut. John Carlo

2012 Drivers

Russell Snyder
Kevin Foley
Mark Smith
Jay Counsellor

Alternates

William Marra
Mike Thimme
David Vanderweile
Robert Luscombe

Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of December 2011, Company 2 responded to: 20 box alarms, 3 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual Aid call, 0 stand bys, 0 training's, and held 1 drill(s) for a total of 24 alarms.

2012 Officers

Asst. Chief John Marsch
Capt. William Redmon
1st Lieut. George Lodder
2nd Lieut David Maher

Thanked Asst. Chief Counsellor and Asst. Chief Geier for their years of service.
Welcomed Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, Asst. Chief John Arturi and the newly elected 2012 Officers.

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

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of December 2011, Company 3 responded to: 20 box alarms, 1 drill, 0 radio alarm, 2 still alarms, 1 standby, 0 mutual - aid and held 0 training's for a total of 24 alarms.

Engine 3 is out for repairs on the brakes.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of December 2011, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarms, 5 still alarm, 1 radio alarm, 1 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief call, 0 Mutual Aid calls and held 1 drill's for a total of 29 alarms.

Requested One (1) pair of suspenders.

The light tower is in need of repair.

Requested One (1) thermal imaging charger as the batteries no longer are being charged.

2 new officer helmets were received.

All equipment and members are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of December 2011, Company 5 responded to: 25 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 standby, 0 training, and 0 drill for a total of 25 alarms.

2012 Officers

Asst. Chief Brian Warner
Capt. Edward Sutherland

1st Lieut. Sal Occhipinti
2nd Lieut. Joseph Pagnozzi

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked Asst. Chief's Counsellor & Geier for their years of service, their mental strength and poise during Departments tough and trying times in their years of service.

Welcomed, Asst. Chief Nelson and Asst. Chief Arturi to the Board.

The Department has entered into contract agreement with Valley Health Net. They will be conducting the medical physicals for new members and for members that are unable to do not attend the annual mandated physicals due to scheduling conflicts.

Members that didn't take the mandated physicals must do so my March 1, 2012. If they do not take physical they will be listed as "Class C" firefighters until they are cleared otherwise. The list of members that need to take the mandated physicals were handed to each Asst. Chief.

Fire Officer Training will take place on March 28, 2012 at the Passaic County Fire Academy.

The Department's internal financial audit will be held on February 20, 2012. One member from each company that is in good standing "firematically" may attend.

THE Departments Training Center remains closed until further response is received from FEMA.

The Department will again host the second annual snow tubing event on January 31, 2012 at Camp Gaw Mnt. Mahwah, NJ. Sign-up sheets are in each Officers mailbox along with release forms that need to be executed prior to the event.

A Committee comprised of the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, the Rotary Club and the Borough Administration held a Monument Park meeting. Discussion was held as to the starting of breaking ground would commence on March / April 2012.

The Department also expressed sincere thanks to the 2011 retired members who provided many years of service, FF Joseph Pecinni, Ex. Asst. Chief Robert Shannon and Ex. Asst. Chief Joseph Metzler.

Dates to Remember

January 17, 2012- 2012 Mandated Re Organization Officers Meeting 7:00 pm.
January 31, 2012- Snow Tubing @ Camp Gaw Mnt. Mahwah, NJ 6:00 pm sharp.
February 04, 2012- Van Dyk Facility "Walk Thru" 9 am.
February 20, 2012- Internal Financial Audit
March 28, 2012- Fire Officers Training at Passaic County - Times TBD

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Glenn Reese inquired as to who was dumping debris (light fixtures and bulbs) in the car port as it was blocking the entrance.

Chief Speranza stated that the Borough had changed the bulbs and would be disposed of them this week.

Asst. Chief Arturi asked if they had other available access.

Chief Speranza stated there are several ways to access the radio room besides the car port.

Chief inquired with Signal 1 as to the status of the Borough's repeater.

Signal 1 advised that it is being worked on.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Ladies Auxiliary: The Toy Drive was successful. Guy Delcorso's Gym contributed considerably by collecting Toys for the Toy Drive as did Sharon Abood.

In 2012, food will also be included for the families that would be receiving gifts.

Thanked all who had assisted.

The 2012 dates will be scheduled differently to allow for ample amount of time to collect the toys and prepare them for delivery.

Junior's/ Explorer Program: *Jan 12, 2012 – 7:30 pm meeting.*

Safety Officer's: *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.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

Old Business:

Company 1: Inquired as to the funds for the training center rebuild.

Chief Speranza advised that Insurance Company has denied reimbursement and has now been turned over to FEMA for consideration.

Inquired as to the funds for the Monument Park.

Chief Speranza stated that each entity will be responsible and fund raising will need to be coordinated.

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

Asst. Chief Arturi and Asst. Chief Nelson entered the Board Table.

Company 1: Outgoing Asst. Chief Counsellor wished Asst. Chief Arturi Good Luck.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: Outgoing Asst. Chief Geier wished Asst. Chief Nelson Good Luck.

Asst. Nelson requested a new application for prospective member Matthew Ryan.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

Good & Welfare:

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

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

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 Arturi that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio
Board Secretary