



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on September 06, 2011.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the flag and held a moment of silence in Remembrance of September 11, 2001. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: James Counsellor, Tower Company 2: Capt. William Redmon, 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 an Ek.

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

BILLS

AVAN Electric	\$147.40	AT&T	\$47.54
Advanced Air Systems	\$255.00	AVAN	\$55.92
Ken's Auto Electric	\$161.00	Yankee Propane	\$36.00
Insurance Restoration Inc.	\$413.33	DC Electric	\$295.00
Insurance Restoration Inc	\$286.15	Jason Goodrich	\$70.00
Turnout Gear	\$283.95	Federated Emer. Service	\$2,173.10
State Line Fire Corp.	\$265.00	Verizon	\$49.65
Verizon	\$60.08	Verizon Wireless	\$129.89

Communications:

- A Thank You letter was received from Borough Resident of brownstone Terrace thanking the Department in responding to their home during Hurricane Irene.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Counsellor reported for the month of August 2011, Company 1 responded to: 27 box alarms, 7 still alarms, 1 Chiefs call, 1 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual aid calls, 1 stand by 4 training's and held 0 drill, for a total of 41 alarms.

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

Company #2

Capt. Redmon reported for the month of August 2011, Company 2 responded to: 14 box alarms, 29 combined standbys / still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 0 Mutual Aid call, 0 stand by 0 training's and held 2 drills for a total of 45 alarms.

Truck was returned from Federated Emergency Service Inc. and was sent back out for repairs to Atlantic Detroit Diesel for a heavy white smoke issue. During diagnostics service it was discovered that the Truck had a cracked cylinder head and issues with both, the turbo and its injectors.

Truck has recently been returned and placed back into service.

It was mentioned that a job well done with the recent Hurricane Irene responses.

Service was requested for the O2 sensor's that are needed for both, the Scott meter and MSA meter.

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

Company #3

Asst Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of August 2011, Company 3 responded to: 27 box alarms, 1 drill's, 0 radio alarm, 4 still alarms, 1 standby, 0 mutual aid and held 0 training's for a total of 33 alarms.

Vendor Ken's Auto Electric repaired the power inverter and the open door chime.

Equipment request for 1 box light and charger and 1 personal stream light.

During the Hurricane Irene responses the some of the roadway gave away causing damage to the Engine's wheel chock holder along with a superficial scratch to the Engine's body.

Engine 3 will be attending the Passaic County 9/11 Memorial Service on Thursday September 08, 2011. Any other members wishing to join are welcome.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of August 2011, Company 4 responded to: 28 box alarms, 4 still alarm, 3 radio alarm, 1 training, 1 standby's, 0 Chief call, 0 Mutual Aid calls and held 1 drill for a total of 38 alarms.

Equipment request as a result of Hurricane Irene related issues

- (1) One coat zipper repair
- (3) Three Large pair of gloves
- (1) One set of suspenders
- (1) One Nomex hood
- (1) One size 12 rubber boot

Hurricane Irene Expense & logs were handed in.

Engine 4 will have minimum manpower during the week of the annual Convention.

All equipment and members are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of August 2011, Company 5 responded to: 43 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 1 standby, 0 training, 0 drills for a total of 44 alarms

Equipment request

- (1) One New York Hook to replace pike poles that were damaged both during Hurricane Irene boat rescues and garage fire.
- Both natural & 4 gas test gases are requested for meters.

Rescue responded to 6 Boat responses resulting in 11 rescues both between the Borough's of Hawthorne and Prospect Park.

Unit 58 also performed over 158 hours of pump operation in both the Borough Hawthorne & Town of Totowa. In particular FF Joseph Pagnozzi along with other members have been noted and these special details and was appreciated.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

On behalf of the Department and Borough resident thanks to all, that responded during Hurricane Irene both before and after.

A special thanks to FF's Joseph Pagnozzi, Kyle Johnson and Stephanie Hill and for any other members not mentioned that responded with them utilizing Unit 58 that went above and beyond their call of duty during and after the storm.

Mutual Aid was provided to surrounding towns such as Woodland Park, Totowa, Little Falls, Prospect Park and Paterson.

As to the recent request of equipment due to limited budget we will do our best to acquire same.

It was also reminded that the FEMA incident report continue to be utilized so that we can submit tem for consideration of reimbursement to FEMA.

A 20 ft piece of World Trade Center steel will be delivered to the Borough after 9/11 in memory of Borough resident Salvatore J. Zisa.

In closing we all need to reflect on the 10 year 9/11 Anniversary.

Dates to Remember

September 08, 2011 – Passaic County Fire Academy 9/11 Memorial Service.
September 09, 2011- Borough 9/11 Memorial - Service 6:00 pm (full dress).
September 11, 2011 9/11 Memorial Hawthorne Gospel Church 4:00pm (full dress).
September 19, 2011 Company 1 & 2 – Fire Academy
October 01, 2011 – Open House / Hawthorne Day
October 7 & 8, 2011 – Softball Marathon – Andrew Goodall
October 9 / 10, 2011 - OSHA Physicals –Times TBD
October 12-14, 2011- In school Fire Prevention Program

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded for the Month of August 2011 to 39 box alarms, 2 work sessions, 2 meetings and 2 training, and 0 drills for a total of 45 alarms.

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: Rotation will occur soon.

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: 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: No report at this time

Company 5: Inquired as to the Fire Prevention in school program schedule.

Chief Speranza indicated the date are October 12-14, the times will follow at a later date.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Oath of Office was administered to Travis Lodder.

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: Ex Asst. Chief Douglas Morgan is recovering.

Company 2: Ex member Vincent Loffio's father passed away. Services were this evening.

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 Geier that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio
Board Secretary