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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on April 4, 2023 at 8:00 pm by Chief Speranza

An update notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, April 1, 2023 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email (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*
Brandon Frei, *CO. 5 2nd Lieutenant*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 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.

Motion to dispersed the minutes: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Second: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 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*

Brandon Frei, *CO. 5 2nd Lieutenant*

CORE STATEMENT

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

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

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| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 1 (2023 Rental) | \$ 8,228.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 2 (2023 Rental) | \$ 8,228.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 3 (2023 Rental) | \$ 8,228.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 4 (2023 Rental) | \$ 8,228.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 1 (2023 Internet Reimbursement) | \$ 360.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 2 (2023 Internet Reimbursement) | \$ 360.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 3 (2023 Internet Reimbursement) | \$ 360.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 4 (2023 Internet Reimbursement) | \$ 360.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 1 (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 45.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 2 (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 45.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 3 (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 45.00 |
| Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Company 4 (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 45.00 |
| Assistant Chief Company 1 - John Carlo (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 30.00 |
| Assistant Chief Company 2 - Travis Lodder (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 30.00 |
| Assistant Chief Company 3 - Joseph Longo (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 30.00 |
| Assistant Chief Company 4 - Devin Hughes (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 30.00 |
| Assistant Chief Company 5 - Anthony Manzo (Q1 2023 Phone Reimbursement) | \$ 30.00 |
| Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 1 - Storz Adapter 5" x 4.5" NH) | \$ 304.00 |
| Fire Service Safety Testing, Inc. (Annual Fire Department Ground Ladder Testing) | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Fire & Safety Services, LTD (Engine 1 - Mirror Repairs) | \$ 1,043.96 |
| Campbell Supply (Engine 3 - Bumper Extension Pole Repair) | \$ 1,425.24 |
| Hudson County Motors, Inc. (Rescue 5 - Annual Service/Chassis PM) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Fire and Safety Services, LTD (Engine 1 - Annual Service, Chassis PM, Pump PM Service) | \$ 1,900.00 |
| Fire and Safety Services, LTD (Truck 2 - Annual Service, Chassis PM, Pump PM Service) | \$ 1,900.00 |
| Campbell Supply (Engine 3 - Annual Service, Chassis PM, Pump PM Service) | \$ 1,900.00 |
| P & A Auto Parts (Various auto supplies for fire apparatus) | \$ 1,809.62 |
| Electronic System Solutions (G1 Pagers UHF + Programming) | \$ 1,663.00 |

Total: \$ 51,127.82

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

Second: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 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*
Brandon Frei, *CO. 5 2nd Lieutenant*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter of intent from Mr. Josimar Aguilar to join Company 4. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Application will be provided to Assistant Chief Hughes.

- Received a three (3) month FMLA of Absence letter from FF. J Wojtecki Jr. of Company 3. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of March, 2023, Engine 1 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 0 Special, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 25 alarms.
- Sworn in Firefighter Andrew Dutzar
- Turn in application for cadet program for Gavin Tripicchio to Ex Assistant Chief Warner.
- We have a scheduled meeting with the CODES vendor on April 15th. If anyone has any questions or concerns with CODES please send me an email with a list.
- Engine 1 has a description on responding to Wycoff for all their frequency
- 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 March 2023, Truck 2 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 0 Chief Call, 1 Still Alarm, 10 Mutual Aid calls including 3 to Glen Rock, 4 to Paterson, 1 to Passaic, 1 to Prospect Park and 1 to Wyckoff. Held 1 drill and 2 additional training, for a total of 33 alarms.
- Truck 2 sends our condolences to Engine 3 for the passing of FF. Jim Bakker. He will be missed.
- Truck 2 received 2 new axes.
- Truck 2 thanks Chief Speranza and Chief Jennings for the training classes the past couple weeks. We also thank Glen Rock for the invite to a drill in Glen Rock.
- Clean Air came in yesterday to do yearly maintenance on the Plymovent system.
- The battery on 62 has been replaced under warranty and a maintainer has been added to the battery.
- Truck 2 is requesting 2 lanyards for our TIC's
- Fire & Safety reports the PM is done, netting on crosslays changed, aerial switches and the few items we asked them to check out are being worked on now. Truck is expected back by the weekend.

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 March 2023, Engine 3 responded to 17 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarm, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 2 Drills with 0 additional training for a total of 21 alarms.
- FF. Joe Wojtecki JR. has submitted a letter for a 3 month FMLA.
- Congratulations to Joe and family for the birth of his newborn son.
- Engine 3 has had the front bumper guide posts repaired, the rear driver side bumper light is working but needs to be buffed out.
- Due to a minor MVA at a fire call on Wagaraw Rd., a tractor trailer rubbed up against the engine causing tire marks on the bumper and light.

- Preventative maintenance service will be done by the end of this month by Campbell Truck Services.
- Co#3 would like to thank all the members of our department for the showing of love and support at such a sad and most difficult time, losing a firefighter, a brother, a friend, a family member. Jimmy was all of those to all of us. His love and dedication to this department and to each of us was second to none. Our hearts and love go out to the Bakker family, and we thank them for giving us such a special man who we got to know, to work with and to love as a brother and a friend. God bless Jimmy and may he rest in peace.

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 March 2023, Engine 4 responded to; 22 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms (1 Mutual Aid to Glen Rock and 1 to Paterson), 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 2 Drill, for a total of 24 Alarms.
- Engine 4 has a new member that has been coming around for some time, Josimar Aguilar. He has written a letter to the Fire Board for his membership application.
- Currently Engine 4 is still waiting on the remainder of the new hose order. Waiting for the 2.5” and 1.75” hoses from that order.

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

Rescue CO. #5; presented by 2nd Lieutenant Brandon Frei:

- For the month of March 2023, Rescue 5 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 2 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 25 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Good working order.
 - Unit 58
 - Good working order.
 - Unit 57/Communications
 - Good working order
 - Boat
 - Good working order
 - Personal
 - Nothing to report.

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

Moment of silence.

Thanks to all our members in attendance for FF. Jim Bakker's wake and service this evening and Wednesday morning, my condolences to the members of Engine 3 and Jim's family. FF. Bakker will be deeply missed as he provided so much for our borough.

Budget was largely held in tact for 2023 and we are beginning to process requested items and projects for 2023.

UPDATES

Friday April 7th - Auxiliary Fish and Chicken Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club.

Tuesday April 11th - 7:30 am - Ground Ladder Cert Testing - Rescue 5 at 7:30 am to 8:15 am, Truck 2 at 8:15 am to 9:00 am, Engine 3 at 9:15 am to 9:45 am, Engine 1 at 9:45 am. Engine 4 is exempt for 2023.

Saturday, April 15th - Nabisco implosion, Engine 4 is assigned with Fair Lawn and Glen Rock FD from 6:45 am to completion. Expect traffic issues around Lincoln Avenue through the 9 am hour Saturday am. Route 208 will be closed for approx one hour starting at approx 7:30 am.

Tuesday, April 18th - Officers meeting at 7:30 pm.

Monday, April 24th - Expected Site Layout Drill at 7:15 pm at the Hedges.

Wednesday, June 7th - Upcoming Drill at 7:00 pm at the Hawthorne Christian Academy Helicopter landing and training.

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.
 - June 7th Helicopter Drill Assistances
 - No written report submitted

Citizen Fire:

- *Assistant Chief Lodder*
 - Open house with Ambulance Corp + High School
 - No written report submitted

Task Force:

- *Assistant Chief Manzo*
 - No written report submitted

Training Center:

- *Assistant Chief Longo*
 - Car simulator - Final review before the simulator can be transported to the Training Center
 - Another tree has damaged sections of the fence and lighting at the Training Center
 - Electrical vendor will be contacted about the repairs

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Relief Information was reported
 - April 13th - Relief & Exempt Meeting at 7pm - Refreshments will following before the Relief Meeting - Location: Company 1
 - April 12th - Audit Meeting
 - New members should be 18 yrs when completing the state applications
 - 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, 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*
 - No written report submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Solar Placards - Can the Borough start posting?
- 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:
 - No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - CPR certifications renewals for members are need this year
- Tower Company 2:
 - No new business to report.
- 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:
 - State Tax Stipend is moving forward. Glen Rock’s mayor is amazing with the assistance.
 - The code for Hedges was provided to the FD
 - EMS open house - April 27th
 - 2023 Budget was approved which included a few highlights;
 - Rent increase, internet, printer ink reimbursements
 - Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 am - 45 Royal Ave - Truck 2 Ladder Drill
 - Paging issues tones - ESS vendor changed the tones. The FD will be asking the vendor to return the tones back to the original setting.
 - High School Program - Meeting and Training Center Challenge
 - The new SCBA order is proceeding
 - Boat launch is need of repairs - Kevin Kenerson spoke with Congressman Pascrell

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Condolences to the members of Engine 3 and FF. Jim Bakker’s family
- Tower Company 2:
 - Condolences to the members of Engine 3 and FF. Jim Bakker’s family
- Engine Company 3:
 - Keep the Bakker family in your prayers
- Engine Company 4:
 - Condolences to the members of Engine 3 and FF. Jim Bakker’s family
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Condolences to the members of Engine 3 and FF. Jim Bakker’s family
- Chief:
 - Condolences to the members of Engine 3 and FF. Jim Bakker’s family

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- Victor Tamburro (Ex-Borough Chief - Company 2) - *Department ID Cards are due this year?*
 - Chief: *The department will begin issuing new ID Cards to members once the Borough has returned the ID printer.*
- Victor Tamburro (Ex-Borough Chief - Company 2) - *Downes has electricity beside the Training Center - can the center connect to them since they are using the recycling center.?*
 - Chief: *We will reach out to the Borough to ask.*
- Michael Hechinger (2nd Lieutenant - Company 2) - *Was the new stipend increased monthly or annual?*
 - Chief: *The increase was for the annual stipend.*
- Sharon Abbood (Ladies Auxiliary) - *The Easter Bunny will be in town, Saturday, April 8th at 10 am - 2 pm - The old train station (Grand + Diamond Bridge)*

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by Chief Speranza

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the meeting: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Second: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Carlo *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk