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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on September 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm by Chief Speranza

Notice was provided to the Borough Clerk 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*
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*
Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

CORE STATEMENT

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DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Occupational Medical Associates (New Member Testing Physicals)	\$ 340.00
Passaic County Community College (Firefighter 2 Class - FF. J. Speranza)	\$ 450.00
NJ Outdoor Amusements (Hawthorne Day - Recruitment)	\$ 710.00
Shotmeyer Bros. (Engine 1 - DEF)	\$ 63.00
Firefighters Equipment of NY (PPE Gear Repair)	\$ 800.00
The Olympic Glove & Safety Co. (Truck 2 - VENTIS Repair + Recalibration)	\$ 319.90
Alkin Compressors (Company 2 - Horn Compressor Replacement)	\$ 3,750.00
Uncle Louie G Italian Ice (HFD - Open House - Member Thank you)	\$ 355.00
Strategic Safety Dynamics, LLC (New PPE - FF. Dutzar, FF. Santana)	\$ 5,942.00

Total: \$ 12,729.90

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

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Chief Speranza

- Resignation letter from FF. R. Byfield from Engine 3 was accepted with regrets.
- Letter requesting to join Engine 1 from Gabriel Peraza, turned over to the Clerk. Requesting an application.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of August 2023, Engine 1 responded to;
 - 32 Box Alarms
 - 0 Still Alarms
 - 0 Mutual Aid
 - 1 Radio Alarm
 - 0 Stand By
 - 4 Training/Drills
- 37 Total Alarms**
- Engine 1 went to PC Live Burn with Rescue 5, it was a successful training.

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- Engine 1 received 3 letters for Cardio - Pulmonary evaluation K. Foley, L. Foley, K. Foley Jr., letters handed into the Clerk.
- Engine 1 - Parts and repairs are 90% completed.
- Engine 1 received a letter from Gabriel Peraza on becoming a firefighter.
- FF. S. Finch is still on leave of absence.
- Engine 1 is handing in C. Santana's application all complete with notary and physical.
- Engine 1 received new AED pads, and 2 gated Y for high rise packs.
- Engine 1 filled up the time slots for annual physical exams.
- Engine 1 has 7 members attending Wildwood Convention.
- Engine 1 received 15 pagers. Capt. Arturi issued to members.

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 August 2023, Truck 2 responded to;
 - 33 Box Alarms
 - 1 Still Alarms
 - 7 Mutual Aid (Glen Rock)
 - 0 Radio Alarm
 - 0 Stand By
 - 1 Training/ 1 Drills

42 Total Alarms

- Truck 2 handed in members schedules for physicals.
- Fire & Safety was in to repair the broken battery monitor and intercom system. All was repaired under warranty.
- Truck 2's natural gas meter is back from repairs but one of our multi-gas meters remains out of service for a O2 sensor failure.
- Truck 2 received the bolt for our bell from Fire & Safety to replace the previous broken one.
- Truck 2 received new AED pads, child key and batteries and life ring. Both have been placed on our truck in service.
- Truck 2 received its tarp back from Bottagra cleaned and folded.

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 August 2023, Engine 3 responded to;
 - 33 Box Alarms
 - 1 Still Alarms
 - 1 Mutual Aid
 - 0 Radio Alarm
 - 0 Stand By
 - 1 Training/Drills

36 Total Alarms

- FF. Park Jr. received new turnout gear.
- FF. Speranza is in FF2 doing well.
- Engine 3 has received 15 new pagers for FF's.
- Engine 3 has had a fuse inverter replaced on the engine.

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 August 2023, Engine 4 responded to;
 - 32 Box Alarms
 - 0 Still Alarms
 - 0 Mutual Aid
 - 1 Radio Alarm
 - 0 Stand By
 - 1 Training/Drills

34 Total Alarms

- Clerk/Lt. Mogen has returned from his medical leave of absence as of August 14th.
- On 9/11/23 Engine 4 will be leaving roughly around 5pm to go to Liberty State Park for Memorial pictures with the apparatus. Return time back to the borough is unknown currently.
- Engine 4 has received and installed new battery and pads on the AED, as well as a throw ring for water rescues.
- New pagers are being distributed to the members. Programming issues have been found.
- Department physical sign up sheet has been handed in to Clerk Mogen.
- Ex members Flanagan, Hurley and Ita have returned all gear and equipment to E4. Still waiting for ex member Hill to return everything.

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

Rescue CO. #5; presented by Captain Brain Patmos:

- For the month of August 2023, Rescue 5 responded to;
 - 32 Box Alarms
 - 1 Still Alarms
 - 2 Mutual Aid
 - 0 Special Event
 - 0 Stand By
 - 1 Training/Drills

36 Total Alarms

- Amendment to July alarm count;
 - 30 Box Alarms
 - 3 Still Alarms

- 0 Mutual Aid
- 0 Special Event Stand By
- 2 Training/Drills

35 Total Alarms

- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - 4 Gas Meter is out of service due to faulty sensor.
 - Repairs to Rescue's fuel system have been completed and have not had any further issues.
 - Rescue received our 4 hooks that were requested.
 - 1 Scott pack is out of service.
 - Unit 58
 - PO for the rear emergency lighting has been received, awaiting vendor installation date.
 - Unit 57/Communications
 - No Report
 - Boat
 - Quote for maintenance has been submitted, awaiting the vendor's W9 and NJ State Business registration.
 - Personal
 - No Report
 - Taskforce
 - Planning drill for mid-October early November

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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

On behalf of the Hawthorne Police Dept and myself, I wish to thank our members from Engine 3, Truck 2 and Rescue 5 for a great turnout and another successful helicopter landing and leadership camp program delivered.

UPDATES

Green Fair - Sunday, Sept. 10th - Attendance by Truck 2, Engine 4 and Rescue will be on hand assisting with promotional and recruitment for the department.

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Hawthorne Day - Saturday, Sept. 30th - From noon to 5pm, with firework detail at dark. The department will be presenting a recruitment table, fire prevention display, fire truck slide and bounce house, Sprinkler Trailer from NJFSB, Holy the Clown, Vehicle Extraction Demo, Smoke Trailer if available, plus apparatus display.

9/11 Service - Monday, Sept. 11th - Service begins at 6:30pm, members should be in attendance by 6:10pm in full dress.

Wildwood Response - Wednesday evening Sept. 13th and commencing Sunday, Sept. 17th - Engine 4, Truck 2 will be relocated to Fire Hqs. If necessary, we will combine the three units to fulfill the unit. Mutual Aid will be provided as needed but limited as much as possible through the time frame.

Officers Training and Meeting - Monday, Sept. 18th at 7:30pm/Hqs- Overview for expectations for Oct. 2nd drill, Hawthorne Day IAP. Officers training following Oct. 2nd drill.

Dept. Physicals - Sunday, Sept. 24th & Monday, Sept 25th

Evolution Drill - Monday, Oct 2nd - Located at the Training Center. Schedules will follow.

Citizen Fire Academy - Thursday, Oct. 5th - Opening date for Citizen Fire Academy, 7pm at Fire Hqs.

Fire Prevention Week - Oct 9th through Oct 13th - We have begun to set schedules for the week of Oct 8th for fire prevention visits to our schools within the borough. A full list will follow as soon as confirmation is obtained from the schools. Schedule to date - Hawthorne Gospel set for Friday, Oct 13th 9am to Noon.

Free Movie Presentation for Recruitment at the Hawthorne Theater - Tentative Date Wednesday, Oct. 18th

HHS BonFire - Wednesday, Oct 11th (Tentative) - At the High School

Modified Open House & Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, Oct. 15th, 9am to Noon - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast with fire prevention displays of fire apparatus and prevention items. Meet your local firefighters, touch a truck, Fire Hqs and giveaways.

Mandatory Officer Training from JIF Insurance - Wednesday, Oct 25th at 6:30 pm - This will be a group zoom meeting. Approx an hour and a half.

Trunk or Treat - Saturday, Oct. 28th - Ladies AUX Halloween Trunk or Treat at Fire Hqs.

2022 Grant Funds for Turnout Gear - All funds have been encumbered and in process of spending down the 30k.

2023 Grant - The state grant will be applied for requesting approx \$28k of washing and drying equipment for turnout gear. Awaiting states grant process and directives.

Apparatus Warning Lights - Apparatus warning lights including rear warning lighting are to be switched off for non-response. Our new LED lighting leads to decreased visibility for vehicles approaching our apparatus and others are finding difficulty in emergency response compared to non-emergency.

Unit 59 - The existing ladies' auxiliary truck has been sold and will be departing this Thursday. The sale price was over \$17,000.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- *Chief Speranza*
 - No written report submitted

Cadets:

- *Captain Brian Patmos*
 - No written report submitted

Ladies Auxiliary:

- *President Joni Huston*
 - Report submitted
 - We would like to thank the members of Rescue including Assistant Chief Manzo for accommodating and supporting us. We appreciate your members for sharing your firehouse with us for our meetings and all of the help we were given emptying the truck and helping us carry items to our supply cabinet and disposing of garbage. We would also like to thank Glenn Rees for your constant care of the vehicle and Chief Speranza for helping with the sale of our vehicle.
 - National Night Out on August 1st, we had 8 members handing out over 500 give-a-ways including beach balls, airplanes, glow bracelets, lollipops, fans, water, fire hats and fire coloring books to children and adults.
 - The Auxiliary will be holding their annual “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday, October 28th at Rescue from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We are asking for volunteer vehicles to be decorated and to hand out candy to the children attending. Please let any auxiliary member know if you are willing to participate.
 - Currently the Auxiliary is working on new By-Laws and updating the Auxiliary website and social media sites. We have a new email HFDnjAuxiliary@gmail.com
 - For the upcoming Open House, the Auxiliary will be helping and supplying Balloons, Fire bracelets, tattoos, and other items.
 - We would also like to congratulate our member Tina Patmos on receiving her National EMS Certification!
 - Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Rescue at 7:30pm. We are looking for new members to join, if you know of anyone, please tell them to sop in or email HFDnjAuxiliary@gmail.com

Citizen Fire:

- *Assistant Chief Lodder*
 - No written report submitted
 - Applications being taken for October kick off - 7 sign ups to date
 - Attending Hawthorne Day for Recruitment

Task Force:

- *Assistant Chief Manzo*
 - No written report submitted
 - Next drill is in planning for mid-end of October.

Training Center:

- *Assistant Chief Longo*
 - No written report submitted
 - Organizing the Training Center Committee
 - The Borough has connected with the Propane company which waved all previous fees
 - The Borough is planning for the fence to be repaired
 - Downs will adjust their cameras into the center to help with security
 - Maintenance vendor has been selected to do monthly clean up

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - No written report submitted
 - Wildwood Convention is upcoming the week of Sept 11th
 - The Fire Department Memorial Service is scheduled for November 12th

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

Technology/CODES

- *Assistant Chief John Carlo & Assistant Chief Lodder*
 - No written report submitted

Awards Committee

- *Chief Joseph Speranza*
 - No written report submitted

Hawthorne Day Committee

- *Chief Joseph Speranza, Assistant Chief Lodder & Clerk Mogen*
 - No written report submitted
 - Recruitment and Education - Sept. 30th

Department Open House Committee

- *Chief Joseph Speranza, Assistant Chief Manzo & Assistant Chief Hughes*
 - Date set tentatively for Sunday, October 8th
 - No written report submitted

Honor Guard

- *Chief Joseph Speranza*
 - No written report submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Status of the additional Lockbox for Hedges?

Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 Assistant Chief

No Vote:

John Carlo CO. 1 Assistant Chief

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Refer to the Company report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Congratulations to Lieutenant Hechinger and his wife, expecting their first child.
- Engine Company 3:
 - Refer to the Company report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - Refer to the Company report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Refer to the Company report.
- Chief:
 - Wish both Ex Asst. Chief Dave Hughes and Asst Chief Devin Hughes on their speedy recoveries.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- Ron Walker (Ex-Asst Chief - Company 2) - For the upcoming convention week and the relocation of Truck 2. Is there enough parking at Rescue?
Chief: We can reevaluate when the time comes and if we need to, keep the Truck at Company 2.
Asst. Chief Manzo: I've communicated with the Mayor in the past about removing the tree in the back of Rescue to help provide additional parking.
- Asst. Chief Manzo (Company 5) - Has the old Engine 4 been sold yet?
Chief: With the success of Unit 59, I'll be reaching out to the Borough to consider putting the apparatus up on BidGov.com

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by Chief Speranza

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Second: Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 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

Anthony Manzo, CO. 5 Assistant Chief

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm by Chief Speranza.