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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on February 1, 2022 at 7:35pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, January 15, 2022 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email (Clerk@HawthorneFire.org) to forward questions to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
John Carlo *CO. 1 Captain*
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:

John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

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

Led by Chief Speranza

MINUTES:

Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.

Pending motion from the January 4, 2022 Fire Board Meeting was tabled until Assistant Chief's returned to their respective companies to speak with their company officers/members.

- **Motion:** Assistant Chief Hughes;
Requiring all members to wear masks when on apparatus and in apparatus bays.
Second by: Assistant Chief Trippichio
VOTE: John Carlo *CO. 1 Captain - NO*
Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief - NO*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief - NO*

CORE STATEMENT

Volunteers providing a professional service in
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention
To the citizens of Hawthorne.

Devin Hughes, CO. 4 Assistant Chief - **NO**
Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 Assistant Chief - **NO**

- **The motion that would require all members to wear masks when on apparatus and in apparatus bays. - MOTION WAS REJECTED -**

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

Second: Joseph Longo CO. 3 Assistant Chief

Approved: John Carlo CO. 1 Captain

Travis Lodder, CO. 2 Assistant Chief

Joseph Longo CO. 3 Assistant Chief

Devin Hughes, CO. 4 Assistant Chief

Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 Assistant Chief

DEPARTMENT MOTION;

Motion: Assistant Chief Hughes;

Highly requested that all members wear masks/face coverings when on apparatus and in apparatus bays. Wearing masks/face coverings are required at all active alarm calls that include entering the resident's home or business and that N95 masks are required at all MVAs and Code 100 incidents.

Second by: Joseph Longo CO. 3 Assistant Chief

VOTE: John Carlo CO. 1 Captain - **YES**

Travis Lodder, CO. 2 Assistant Chief - **YES**

Joseph Longo, CO. 3 Assistant Chief - **YES**

Devin Hughes, CO. 4 Assistant Chief - **YES**

Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 Assistant Chief - **YES**

The motion - Highly requested that all members wear masks/face coverings when on apparatus and in apparatus bays. Wearing masks/face coverings are required at all active alarm calls that include entering the resident's home or business and that N95 masks are required at all MVAs and Code 100 incidents.

- MOTION PASSED -

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES ;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

St. Joseph's University Medical Center (CPR Cards)	\$ 300.00
Bergen County Public Safety (Firefighter 1 Class (FF. Brynmor Anderson, FF. Logan Warner)	\$ 930.00
1st Responder Newspaper (2022 Annual Department Bundle Renewal)	\$ 85.00
Passaic County 200 Club (2022 Annual Dues)	\$ 250.00
New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen's Association (2022 Annual Dues)	\$ 80.00
Tanis Hardware Supplies (Various Supplies)	\$ 700.00
Fremgen's Power Equipment (Truck 2 - Husky + STIHL Saw Repairs)	\$ 399.00
New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. (SCBA Repairs)	\$ 700.00
Home Supply & Lumber Center Inc. (Rescue 5 - Wood supplies)	\$ 122.54
Sunny Communications (Truck 2 + Engine 3 -Motorola Radio, Kenwood Radio, Motorola Speaker Mics)	\$ 264.00
AGT Battery Supply, LLC. (iCOM + Kenwood Replacement Batteries)	\$ 243.64

Strategic Safety Dynamics LLC. (PPE - Turnout Jack + Pants
(FF. Carley Tamburro))

\$ 2,332.20

Total: \$6,406.38

Motion to pay the bills: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Second: John Carlo *CO. 1 Captain*

Approved: John Carlo *CO. 1 Captain*

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 for a Medical Leave of Absence form FF. John Niebo of Company 5. starting January 2, 2022. Approved by Company 5 and notification made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a letter for a Personal Leave of Absence form FF. Rebecca Irvolino of Company 2, starting January 10, 2022. Approved by Company 2 and notification made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

Engine CO. #1: presented by Captain John Carlo:

- For the month of January, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 36 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 40 alarms.
- Engine 1 right turn signal has a short in the steering column. As this is an emergency repair, Fire Safety was called. Fire Safety came out and needed to order parts. Also, identified was the pump drain valve re-sized as well as the front drain. All of these repairs were placed into Codes pending approval.
- We will secure an estimate for the drain's yet the right turn signal to forewarn the public of turning is an emergency repair. We will submit separate estimates for the drains once received from the vendor and then secure approval for the repairs to be scheduled.
- Engine 1 requested 500 feet of 5 inch supply hose. This will be Engine 1 primary supply line. Once we secure the 5 inch we will reconfigure our hose bed to accommodate this addition.
- We requested accountability tags for one member.
- Engine 1 has one member that remains on leave of absence. All other members have returned and are active.
- Equipment:
 - E1 received two SCBA harnesses that were out of service.
 - Our pony length hose remains outstanding.

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 January 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 36 Box Alarms, 13 Still Alarm that included Mutual Aid for 5 Glen Rock Alarms, 2 Paterson Alarms, 1 Passaic Alarm and 1 Prospect Alarm, 0 Drill, 1 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 50 alarms.
- A leave of absence request was received from FF. Hechinger and Morton.
- List of members who qualified for LOSAP was turned in.
- Truck 2 received and installed a new bullet chain for our cutters edge chainsaw.
- Truck 2 received a mutual aid radio for Passaic, however the battery is bad on it. County Coordinator Wanklin is going to work on getting us a new battery. A Passaic portable was also requested via codes.
- The intake and discharge gauges were replaced under warranty by Fire & Safety after not working properly.
- The wireless remote for the nozzle on the bucket was malfunctioning at the Washington Ave fire and Passaic. We contacted Fire & Safety who informed us our remote is no longer made and is out of date. They provided us with a software update for a temporary fix and are looking into getting us the new remote for it.
- Thank you to Engine 1 and Ex. AC Arturi for setting up the Gang Awareness class through th PC Sheriff's Dept.

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 January 2022, Engine 3 responded to 36 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarm, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, 0 Training, and held 0 Drill for a total of 40 Alarms.
- Firefighter Jim Bakker has returned to active duty. Welcome back Jim!
- Warranty work is coming to its last phase, adjustments to pipe work on the undercarriage will be scheduled once parts are in from being back ordered.
- Apparatus will have to be sent out for modification work.
- Equipment:
 - (2) Pike Poles (6', 8') - Status of order
 - (2) length of 100' of 5" Cloth Hose (Red) is needed due to damage in a house fire.
- Co#3 would like to welcome John Harrison and Justin Speranza to the department and wish them both the best in their new endeavor at Co#3.

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 January 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 37 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 41 Alarms.
- No report this month

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

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

- For the month of January 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 39 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 3 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 45 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Campbell Supply Company - Contacted today 2/1/2022 and a message was left about the status of the onboard generator for the Rescue. This is the 2nd time they were contacted with no response.
 - Received 3 new Aqua Lung dry suits
 - Received new Milwaukee Dremel tool
 - Unit 58
 - Awaiting bed cap and emergency lights, sirens and lettering
 - License plates and new registration on the vehicle
 - Unit 57
 - Awaiting solutions for the onboard generator
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Personal
 - Medical leave for FF. John Niebo - Until 4/1/2022 backdated from 1/1/2022
 - Logan Warner and Bryn Anderson are attending Bergen County Fire Academy
 - Mark Fiedler and Mike Brackett are attending Bergen County Rescue School

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Building Construction Awareness - full solar roof is planned for a residential home - blueprint plans and Pre-Plans have been entered into CODES.
- Electric Vehicle Fires - Information has been provided to Asst. Chiefs
- 2022 Mutual Aid Plan - Information has been provided to Asst. Chiefs
- Member Training - Notification + Website was sent out to all Asst. Chief for members to complete
- Ice Issues + Awareness - Training will be available to members on 2/6/2022

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

We are currently working with the Division of Fire Safety and getting members registered for their certifications, so far, the process has just begun. This may be especially difficult and frustrating for some of our elder members and returning officers but we will do our best in streamlining the work.

The co-grant with Glen Rock FD has been submitted successfully with FEMA so now we wait and hope to be selected to receive the FEMA fire act grant for SCBA.

I wish to thank Truck 2, Engine 3 on behalf of the Passaic FD for response to Passaic at their multi alarm fire recently. We also wish to thank our members for a great job at the Llewellyn Ave. fire.

With gas leak response, please be cautious and diligent with these incidents as the gas leak on Utter and Cornell last week was quite substantial and dangerous. It's better to be cautious and check further than return to a potential disaster.

Our communications concerns are moving forward and we are attempting to streamline our portable radios to insure the fireground safety of our members.

We have issued our concerns with the Goffle Rd. at Nelson Project and are asking the complex to be a NFPA 13 sprinkler requirement, we have also requested larger turning footprints. (Awaiting further from the planning board).

The department will schedule a walk through asap at the Heges complex on Wagaraw Rd and will be readdressing the lock box ordinance with council in the near future.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Communications Division:**
 - No Submission

- **Cadets:**
 - No Submission

- **Ladies Auxiliary:**
 - Fish Fry Dinner is planned for April 15, 2022

- **Citizen Fire:**
 - No Submission

- **Training Center:**
 - Communicated cold weather rules for using the Training Center to all Company Officers

- **Exempt/Relief:**
 - *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Thank you for providing the department LOSAP information.

- **Passaic County Sheriff's Department:**
 - *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - No Submission

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Radio Communications

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

CODES

- *Captain John Carlo*
 - No Submission

Awards Committee

- No Submission

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - 2 Streamlights went missing at the recent fires. Replacements will be added to CODES.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Vendor options for the generator for Unit 57. Further conversation with Chief Speranza about vendors will be set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Old Chief's Truck has stalled several times - looking into a vendor to provide a quote.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Ice Rescue Training - January 6, 2022 @ 9:00am - 12noon
- Chief Speranza
 - Chief Speranza swore in FF. John Harrison, he will be stationed at Company 3. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. John Harrison for his future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.
 - Chief Speranza swore in FF. Justin Speranza, he will be stationed at Company 3. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Justin Speranza for his future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.
 - Chief Speranza swore in FF. Mike Brackett, he will be stationed at Rescue 5. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Mike Brackett for his future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Chief Speranza
 - No Good + Welfare to report.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- Representatives from Mission Realty Company presented a donation to the Hawthorne Fire Department. The donation will go towards the department’s Training Center. On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the members of the Hawthorne Fire Department, we would like to thank Mission Realty Company for their generous donation.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE FLOOR AND OPENED TO THE BOARD;

by Chief Speranza

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the meeting: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Second: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Carlo *CO. 1 Captain*
Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
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Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk