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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on June 7, 2022 at 7:30pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, May 21, 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 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:

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: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Second: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 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*

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DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Bergen County Public Safety (Firefighter 2 Class FF. Cameron Geier)	\$ 325.00
Beyond the Basics - Fire Training & Consulting LLC (Size-Up Class)	\$ 750.00
Bergenfield Fire Training Center (Live Fire Training - 4 Visits)	\$ 1,600.00
Witmer Public Safety Group (HFD - Hose Straps, High Rise Packs)	\$ 1,585.00
Firefighter One (HFD - Dex Pro Gloves)	\$ 111.75
Shotmeyer Bros. (DEF for Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3)	\$ 400.00
Fremgen's Power Equipment (Case of Moto Mix)	\$ 78.50
Some's Worldwide Uniforms (Citation Bar Holders)	\$ 400.00
Campbell Supply (Engine 3 - Emergency Repair - Air Hose Ejector)	\$ 767.91
P&A Auto Parts (Various supplies during year)	\$ 200.00
Communications Specialists Inc. (Remove Duplexer for Fire Dept. Channel 2 for evaluation/service)	\$ 69.00
Sunny Communications (Vertex Pages)	\$ 495.00
EngravingAwardsGifts.com (10 yr. Award - Robert Stonier)	\$ 126.76

Total: \$ 6,908.92

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

Second: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 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*

Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter for a Medical Leave of Absence for FF. David Sylverter of Company 4. starting May 31, 2022, until June 13, 2022. Approved by Company 4 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a resignation letter from FF. Carlos Rivera of Company 4. Approved by Company 4 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The department and the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Rivera for over six years of dedicated service to the residents of Hawthorne.
- Received a Personal Leave of Absence from FF. Adam Geier of Company 4. starting July 1, 2022. Approved by Company 4 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received the following letters of intent to join the Hawthorne Fire Department Cadet program from Mr. Sean Warner, Mr. Nicholas Manzo, Mr. Ariel Quispe, Mr. Aidan Clancy, Mr. Kevin Tancos, Mr. Charlie

Manke and Mr. Jack Manke. Cadet applications will be provided to Assistant Chief Manzo for distribution.

- Received a Change of Address from FF. John Niebo of Company 5. He now resides at 457 Goffle Rd, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Approved by Company 5 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a thank you letter from Lt. Mark Drew and FF. Oleg Skachko of the Clifton Fire Department. They would like to thank the members of the Hawthorne Fire Department for their generous donation of firefighting personal protective equipment that was sent to assist our brothers and sisters firefighters in Ukraine.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of May, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 24 alarms.
- Engine 1 received the pony length that replaced our worn and torn fifteen-year hydrant fill hose.
- All SCBA packs that were out of service have been repaired and are back in service.
- Received one pager for one member.
- The sight rod on Engine 1 was repaired by one of our members which in turn saved the department on spending additional funds.
- Engine 1 and Rescue 5 held a drill with excellent participation. This was a prelude to the scenario that Engine 1 and Rescue 5 will be attending the Bergenfield Live Burn Center next Monday, June 13, 2022. We plan on leaving the Borough at 6:00 PM.
- Engine 1 and Truck 2 will be participating in a flashover training that is scheduled for September 10, 2022. We will need an accurate count and need to get the application in before July 1, 2022 to secure our place and to secure the correct amount for the purchase order. According to the academy it's 65.00 per member.
- As soon as the application is completed it will be handed over to the Clerk and Chief to issue a purchase order and will then be entered into CODES.
- Equipment:
 - Waiting for the 5 inch hose that the hydrant strap

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 May 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 17 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 4 Mutual Aid including 2 Glen Rock Alarms, 1 Paterson Alarm, 1 Prospect Park Alarm, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 23 alarms.
- Truck 2 attended mutual aid drills in both Wyckoff and North Haledon this past month.
- Truck 2 had a fitting replaced by Cummins due to an exhaust leak.

- Truck 2 received 1 set of gear for FF. Carley Tamburro and calibration gas for multi-gas and natural gas meters and reminds all companies to have their meters calibrated.
- Truck 2 received bar oil and moto mix.
- Truck 2 has a radio issue with our mobile VHF radio, Goosetown was contacted for repairs.
- Truck 2 is requesting a depth guard for our cutters edge which broke during the Wyckoff drill.
- Air compressor for the horns at the firehouse has a leak. Ex. Assistant Chief Nelson is assisting us in the repair.

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 May 2022, Engine 3 responded to 17 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 5 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 1 Drill for a total of 23 alarms with 1 additional training.
- FF. Fyfield is back to active duty.
- Engine's city horn needs to be replaced and will be scheduled for service.
- DEF sensor was replaced.
- All warranty work has been completed.
- FF. Silvestri's wife is doing much better and coming along well.

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 May 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 20 Alarms.
- Engine 4 currently has 2 SCBA's out of service. Packs are tagged and at Fire HQ.
- The new Engine 4 is expected to arrive this Thursday 6/9/22 in New Jersey. Further details to follow after next Tuesday's meeting at Campbell Supply when the projected date of delivery will be.
- Firefighter Dave Sylvester is on temporary medical leave.
- Firefighter Carlos Rivera has submitted a letter of resignation from the HFD.
- Firefighter Adam Geier has submitted a 3 month Personal Leave of Absence.

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 May 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 19 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 4 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 26 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Generator was repaired by Harrison generators. Upon return to Campbell the box was damaged and so was the generator. The generator was sent back to Harrison for repairs and will be advised when it's ready.
 - Unit 58

- Quotes for emergency lighting and sirens have been obtained. Requesting all terrain/off road tires be installed on the unit in the future.
 - Unit 57/Communications
 - Generator issue still needs to be rectified. Truck needs to be looked at for an exhaust leak. Members reporting CO alarms went off during last use in the rear compartment. Fire Channels 3 and 4 have a defective antenna/transmission line which cannot receive or transmit from the console. Ex. Asst. Chief Nelson was notified by the radio room and awaiting parts to make repairs.
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Personal
 - Assistant Chief Anthony Manzo on medical leave from May 30, 2022 until June 13, 2022.
 - Probationary Firefighters Fiedler and Brackett both have completed Rescue School.

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

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Contained within the Chief's report.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

I do wish to thank our attendees at the Memorial Service and Parade, unfortunately it was by far the poorest turnout of members in many years. I would recommend the board consider options, if necessary, but continuing to present our department as such is poor at best. Certainly do understand the concept that many of our members love to get away for the weekend so I believe some options should be provided by our chiefs.

On a better note, a job well done by the auxiliary with the flag sale. A considerable number of flags were displayed and sold by the group.

I also want to thank our companies for the significant cross training between fire companies.

Updates - We continue waiting on our hose order, high rise pack order and resin in the mix for a FEMA grant opportunity.

NJ Grant - The department will be seeking the new grant from NJ as the proper applications become available from the state.

Lock box - We will again be pursuing lock box ordinance and assistance from the difficult complexes on specific needs equipment.

Office June 21st - Officers training and meeting 7:30 pm at Fire HQs.

Fireworks detail July 4th - Ridgewood Fire Dept. requesting an Engine to attend their fireworks in place by 5:15 pm, detail will follow.

Hose testing - Being scheduled with Ridgewood, Glen Rock and our department, expected late September, early October.

Pump Testing - Being scheduled with Ridgewood, Glen Rock, North Haledon, and our department, expected late August.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Presented a donation (\$5,000) to the Hawthorne Fire Dept. Training Center from the funds raised from the Red White and Blue Flag Event.
- Donated two new wreaths replacements for the FD Memorial

Citizen Fire:

- No Submission

Training Center:

- Ex. Asst Chief Marsch is currently working on the Car Simulator, proposal and planning ongoing
- Building portable walls for the basement simulator
- Hazmat simulator is planned for the back of the Training Center

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Checking on the status of the two members from Company 1. Have resignation letters been submitted?
Clerk- The officers from Company 1 have been notified several times. Awaiting response.

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - Due to recent water-way calls, please remember to call ASAP if there is a need for the county.

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:
 - Are members able to get hepatitis shots from the Borough?
Chief - Any member interested in getting a hepatitis shot, should contact Jennifer Scully, Borough of Hawthorne Dept. Insurance, Compliance, & Education Manager
 - Since Truck 2 is still under warranty, do we need to use Fierro's Auto Service's PO for annual maintenance?
Chief - Yes, Fierro's PO should be used for the general chassis maintenance.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Portable radio programming is on-going.
- 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 Speranza
 - Communications testing;
 - We will repeat testing portable radios beginning July 11th at 7pm. Schedule has been provided to each company Assistant Chief.
 - Fast/Flood Water Operations Guidelines have been provided to each company Assistant Chief. The information should be reviewed by our membership.
 - Standard Operating Guidelines - Respiratory Protection - SCBA have been provided to each company Assistant Chief. The information should be reviewed by our membership.
 - Printer policy was provided to each company Assistant Chief. The information should be reviewed by our membership.

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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
 - Award presentations was made to the following Hawthorne Fire Dept. members;
 - Meritorious Service citation was presented to Lt. Connor Smith, FF. CJ Barhorst, FF. Jay Counsellor Jr., FF. Matthew Garrison, for their actions on September 1, 2021 during Hurricane IDA.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- None

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the meeting: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Second: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk