



Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

445 Lafayette Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

Minutes of the meeting held on November 01, 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: 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 Van Ek to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Geier.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Marsch 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

AT&T	\$47.54	Verizon	\$61.18
Verizon	\$49.17	William Redmon	\$94.45
William Redmon	\$20.02	HFD Reimbursement	\$272.57
Shotmeyer Fuel	\$74.31	Dell Garden	\$118.30
Ken's Auto Electric	\$212.50	Henry's Plumbing	\$81.30
AAA Emergency	\$305.00	AAA Emergency	\$55.23
AAA Emergency	\$337.98		

Communications:

- A letter of intent was received from Borough resident, Kenneth Kennerson (CO3), (Kennerson was a former member).
- Wayne's Pompton Falls Fire Company #3 is hosting a beefsteak on November 21, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- A 3- month medical leave of absence was requested by FF Frank Vittorio due to recent shoulder surgery, effective October 13, 2011.

Company Reports:

Company #1

Asst. Chief Counsellor reported for the month of October 2011, Company 1 responded to: 33 box alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 chiefs call, 4 radio alarm, 0 mutual aid calls, 1 stand by 4 training's and held 0 drill's, for a total of 45 alarms.

Two (2) Engine 1 members are graduating from the Passaic County Academy this month.

For the 201-2011 Fire Year Engine 1 responded to 342 alarms.

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

Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of October 2011, Company 2 responded to: 30 box alarms, 0 still alarm, 0 Chiefs call, 0 Radio alarm, 1 Mutual Aid call, 1 stand by 0 training's, and held 2 drill's for a total of 34 alarms.

For the 2010/2011 Fire Year Company 2 responded to 325 alarms.

The final clothing allowance percentages were handed in on October 27, 2011.

The Scott multi-gas meter has been returned from repairs and we are waiting for the MSA meter to be returned from being repaired.

Received Four (4) pairs of gloves, one (1) white Asst. Chief and One (1) red Captain's helmet.

Awaiting, the prior request of one (1) battery for the Bullard thermal imaging camera and one (1) battery for the Kenwood TK-3170 radio.

The aerial ladder was put through rigorous use on October 15, 2011. All seemed to be working order at this time. The aerial will be monitored accordingly for any abnormalities.

Company 2 is requesting permission to attend the Wallington Parade.

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

Company #3

Asst Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of October 2011, Company 3 responded to: 29 box alarms, 1 drill, 0 radio alarm, 5 still alarms, 1 standby, 0 mutual aid and held 3 training's for a total of 39 alarms.

FF Frank Vittorio has requested a 3 month medical leave of absence due to shoulder surgery.

A letter of intent was submitted by former member, Kenneth Kennerson.

Vendor Ken's Auto Electric was asked to investigate the power inverter that keeps on indicating that it's overloaded.

There is also need of repair to the driver's side oscillator light as the motor is no longer functioning.

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of October 2011, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarms, 2 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief call, 0 Mutual Aid calls and held 2 drill's for a total of 25 alarms.

For the 2010-2011 fire year Company 4 responded to 334 alarms drills.

The clothing allowance report was handed in.

Requesting repair of the light tower and the side rotator motor. Also requesting two (2) bulbs for side rotator unit.

The thermal imaging camera will no longer hold a charge therefore making it inoperable at this time.

Request of a two (2) pair of suspenders and fire reports.

All equipment and members are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported that for the month of October 2011, Company 5 responded to: 44 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 3 standby, 0 training, and 2 drills for a total of 49 alarms

Rescue 5 responded to 351 alarms held 24 drills for the 2010-2011 fire year.

Brianna Jimenez was sworn in on October 10, 2011.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all members for the tenaciousness of responding to alarms during the October 28, 2011 snow storm. In particular to members to Engine 1 who brushed up with numerous live power lines that kept on coming down near the members.

In addition, all members that had responded during and the aftermath of the storm arrived home safely and proved the unprecedented dedication during these trying times. The Department showed that when a difficult task is at hand it is both safely and with dedication.

The OSHA mandated physicals were attended by 98% of our members. The outstanding members are to secure the physical by the Department's Doctor prior to donning any SCBA.

The Department's truck line has been depleted due to unexpected and unforeseen repairs in 2011. The Department has made alerted the Borough to secure additional allocations as we have pending and necessary apparatus repairs.

A meeting was held with FEMA last week. It was noted and known that we will need documentation for reimbursement. The dates for documentation shall include Hurricane Irene for the dates of August 27, 2011 to September 05, 2011. For Tropical storm Lee the dates are from September 07 to September 11, 2011.

Documentation shall include manpower, pump usage, damaged equipment, vehicle use etc. Note that the stand- by hours isn't reimbursable.

The Department is also looking to secure a backup generator for each Company via FEMA 406.

The training center suffered considerable damage and has been reported to the Borough insurance carrier. Since it is a scheduled property it will have a \$1,200.00 property damage deductible. This may be picked up by FEMA.

Clothing Allowance percentages were handed in over weekend should be re adjusted if needed due to the snow storm.

The Ambulance Corps is looking for a Department driver who can provide 6 hours of weekend time. Contact Ambulance Corps Lt. David Burke for more info.

We have made contact a new communication vendor, US Secure Net who has moved to 1086 Goffle Road, Hawthorne NJ. We shall see if we can secure competitive pricing with radios pagers etc.

The Department is looking into Swiss phones new pager that has been modified for a friendlier version. A sample pager is forthcoming and we will explore further.

The static IP address from FIOS for the upcoming CAD printers are being worked on by the Borough. It appears the only company that may have an issue is Company 1 who has Cablevision as there provider.

Dates to Remember

November 07, 2011- 100 Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:30 - FHQ.

November 20, 2011 – Annual Memorial Service 8:00 am St. Anthony's (tentative)

November 29, 2011- 6:45 FHQ - Fire Simulator training

December 16, 2011– Toys for Tot- Shortway's Barn 8:00 pm

COMMITTEES

Communication Division: Responded for the month of October 2011 to 23 box alarms, 1 work session, 6 meetings and 0 training, and 0 drills for a total of 30 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: *Need handouts and or brochures for the upcoming program. There is a possibility that a recruitment booth will be set up at this year's Bon Fire.*

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: Elections for County Coordinator and County Zone Coordinator will take place in this month.

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: Requested to the secure repair of the cab lift that is no longer working.

Chief advised he will need to advise Borough as to this repair.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

New Business:

Oath of Office: None

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: Thanked all that had attended Frank Morgan's wake. Ex- Asst. Chief Doug Morgan is continuing to recover.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Ex- Asst. Chief George DeGroot was hospitalized shortly and is recovering well. Company 3 is conducting a super 50/50. The drawing will be March 17, 2011. See any Company 3 members for raffles.

Company 4: Asst. Chief Geier thanked all members that had reached out to him, regarding his son Cameron Geier.

Company 5: No report at this time

Chiefs Report: Chief Speranza advised that the Department and the Glen Rock FD have been named in a lawsuit that stems out of the motor vehicle accident that took place on Rte. 208 several years ago when the plaintiff was driving against the flow of traffic.

Thanked all the members that participated in the Andrew Goodall softball marathon. The marathon raised over \$11,000.00.

Congratulated John Hurley on his marriage to wife Jessica over the past weekend.

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

OEM Coordinator / Capt. Richard McAuliffe thanked all of the volunteer services for the response to the recent snow storm. Also commented that this effort ran smoother than in times past as we all are now on the same level as what needs to be done.

Discussed the FEMA meeting and also that the Department along with a south Jersey Vol. Fire department which were highlighted in a YouTube video that was posted by the Governor's office. Further Chief Speranza and the Department were given a Governor's award for their efforts.

As to FEMA reimbursement, all documentation must be itemized to show the type of equipment used and / or damaged, the man hours etc. for consideration of reimbursement.

Again thanked the Department for their efforts and coordination with his office.

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

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Warner, second by Asst. Chief Marsch that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio
Board Secretary