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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

*The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, February 18, 2023 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email ([FireClerk@Hawthornenj.org](mailto:FireClerk@Hawthornenj.org)) to forward questions to the Board of Fire Commissioners.*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*  
John Carlo *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:** Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Carlo *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*  
Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*  
Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*  
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*  
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#### CORE STATEMENT

Volunteers providing a professional service in  
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To the citizens of Hawthorne.

## DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

*provided and presented by Clerk Mogen*

<b>Occupational Medical Associates</b> (New Member Testing -Physicals)	\$ 715.00
<b>IIA Fire Department Testing</b> (Annual Fire Hose Testing - Per NFPA 1962)	\$ 5,052.48
<b>New Jersey Fire Equipment Co.</b> (HFD - SCBA Repairs)	\$ 102.69
<b>Fremgen's Power Equipment</b> (Rescue 5 - Aspen 4 Fuel)	\$ 276.00
<b>Strategic Safety Dynamics LLC.</b> (Engine 4: Men's Firefighter Boots - Size 10.5)	\$ 396.99
<b>Metropolitan Compounds, Inc.</b> (Hose & Gear Cleaner - 5 GAL)	\$ 997.90
<b>The Olympic Glove &amp; Safety Co.</b> (Truck 2 - Gas Calibration Bottle)	\$ 240.00
<b>Clean Air Company, Inc.</b> (Repair Exhaust System)	\$ 428.00

**Total: \$ 8,209.06**

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

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

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

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

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## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

*Presented by Clerk Mogen*

- Received a resignation letter from FF. Nicholas Rosendale of Company 3. Approved by Company 3 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The department and the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Nicholas Rosendale for his dedicated service to the department and the residents of Hawthorne.
- Received a two (2) month Medical Leave of Absence letter from Captain Brian Patmos, Company 5. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a letter of intent to join the Cadet program from Gavin Tripicchio. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a flier from the Hawthorne Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for their Annual Fish & Chip Dinner Fundraiser by Tastefully British on April 7th at the Boys and Girls Club, 1 Downes Way. 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Tickets only \$16. Call Sharon for tickets at 973-427-1646.

## FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of February, 2023, Engine 1 responded to; 23 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 0 Special, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 29 alarms.

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- Received full application packet from Andrew Dutzar. He is attending Fire 1 class at this time and is turning 18 this Saturday, March 11th. Engine 1 would like him to be sworn in.
- Received a letter from Gavin Tripicchio, he is interested in joining the Cadet program, he is 14 years old.
- FF. K. Foley Jr. is off of personal leave as of February 22, 2023.
- 501 handed in W-9 forms to the clerk.
- Frank Audino was injured on 2/26/23 stepping off the fire truck, a report was sent to Jen Scully of the Borough on March 6, 2023.
- We have a scheduled meeting with the CODES vendor for April, if anyone has any questions or concerns with CODES please send me an email with a list.
- Engine 1 went to Wyckoff for reprogramming the high band radios
- Old Business;
  - Milwaukee Batteries are needed

**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 February 2023, Truck 2 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 0 Chief Call, 1 Still Alarm, 7 Mutual Aid calls including 5 to Glen Rock, 2 to Paterson. Held 1 drill and 1 additional training, for a total of 30 alarms.
- Lt. Dube is off FMLA and back in service as of 2/13/23.
- Members attended the classes for SCBA and Lithium-Ion batteries.
- During our truck check last night members found the Milwaukee Circular Saw would not work with several different batteries.
- 1 Kenwood portable radio is off the truck. It stopped working at the Paterson fire.
- Truck requested/submitted quotes for calibration gas and a gemtor belt to replace one that is broken.
- Unit 62 had a kill switch installed by East Coast Lighting, but a battery maintainer will still be necessary to be added.
- On March 27th Fire & Safety will be coming to take Truck 2 to their shop for the annual PM and to do some pre-discussed work.

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

- For the month of February 2023, Engine 3 responded to 23 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 1 Drill with 1 additional training for a total of 24 alarms.
- A letter of resignation has been received by FF. Nick Rosendale, and presented to our Fire Clerk.

**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 February 2023, Engine 4 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 22 Alarms.

- Engine 4 has sent emails to 5 members that are inactively below 10 percent. Last night 3/6/23, the officer's have met with 3 of the 5 members. A review will be performed again within 90 days with those members.
- Ex Firefighter Hill has still not returned all HFD equipment.

**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 February 2023, Rescue 5 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 2 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 26 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
  - Rescue
    - Good working order.
  - Unit 58
    - Decal work has been completed
  - Unit 57/Communications
    - Good working order
  - Boat
    - Good working order
  - Personal
    - Captain Brian Patmos will be on a medical leave effective 3/6/23 with a projected return date of 5/17/23.
    - Request for replacement boots for Firefighter John Niebo has been entered into codes.

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**FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;**

*reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza*

- Truck is requested to drill with ladders against the Hedges building.

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

*by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza*

I would like to thank our members for the exceptional turn out at the lithium battery course held Feb 22nd. 54 members attended.

**UPDATES**

**Tesla Electric Vehicle and Fires class** - Thursday March 9th at 6:30 pm to be held at the Good Samaritan Church Ackerman and Rock Rd, in the basement. Food will be made available to attendees.

**Engine 4X** - Expected to be serviced next week by Ferros Auto. The week of the 27th, Truck 2 will be utilizing the unit as the ladder is out of service for aprox 5 to 10 days.

**SCBA** - The new SCBA expected ship date is March 15th from SCOTT to NJ Fire. If this is accurate, we should be receiving the packs around the 27th

**Radio Room** - Good progress being made in the radio room as equipment comes in its being installed.

**Hedges Walk Through** - Monday, March 27th beginning at 6 pm.

**Shared Services** - Tomorrow evening, Hawthorne and Glen Rock will be meeting to discuss shared services and opportunities to benefit our townships. We will be reviewing response capabilities to improve both boroughs, maintenance, and repair of fire apparatus, benefits available to both departments. Both mayors and safety committees from the council will be in attendance.

Respectfully,  
Chief J. Speranza

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Communications Division:**

- *George Zagatta (Radio Room)*
  - No written report submitted

### **Cadets:**

- *Captain Brian Patmos*
  - No written report submitted

### **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- *President Joni Huston*
  - Annual Fish & Chip Dinner Fundraiser by Tastefully British on April 7th at the Boys and Girls Club, 1 Downes Way. 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Tickets only \$16. Call Sharon for tickets at 973-427-1646.
  - The AUX provided a donation of \$1,000 to the Training center to be used for the car simulator
  - No written report submitted

### **Citizen Fire:**

- *Assistant Chief Lodder*
  - Planning on restarting the program early Spring
  - No written report submitted

### **Task Force:**

- *Assistant Chief Manzo*
  - Plans are in the works which will incorporate the Ambulance Corp
  - No written report submitted

### **Training Center:**

- *Assistant Chief Longo*
  - Would like to thank the Hawthorne Ladies AUX for their donation.
  - Car simulator is complete - Car will be delivered in a few weeks
  - Gas piping will begin shortly
  - Still need the fence fixed by the Borough

- No written report submitted

**Exempt/Relief:**

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
  - No written report submitted

**Passaic County Sheriff's Department:**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
  - No written report submitted

**Radio Communications**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
  - No written report submitted

**CODES**

- *Assistant Chief John Carlo*
  - We have a scheduled meeting with the CODES vendor for April, if anyone has any questions or concerns with CODES please send me an email with a list.
  - No written report submitted

**Awards Committee**

- *Chief Joseph Speranza*
  - The Years of Service Award Department ByLaw was signed by all Assistant Chief and provided copies to review with their members.
  - No written report submitted

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - Was able to find boots that were ordered for Ex-Asst. Chief Foley.
- Tower Company 2:
  - No old business to report.
- 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:
  - Service Award Bylaw was provided to all companies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - No new business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
  - *Asst. Chief Lodder:* AED pads are coming due.
  - *Chief:* We'll look into placing an AED pad order for all companies.
- Engine Company 3:

- Notice/Awareness to all about Fentanyl laced money bills.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - *Asst. Chief Manzo*: Trying to arrange the explosive gas training program.
- Chief:
  - OME dispatcher - Flood action plan, Snow response plan was provided to the FD
  - Reviewing medical companies for the department OSHA physicals.
  - Wyckoff FD radio programming
  - Haledon FD radio programming

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
  - *Asst. Chief Lodder*: FF Crawford is organizing a Red Bull Flag Barrier - For an upcoming game - June 21st
- Engine Company 3:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No Good and Welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - *Asst. Chief Lodder*: Keep Captain Brian Patmos in your prayers.
- Chief:
  - Firefighter National Council - Members are requested to reach out for assistance - Please use it

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

*by Chief Speranza*

- Christopher Tamburro (Firefighter - Company 2) - *The honor guard flag poles need replacing.*
  - *Chief: Please reach out to our vendor. Some for a quote.*
- Victor Tamburro (Ex-Borough Chief - Company 2) - *What was the address of the medical company that was talked about earlier for the OSHA physicals?*
  - *Chief: Morristown, New Jersey*

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*by Chief Speranza*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

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

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*Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm by Chief Speranza.*

Christopher Mogen  
*Fire Department Clerk*