



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on August 02, 2011.

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: Jay Counsellor, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief George Weber, Engine Company 3: Capt. Joseph Longo, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

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

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

BILLS

MES	\$92.00	Penguin Comm.	\$828.00
AT &T	\$47.74	Fregman Power Equip.	\$99.00
Firestone Tire	\$660.18	HFD reimbursement	\$1,100.00
I.R.S. Inc.	\$142.68	Pass Cnty. Comm College	\$320.00
Gilby's	\$90.00	CO1-4 (\$1,550.00)	\$6,200.00
CO 5	\$450.00	Asst Chief 1-5 (\$30)	\$150.00
Chief Speranza	\$30.00	Clerk Tripicchio	\$30.00
CO1-5 (\$45.00)	\$225.00	Verizon	\$51.61
Verizon	\$60.12	Market Basket	\$325.82
Somes Uniforms	\$132.50	AAA Emergency	\$594.00
Federated Emer Service	\$707.09	HFD Reimbursement	\$474.81
Chief Speranza	\$96.36	Affordable Space Inc.	\$213.00
State Line Fire Safety	\$600.00	AT &T	\$47.74
Verizon Wireless	\$127.65	Fregman's Power Equip.	\$190.00
HFD reimbursement	\$157.60	Ken's Auto Electric	\$292.50
Federated Emer. Ser.	\$1,803.00	State Line Fire Safety	\$315.00
Verizon	\$49.34	Verizon	\$60.11
Verizon Wireless	\$146.94		

Asst. Chief Counsellor questioned the fee's that are now being charged by the Academy, when he was under the impression that we were not being charged.

Chief Speranza advised that this will be looked into at the next Mutual Aid meeting as this was also new to him.

Asst. Chief Weber also has requested that the Department does not issue payment to Federated Emergency Services for the repair to Tower 2 as there needs to be a further discussion as to the charge.

Communications:

- Hitting for a Cause a Softball Marathon for Andrew Goodell, a 3 year old who has been diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma. The Softball marathon will take place on September 2nd & 3rd, 2011 at the Wagaraw Road Ball fields. Time slots are available. The marathon will commence at 6 pm on September 2nd.
- The 11th Annual Brother Helping Brother Golf Outing, will take place on Friday September 23, 2011 at the Concordia Gold Club, Monroe Twsp. NJ. For more details call Michelle McDonnell (732) 723-0707.
- 30th Annual Antique Fire Apparatus Muster September 24, 2011 at the NJ Firemen's home (rain or shine) from 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.
- Letter of Intent from Borough resident William Elletto, requesting to join Department (CO3).
- Letter of intent from Borough resident, Brianna Jimenez requesting to join the Department (CO5).
- A letter from The Borough of Glen Rock thanking the Fire Department for assisting in the Fairmount Road fire in Glen Rock.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Counsellor reported for the month of July 2011, Company 1 responded to: 31 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 1 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual aid calls, 0 stand by 3 training's and held 0 drill, for a total of 35 alarms.

Engine 1 requested to attend the 100th Anniversary Parade of Saddle Brook on September 24, 2011.

Urged members to attend and support Kenneth Silvestri who is again up for re election for the Fireman's home manager position. The Caucus will take place on Thursday August 04, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The election will be held at the Wayne Community Fire Company 1.

Engine 1 will be replacing the chrome exhaust tail pipe that was damaged on July 22, 2011 mva.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Weber reported for the month of July 2011, Company 2 responded to: 27 box alarms, 1 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 1 Mutual Aid call, 0 stand by 0 training's and held 2 drills for a total of 31 alarms.

Thanked the Board of Fire Commissioners for attending Company 2 meeting which cleared up many issues and concerns.

Special thanks to FF William Seidel who went above and beyond his fire fighter duties, when he recovered some sentimental items at the Wayne fire.

As to the Federated bill there is an issue with the said repair as the air condition system was working when it went out for another repair and came back not working. Asst. Chief Webber will contact Federated and discuss same.

Congratulations to Company 3 in all of their recent success in the last parade.

Equipment request for the following:

(6) Six pairs of gloves and (2) two stream light boxes lights.

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

Company #3

Capt. Longo reported that for the month of July 2011, Company 3 responded to: 27 box alarms, 1 drill's, 0 radio alarm, 2 still alarms, 0 standby, 1 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 31 alarms.

Engine 3 returned from Federated Emergency Services and placed back in service on July 12, 2011.

Engine 3 attended the NJVFA in Lincoln Park on Saturday July 16, 2011. Engine 3 was awarded Best Appearing Pumper and 2nd place for Best Appearing Pumper in the 10-15 year class.

Asst. Chief Van Ek will be on vacation from July 28 thru August 6, 2011.

The driver side quartz light is out of service for repair.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of July 2011, Company 4 responded to: 31 box alarms, 1 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 1 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief call, 0 Mutual Aid calls and held 1 drill for a total of 34 alarms.

Ken's Auto Electric repaired the main & driver's side light bar.

A 2 ½ gate valve is still on order.

The fire alarm circuit for Company 4's siren has been repaired by Signal 1. The problem was identified to be that the old copper phone lines need to be replaced.

1 SCBA has been sent out for service due to a leak in the seal.

With the new installation of the CAD system the Department will be able to send text messages when an alarm has been transmitted; this in turn would eliminate the use of the E Dispatch service saving the Borough and Department funds.

Discussion was held as to CAD systems expansive capabilities, the components needed for the Department and data entry. Tentative launch for Department is October 2011.

Asst. Chief Geier will be on vacation from August 08, through August 24, 2011.

All equipment and members are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of July 2011, Company 5 responded to: 31 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 0 standby's, 1 training, 1 drills for a total of 33 alarms

A letter of intent was received from resident Brianna Jimenez.

All electrical issues have ceased since the on board generator has been repaired.

Company 5 requested additional Fire Reports.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked Companies 2, 3 & 4 for their most recent mutual aid responses to both Glen Rock and Wayne.

Department will be applying for a training grant yet this grant requires approval by the Borough as funds are needed in advance.

A Department meeting will be held at headquarters on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Following the meeting, a bed bug seminar that will be conducted by Bell Industries and hosted by I.R.S Restoration Inc.

The Open House is two months away and input is required by all members.

The Department will play in the aforementioned Softball Marathon. The allotted time slot for the Department will be from 10:00 pm to 12:00 am on Saturday September 2nd. The Department will be wearing their helmets while playing for the cause.

E Dispatch has added texting of the alarm address at the time of the dispatch.

The Department has been requested by both The Borough of Hawthorne and The Hawthorne Gospel Church to attend the 10th anniversary of September 11.

The Department will see if perhaps we can incorporate both programs.

Department physicals have been scheduled for October 9 & 10, 2011. Times will follow.

OSHA has been visiting surrounding towns and may come to Hawthorne.

The Fire Academy has allocated several dates for the Department to train and no cost.

Schedule is as follows:

August 13, 2011- Company 3
August 20, 2011 – Company 4 & 5
September 19, 2011 Company 1 & 2

Company 3 has been assigned to attend the 911 Memorial at the Fire Academy on September 08, 2011.

The Police Department endorsed the "Crime in America" program that is directly affiliated with the FF Phil program. Department will need to research the FF Phil program further.

As to responding to Carbon Monoxide alarms Company 2 & 5 are primary response and the Engine Companies are secondary in supplementing their meters.

On Behalf of the Department we wish Good Luck to Kenneth Silvestri on his upcoming election.

Dates to Remember

August 13, 2011- Company 3 - Fire Academy
August 16, 2011- Officers Meeting
August 20, 2011 – Company 4 & 5 – Fire Academy

September 2 & 3, 2011: Softball Marathon
September 02, 2011- 10: pm -12:00 am Department Slot
September 19, 2011 Company 1 & 2 – Fire Academy

October 01, 2011 – Open House / Hawthorne Day
October 9 / 10, 2011 - OSHA Physicals –Times TBD

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded for the Month of July 2011 to 15 box alarms, 5 work sessions, 2 meetings and 1 training, and 0 drills for a total of 22 alarms.

One new member has joined in the training this month.

Wished Ken Silvestri the best of luck on his election.

All members and equipment are in working order.

Fire Prevention: No report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report at this time.

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

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.

Mutual Aid Meeting: President Speranza stated that the fee's being charged by the Academy will be looked into as we were never charged for these services in times past.

Hawthorne Day: No report at this time.

Old Business:

Company 1: Requested the status of the previously requested Borough's Insurance policy for the Department.

Chief Speranza will follow up with the Borough to secure same.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: No report at this time.

Company 4: No report at this time

Company 5: The Fair Lawn Fire Department is selling September 11, 2001 Memorial patches. For more info see Asst. Chief Warner.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: None.

Company 1: Requested if Vincent Corasio Jr. sent in his return from military duty.

Clerk Tripicchio referred Asst. Chief Counsellor to the July Minutes that verified FF Corasio Jr. submitted a letter that was accepted by the Board.

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: Advised that we will discuss the attendance of the Gospel Church's Memorial Service.

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: No report at this time

Company 2: Diane Ribbe had surgery and is recovering.

Company 3: Carolyn Joustra was recently admitted in hospital.

Company 4: Cliff from B & C Communication is retiring.

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.

Ex Asst Chief George Degroot questioned as to the FIOS connections that are required for the CAD system to work.

Chief Speranza stated that he was under the impression all fire houses had FIOS already installed at no cost for a basic package. Chief suggested all fire houses secure a dedicated IP address via FIOS so that the wireless printers will print out via the signal from the CAD System when we go live.

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

CORE: STATEMENT
Volunteers providing a professional service in
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention
to the citizens of Hawthorne.

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