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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on September 6, 2022 at 7:32 pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, August 20, 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: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Second: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 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*

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

New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. (SCBA Testing + Repairs)	\$ 5,485.23
TRUVIEW BSI (Background Check - New Member)	\$ 58.00
Bergen County Public Safety (Flashover Evolution - HFD Members)	\$ 1,950.00
Ricoh USA Corporation (QTR 03/24/2022 - 06/23/2022 B/W & Color)	\$ 144.16
Fremgens Power Equipment (Rescue 5 - STIHL Rescue Saw Repair)	\$ 160.00
FireFighter One (Engine 4 - Booster Red Hose (1", 200' / 1" NH Alum Coup)	\$ 1,946.50
Industrial Scientific Corporation (3/Gas Meter Repairs)	\$ 1,477.78
Bascom-Turner Instruments Inc. (Methane Sensor for Gas-Explore)	\$ 352.19
Fire and Safety Services, Ltd (Truck 2 - Repairs CZ Screen + Pull Cords)	\$ 306.01
Campbell Supply Company (Engine 3 - Transmission Repair)	\$ 3,833.08
SHI International Corp (Google Workspace Email Acct-8/19/22 - 8/18/2023)	\$ 1,378.80

Total: \$ 17,091.75

Motion to pay the bills: Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Second: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 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*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter from FF. Laurie Foley of Company 1, changing the previous approved Personal Leave of Absence to a Medical Leave of Absence. Approved by Company 1, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a letter for a 2 month Medical Leave of Absence for FF. Cameron Geier of Company 4. starting August 24, 2022. Approved by Company 4, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received the return to active duty letter for Captain Brain Patmos of Company 5.
- Received a letter for a 3 month Personal Leave of Absence for FF. Matt Shea of Company 5. starting August 14, 2022. Approved by Company 5, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a resignation letter from FF. Jack Kuiken 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. Kuiken for over Forty years of dedicated service to the department and the residents of Hawthorne.

- On August 6, 2022, the Board of Fire Commissioners notified via mail the following members; Nicholas Forsythe - Company 1, Carter Mascis - Company 1, Jack Tancos - Company 3, Jack Kuiken - Company 3 and Stephanie Hill - Company 4, that they would be removed as active members of the Hawthorne Fire Department, due to the lack of attending alarms, training and meeting attendance, over the course of several years. The Board of Fire Commissioners did not receive any communications requesting an appeal. The Board of Fire Commissioners has received the letter of resignation from FF. Jack Kuiken of Company 3. Notification will be made for these members to return all outstanding FD equipment, property of the Borough of Hawthorne, that is still in the members possession to their assigned company fire houses by October 4, 2022.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of August, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 27 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 32 alarms.
- Engine 1 received 5 - 100' lengths of 5-inch supply line which has been placed in service. Engine 1 no longer has a 3 ½ -inch supply line and is carrying 1050 feet of 5-inch supply line. All 3 ½ have been dropped off at Headquarters and the Chief was made aware.
- Engine 1 received the time slots for the physicals as well as the NDI link to complete forms.
- Need 1 tire for Engine 1 due to a curbing issue while up at the academy. There were cones established which were around a blind bend forcing apparatus to the right and the tire collided with the curbing damage.
- Company 1 discussed platooning. Best to have Borough approve then we can formulate a plan of execution. We do not want to do all the work and then not be approved.
- Received the two letters for a medical leave of absence from FF. Laurie Foley. She will supply a doctor note when she is able to return to active duty.
- Equipment:
 - Need boots in size 13 with extra wide calves and large gloves.

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 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 30 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarm, 5 Mutual Aid including 3 Glen Rock Alarms, 1 Paterson Alarm and 1 Passaic Alarm
1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 39 alarms.
- Truck 2 was returned fans, extension cords, and adapters that were being utilized at Borough Hall.
- 2 members attended the Fit Test class and have begun testing our members.
- Physical sign ups and Wildwood headcount was turned into the Chief and Clerk.
- Fire & Safety was in to repair a broken cable on our pull-down shelf, as well as reset 2 sensors that were giving us warning messages.
- Truck 2's Natural Gas meter remains out of service awaiting a sensor from Bascom-Turner to fix an error message we are receiving and one of our multi gas meters is out of service with an alarm sounding when turning on.
- 1 STIHL chainsaw is off the Truck due to continuous issues we are having with getting it started.

- Truck 2 is requesting at least 2 replacement volume knobs for the Kenwood TK3180 radios.

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 2022, Engine 3 responded to 32 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarm, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 2 Drills with 5 additional training for a total of 38 alarms.
- Co#3 expresses its condolences to Chief Speranza and his family for the loss of his mother, Ann Speranza, our prayers are with you and your family may your mother rest in peace.
- Co#3 would like to know the status of a 1 - 100' length of 5" fire hose that was damaged at a fire scene. Also 1 - CODES tag needed for Firefighter Joe Wojtecki Jr.
- Co#3 would like to congratulate Tony Palma who is being sworn in tonight as a firefighter, we wish you all the best, and a happy healthy safe 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 August 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 31 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 2 Drills, for a total of 36 Alarms.
- The new Engine 4, still remains at Campbell Supply for completion of pre delivery items and punch list. Completion of these items are projected to be done by September 9th. The Engine will remain at Campbell Supply and depart for Wildwood Convention shortly afterwards with the Mayor and Councils approval. Campbell Supply will be supplying the Borough with a chassis PM in return for allowing the new engine to go to Wildwood. The new Engine will return to the Borough on September 19, 2022. Pump training from the manufacturer and radio installation are being scheduled. The New E4 is projected to be in service October 3, 2022.
- On the night of September 13, 2022, E4 will be running out of Fire HQ while our engine bay floor is being redone as well as during Wildwood Convention that week.
- E4 will have approx. 6 members remaining behind during the Convention.
- Firefighter Cameron Geier is on a medical leave of absence.
- On behalf of myself and Engine 4 members, we would like to send Chief Speranza and his family our condolences on the loss of his mother as well as Asst. Chief Lodder and his family, our condolences on the loss of his grandmother.
- We would like to congratulate Craig and Rebecca Irvolino on the birth of their son.

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 August 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 32 Box Alarms, 4 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 4 Training /Drills, 1 Special Detail for a total of 41 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Good working order.

- Unit 58
 - Waiting for emergency lighting and sirens
- Unit 57/Communications
 - Good working order
- Boat
 - Good working order
- Personal
 - FF. Matt Shea leave of absence from 8/14/22 to 1/26/23
 - Captain Brian Patmos returns from medical leave.

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 would like to start off with a thanks to our responders for handling the unpleasant incident on route 208 yesterday. Members were disciplined, compassionate, and effective in their job functions tasked with this tragic incident.

A thank you to companies covering and completing our leadership program which we participate in conjunction with Hawthorne Police.

Keeping you up to date - the CODES program is functioning but must be information manually input as the issue is the HPD CAD program that is offline. The police department hopes to have this corrected asap.

Updates

OSHA Physicals - This Sunday the 11th and Monday the 12th

Flashover Training - Thursday 9/15 see AC Tripichio

Pump Certification Testing - Times to be set shortly, scheduled date is 9/25

Fire Act Grant - Few rounds of awards and denials have gone out and we remain in the mix for either an award or denial, hopes to remain at this time .Grant is \$335K for SCBA.

State PPE Grant - The grant has been provided and we will likely have to wait several months for word on this grant. Grant is \$75K for PPE.

Wildwood Convention Weekend - Please provide the number of members available for response from Thursday through Sunday. HFD will be co dispatching with Glen Rock FD.

Hawthorne Day - September 24th - Details will follow on assignments.

Fire prevention school visits - First scheduled visits set for Oct 3rd, Christen academy, and Washington School. We will be filling in the last four asap. We are in the process of setting up dates for career day with Mr. Pfister HHS principal, as these are confirmed I will inform the department.

Fire Hose Testing - We will be hiring the vendor, Fail Safe, to test our fire hose as we have partnered with Glen Rock and Ridgewood to do so and to reduce costs to the Borough. We will also be engaging in the same with another vendor for the aerial ladder certification testing.

Members' appreciation Pancake Breakfast- Sunday, October 16th

Officers Elections - A reminder any officer candidate must have the required prerequisites prior to acceptance of office. Candidates info should be forwarded to the Clerk prior to election for verification.

Officers Training - The second class for fire ground will be conducted in mid- November for fire officers.

Finally, I wish to thank all our members who reached out to our family with the passing of my mother. It is always appreciated.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Halloween Trunk or Treat - Sponsored by the Hawthorne Fire Auxiliary
Saturday, October 29th
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Fire Headquarters
828 Lafayette Ave., Corner of Goggle Road
Family friendly event open to all
Reserve a space or questions call 973-423-0624

Citizen Fire:

- The 2nd Annual Class notification has been communicated on Facebook and flyers.
- New email address was added to marketing materials; hfdcitizensacademy@gmail.com
- If you're interested in signing up or already sent an email to us please resend us an email at: hfdcitizensacademy@gmail.com

Training Center:

- Recently we met with the propane company, where we spoke about and had questions about the tank and piping. Recommendation for a second tank
- Car simulator status - in progress
- Two weeks ago HFD officers attended a walk-through of the new basement simulator

- The Training Center received a gift of \$10,000.00 from the Glen Rock FD

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Relief during the Wildwood Convention
 - November 13th Memorial Breakfast

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - Pending Sept 25th Drill - Training Center

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:
 - Flag holder for the Honor Guard was purchased
- Engine Company 3:
 - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - Status of new Engine 4 hose order -
Chief; Pending, we will check with the vendor.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report.
- 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:
 - The order of PFD came in and will be distributed to FD companies.

- Chief:
 - Chief Speranza swore in FF. Rebecca Ita, she will be stationed at Company 4. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Rebecca Ita for her future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.
 - Chief Speranza swore in FF. Anthony Palma, he will be stationed at Company 3. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Anthony Palma for his future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.
 - Reminder when responding to calls. If you experience an aggressive driver, please write down the license plate and vehicle description so the information can be provided to the HPD.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Condolences to Chief Speranza and his family on the passing of his mother Ann Speranza.
 - Condolences to Assistant Chief Travis Lodder on the passing of his grandmother, Dorothy Lodder.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Condolences to Chief Speranza and his family on the passing of his mother Ann Speranza.
 - Condolences to Assistant Chief Travis Lodder on the passing of his grandmother, Dorothy Lodder.
 - Congratulations to the Irvolino family on the arrival of their son.
- Engine Company 3:
 - Condolences to Chief Speranza and his family on the passing of his mother Ann Speranza.
 - Condolences to Assistant Chief Travis Lodder on the passing of his grandmother, Dorothy Lodder.
- Engine Company 4:
 - Condolences to Chief Speranza and his family on the passing of his mother Ann Speranza.
 - Condolences to Assistant Chief Travis Lodder on the passing of his grandmother, Dorothy Lodder.
 - Congratulations to the Irvolino family on the arrival of their son.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Condolences to Chief Speranza and his family on the passing of his mother Ann Speranza.
 - Condolences to Assistant Chief Travis Lodder on the passing of his grandmother, Dorothy Lodder.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- Victor Tamburro - *Question*: For our upcoming physicals, it was mentioned that the medical company providing the physical is requesting that members attending should wear a mask. What happens if the member does not want to wear a mask?
 - *Chief* - All members attending their OSHA SCBA physicals are required to wear a mask. If the member who chooses not to participate and wears a mask during the physical will be considered a "Class C" or Non Fire Ground Firefighter (support member).

- John Arturi - *Question:* What happens if a member loses or damages their CODES barcode tag, can a new one be issued?
- *Clerk-* Yes, a new CODES barcode tag will be issued and entered into the program.
- John Arturi - *Follow up question:* Will the new tag number be the same as the old one?
- *Clerk-* No, the member will receive a new CODES tag number, which will be entered into the program and linked to the member for attendance accountability.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE FLOOR AND OPENED TO THE BOARD;

by Chief Speranza

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Second: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 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*

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk