



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue  
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

### Minutes of the meeting held on May 03, 2011.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, with a salute to the flag. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief James Counsellor, Tower Company 2: Capt. William Redmon, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Capt. Edward Sutherland.

### MINUTES

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

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

### BILLS

Verizon	\$59.14	Verizon	\$49.94
AT & T	\$45.00		

### Communications:

- A 1-month leave of absence was requested by, FF Leon Bay from March 01, to March 31, 2011.
- A letter of intent was received by Travis Lodder who resides in Hawthorne and was requested to be assigned to Company2.
- Received completed application's submitted by Christopher Geier. (CO4)
- Received medical note from Eastern Ortho Specialist for FF Alan Anema that will be unable to perform duties from April 13, 2011 until further notice.
- Request for the Dunk Tank was made by The Hawthorne Baseball / Softball Association for May 07, 2011.
- Request was made for the Dunk Tank by the Valley Home Care Team for the Glen Rock Relay for Life event that will be held on May 14-15, 2011.

#### **Company #4**

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of April 2011, Company 4 responded to: 16 box alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 2 trainings, 0 standby's, 0 Chief call, 0 mutual aid calls and held 1 drill for a total of 21 alarms.

Requested a 2 ½ swivel to 4 ½ male adapter for the hydrant gate.

Engine 4 will be out for service beginning on May 06, 2011 for the rear LED light repair.

Other than the above-mentioned items, all equipment and members are in good working order.

#### **Company #5**

Capt. Sutherland reported that for the month of April 2011; Company 5 responded to: 16 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 standby's, 0 training, 3 drills for a total of 19 alarms

Rescue will begin training with Engine 3 in the annual DUI presentation at the Hawthorne High School that will be held on June 03, 2011.

FF Hector Raices has indicated that he will be resigning shortly and a letter is forthcoming.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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

179 Wagaraw Road has again collapsed and is now non-entry building. The exception would be if there is a life hazard, tactics would be developed at that time for those instances only.

It was also noted that the brook that runs near the facility is undermining the entire building and raises concerns of turbid and high water flow.

The annual inspection will take place at the Memorial Day parade. All members will be in full dress.

Upcoming Department drill which will take place on May 25, 2011 with the focus on mass casualties, radio communication and accountability.

A reminder the Volunteer Service Dinner / Centennial Celebration will be held on May 19, 2011 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at the Indian Trail Country Club. This dinner will be presented by the Christian Health Care Center.

**Junior's/ Explorer Program:** Classes are continuing. Members are needed to assist and train.

*Chief Speranza stated that Upper Saddle River FD is interested in joining the explorer junior program.*

**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:** Will take place at the Hawthorne Day (October 1, 2011).

**Mutual Aid Meeting:** The Passaic County Mutual Aid Association will be hosting a solar panel seminar on May 19, 2011 that will be conducted by PSE&G.

A future solar panel seminar will be conducted by manufacturer, Mercury Solar Systems in the near future.

All of the USWASI funds / equipment have been located and accounted for.

**Web Site:** No report at this time.

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

**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: The Cad System at police headquarters is functioning and will soon be extended to the Department.*

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

**New Business:**

Oath of Office: Christopher Geier was all sworn in and assigned to (CO4).

Company 1: No report at this time.

*Fire Board to insure that the packet is complete prior to being sworn in. Once the member(s) are administered the Oath of Office, the packet is then sent to the Borough for approval. Once it returns from the Borough the Clerk hand delivers the application to Secretary Silvestri.*

No other 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 Counsellor that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Tripicchio  
Board Secretary