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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order on January 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm by Chief Speranza

*The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, December 17, 2022 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email ([Clerk@HawthorneFire.org](mailto:Clerk@HawthorneFire.org)) to forward questions to the Board of Fire Commissioners.*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*  
John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*  
Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*  
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*  
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*  
Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*  
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

*None*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

*Led by Chief Speranza*

### **MINUTES:**

*Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.*

**Motion to dispersed the minutes:** Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

#### CORE STATEMENT

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To the citizens of Hawthorne.

## DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

*provided and presented by Clerk Mogen*

<b>RT Office Products</b> (HFD - Printer Paper)	\$ 123.80
<b>FireFighter One, LLC</b> (6" Helmet Shields)	\$ 261.00
<b>Engraving, Awards &amp; Gifts</b> (2022 Service Awards)	\$ 1,923.68

**Total: \$ 2,308.48**

**Motion to pay the bills:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

*Presented by Clerk Mogen*

- Received a letter of intent from Mr. Samuel Constanzo wishing to join the Hawthorne Fire Department, Company 2. Clerk Mogen will provide Assistant Chief Lodder a new membership application for Mr. Constanzo.
- Received a resignation letter from FF. Brandon Terrizzi of Company 1. Approved by Company 1 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The department and the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Terrizzi for his dedicated service to the department and the residents of Hawthorne.
- Received a three (3) week Medical Leave of Absence letter from Ex-Assistant Chief David Maher, Company 2. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a three (3) month Medical Leave of Absence letter from FF. Rebecca Irvolino, Company 2. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a three (3) month Medical Leave of Absence letter from Ex-Assistant Chief David Hughes, Company 5. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a three (3) month Medical Leave of Absence letter from FF. Craig Irvolino, Company 4. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a three (3) month Medical Leave of Absence letter from Captain John Carlo, Company 1. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

## FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

**Engine CO. #1; presented by Assistant Chief John Trippichio:**

### CORE STATEMENT

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to the citizens of Hawthorne.

- For the month of December, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 28 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 1 Radio Alarms, 0 Special, 0 Drill(s) for a total of 29 alarms.
- The Officers of Company 1 for 2023 are;
  - Assistant Chief - John Carlo
  - Captain - John Arturi
  - 1st Lieutenant - Connor Smith
  - 2nd Lieutenant - Jay Counsellor
- Good luck to all 2023 Officers
- All my keys and Dept. FOB were handed in to incoming AC Carlo.
- Received a resignation for FF. Brandon Terrizzi effective Jan. 01, 2023. FF. Terrizzi was unable to fulfill his obligation as a Vol FF and has resigned. All structural FF. gear is in Co1's possession.
- There are several members that have not reached out after letters were sent back in November and December. AC Carlo will handle this matter moving forward and report back to the Board of any results.
- In closing, it has been my pleasure serving as an officer in the department. I thank the Board and all the past Assistant Chief's that were on the Board. Being an officer in HFD was challenging at times but overall rewarding. I also spoke with the Chief as to additional opportunities within the department. To that I expressed interest in the Bylaws/Ordinance Committee which the Chief must order the committee to be enacted. This will enable the committee to start working on Bylaws/Ordinance.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

**Tower CO. #2; presented by Assistant Chief Travis Lodder:**

- For the month of December 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 27 Box Alarms, 5 Still Alarm, 3 Mutual Aid calls to Glen Rock, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 36 alarms.
- 2023 Officers and drivers list has been submitted to the clerk.
- Letters have been turned in for medical leaves for FF. Rebecca Irvolino and Ex-Asst Chief Dave Maher.
- Letter of intent was handed in for prospective member Samuel Constanzo.
- 1 pack has been removed from the truck due to an air leak noticed during inspection last night. NJ Fire Equipment notified, and it was submitted into Codes.
- Our natural gas meter remains out awaiting calibration gas and one multi gas meter remains out for repairs.
- Truck 2 is requesting calibration gas for both our natural gas and multi gas meters. Request has been submitted via Codes.
- Thank you Chief Trippicchio for your time as Asst. Chief, wishing you all the best.
- I would like to thank Capt. McCarvill for his time as an Officer with Truck 2.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

**Engine CO. #3; presented by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**

- For the month of December 2022, Engine 3 responded to 28 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarm, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 0 Drills with 0 additional training for a total of 32 alarms.
- Co#3 would like to thank all firefighters and families who supported the Christmas Tree Sales for Co#3 and Co#1.
- Wishing well to all firefighters and their families for a healthy happy new year.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

**Engine CO. #4: presented by Assistant Chief Devin Hughes:**

- For the month of December 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 26 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 28 Alarms.
- On behalf of myself and the members of Engine 4, we would like to thank the outgoing officers for their time and dedication. As well as, welcome in the 2023 officers.
- Engine 4 would like to welcome back Craig Geier
- Firefighter Craig Irvolino has submitted a letter for medical leave.
- Engine 4 is still waiting for the 110 volt chargers for our CO Meter, TIC and all hose that were previously ordered. Also, we will need our radio's reprogrammed, as they are not programmed properly for all mutual aid frequencies.

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**Rescue CO. #5: presented by Assistant Chief Anthony Manzo:**

- For the month of December 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 27 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 4 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 32 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
  - Rescue
    - Good working order.
  - Unit 58
    - Set to have emergency lighting and sirens installed in the middle of this month.
  - Unit 57/Communications
    - Good working order
  - Boat
    - Good working order
  - Personal
    - Rescue Company 5 would like to thank the outgoing officers for their dedicated service and the incoming officers the best of luck.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

**FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;**

*reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza*

- Refer to the Chief's report.

**CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;**

*by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza*

Wishing all our members and their families a Happy, Healthy New Year. I wish to offer the thanks of our Borough and myself to Asst. Chief J. Trippichio, Capt. D. McCarvill, Lt. B. Van Hook for their service and dedication to our department and residents of the Borough. Your efforts never go unnoticed and are always appreciated.

We welcome Asst. Chief J. Carlo, Capt. J. Arturi, Capt. D. Kallenberg, Lt. M. Heckinger, Lt. J. Padella and Lt. C. Mogen to their new positions. The department also welcomes Joni Huston and our 2023 Auxiliary President and thank those taking office and those stepping away from office in our auxiliary. We wish all of you the best and look forward to working with each of you in keeping our members safe.

The department in 2022 had an exceptionally busy year and for the most part was injury and accident free. This is on behalf of the efforts of our members and officers.

## UPDATES

**Radio Room** - In progress with refurb and retrofit. As equipment is delivered the upgrade will continue. (No definitive date)

**Radio and Frequency change** - No update and currently awaiting response from other users of our frequency to approve or deny.

**SCBA Grant** - Items have come into NJ Fire Equipment such as bags and fittings awaiting the main components. (Expected by Jan 23rd)

**KNOX Box Keys** - A set of new knox box keys has been provided to each fire company. This lockbox will be the newest lockbox now in use.

**Hedges Property** - The property is now online for fire detection and Planet Fitness as well as the storage facility are online.

**Engine 4X** - I would like to thank the numerous members and especially our R5 members for assisting in finding a remedy to the cab lift and battery replacement on E4x. Our members spent over 20 hours working on a resolve without cost to the Borough. The unit has had some repairs in battery change outs and is now operable but awaiting additional FM work to determine if further repairs may be needed. (No decision in place on keeping or selling the unit from administration.

**Building Clean Out** - The process has begun to dispose of items of no value to the Borough or department. This clean up will continue into the car port in the next week or so. (Again, thanks to our members at R5 for assisting the disposal.)

**Installation & Awards Dinner** - Friday February 3, 7pm at Macaluso's, we will be honoring a 70-year active member and install our fire, social officers for 2023. Our thanks to the Ladies Aux committee for assisting with our dinner.

**SCBA Air Compressor** - Expected delivery this week, installation will follow.

**Officers Training** - Sunday Jan. 15th, 9am sharp at Fire Hqs.

**Officers Email Training** - Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 7:30 pm Fire Hqs. Zoom meeting with I AM RESPONDING,

**Officers I AM RESPONDING Overview** - Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 6:00 pm at Fire Hqs.

Respectfully,  
Chief J. Speranza

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Communications Division:**

- No Submission

**Cadets:**

- No Submission

**Ladies Auxiliary:**

- New 2023 Officers
  - President: Joni Huston
  - Vice President: Sharon Bakker
  - Recording Secretary: Kathleen Warner
  - Treasurer: Sharon Abbood
  - Sergeant At Arms: Shirley Shortway English
- Annual Awards Dinner planning is currently ongoing. Thank you Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro for accepting the MC roll for the event.
- Successful visit to the NJ Firemen's Home. Please reach out to any AUX member if there is a past member that would benefit a visit.

**Citizen Fire:**

- Spring Event - TBD

**Training Center:**

- As mentioned in last month's report, still no response from the Borough about fence repair and camera install.
- The car simulator is a few weeks away from being completed.
- Thank you Truck 2 for cleaning up after your training event.
- The donated truck currently at Rescue will be put into use at the Training Center if Rescue does not use it for their drill. (Pending)

**Exempt/Relief:**

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
  - Thursday, January 12, 2023; Exempt - 7pm - Refreshments will following before the Relief Meeting - Location: Company 1
  - Thursday, January 5, 2023; County Meeting at the Academy - 7:30 pm

**Passaic County Sheriff's Department:**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
  - No Submission

**Radio Communications**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
  - No Submission

**CODES**

- *Captain John Carlo*
  - No Submission

**Awards Committee**

- No Submission

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - *Asst. Chief Tripicchio:* When can we visit/walkthrough Hedges again?
  - *Chief:* Pending visit.
  - *Asst. Chief Tripicchio:* When can we start testing the new radios?
  - *Chief:* The test radios are pending from the vendor. We do have a few new test pages in service being tested by our members. Positive results so far.
- Tower Company 2:
  - *Asst. Chief Lodder:* When can Clean Air visit our firehouse to complete the needed repair?
  - *Chief:* We'll need a quote/estimate on the repair before moving forward.
- Engine Company 3:
  - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - No old business to report.
- Chief:
  - We have discontinued discussion with Firefighter One for apparatus maintenance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - No new business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
  - *Asst. Chief Lodder:* The old Chief's Car radios are staying on after shut down. Currently reaching out to vendors for repair quotes.
- Engine Company 3:
  - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - No new business to report.
- Chief:
  - No new business to report.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - *Asst. Chief Carlo:* Vincent Corasio, 40 year member with Engine 1 has passed, there is a memorial service in Oak Ridge NJ, on January 7th Sat. @ 4pm, Engine 1 will be out of service while attending.
  - *Asst. Chief Carlo:* When is LOSAP submission due?
  - *Chief:* No later than January 14, 2023
- Tower Company 2:
  - *Asst. Chief Lodder:* I would like to thank Capt. McCarvill for his time as an Officer.

- Engine Company 3:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.
  - *Chief:* Please forward FF. Craig Geier’s discharge papers when received.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.
  - *Chief:* Please thank your members for the hard work on Engine 4x.
- Chief:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;**

*by Chief Speranza*

- Jay Counsellor (Lt. Company 1) - *Is Engine 4X in service?*
  - *Chief - Currently maintenance service/repairs is needed on the engine. Once the repairs are complete, the engine will be used for driver + pump training. Monthly engine checks will be moved through each of the companies - TBD.*
- Jay Counsellor (Lt. Company 1) - *Are all members getting emails.*
  - *Chief - At this time, due to the large expense to the Borough, only department Officers are getting Borough emails.*
- John Arturi (Capt. Company 1) - *What is the issue with Hudson County radio frequency?*
  - *Chief - Hudson County is currently on the same frequency. Since HFD is boosting the frequency strength it will create a larger problem with the frequency overlap. Pending approvals from agencies.*
- John Carlo (Asst. Chief Company 1) - *For the upcoming Annual Awards Dinner, is the bar open or closed?*
  - *Chief - Please ask your members their preference and report back.*

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE FLOOR AND OPENED TO THE BOARD;**

*by Chief Speranza*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to close the meeting:** Joseph Longo CO. 3 Assistant Chief

**Second:** Travis Lodder, CO. 2 Assistant Chief

**Approved:** John Trippichio CO. 1 Assistant Chief

Travis Lodder, CO. 2 Assistant Chief

Joseph Longo CO. 3 Assistant Chief

Devin Hughes, CO. 4 Assistant Chief

Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 Assistant Chief

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm by Chief Speranza.*

Christopher Mogen  
*Fire Department Clerk*