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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on November 1, 2022 at 7:30 pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, October 15, 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 Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*
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:

John Trippichio *CO. 1 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: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Second: Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

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DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES ;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Passaic County Community College (Firefighter 2 Class - FF. M. Hechinger)	\$ 400.00
FireFighter One (Engine 3 - 5" x 100' Red Hose)	\$ 1,235.45
Witmer Public Safety Group (Rescue 5 - Rescue Aluminum Onyx Carabiners)	\$ 239.00
Clean Air Company, Inc. (Emergency Repair - E4 & T2)	\$ 1,500.00
Technical Fire Services (Annual Pumper Service Testing-E1, T2, E3, E4)	\$ 900.00
Aerial Testing Company (Aerial Testing & Inspection per NFPA 1911)	\$ 1,282.50
Communications Specialists Inc. (Supplied, Delivered and Installed equipment)	\$ 1,870.00
Shortways (Fire Prevention School Visits - Lunch/Refreshments)	\$ 874.85
Goosetown (Engine 4 - Installation of radios in new engine)	\$ 5,200.13

Total: \$ 13,501.93

Motion to pay the bills: John Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*

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

Approved: John Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a change of address waiver letter from Assistant Chief Travis Lodder of Company 2. Due to the distance of the new residency in Hackensack it was recommended that the Board of Fire Commissioners vote on approving the waiver request.

Motion for an address change for Assistant Chief Lodder to reside outside of Hawthorne:

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Second: Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Approved:

John Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Abstained:

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

- Received a change of address for FF. Matthew Garrison of Company 1.
- Received a one (1) month Medical Leave of Absence letter for George Zagatta of the Radio Communication Division. Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

Engine CO. #1; presented by Captain John Carlo:

- For the month of October, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 31 Box Alarms, 4 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Special, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 38 alarms.
- Handed in Clothing Allowance percentages.
- E1's annual preventative maintenance and pump leak should be completed by the end of this week. E1 tire was placed on order with Giant Tire.
- Received a change of address for FF. Garrison.
- Thanked all who attended the informative flashover evolution. We all agreed that we became more educated by taking the class.
- All but one member remains to complete fit testing.
- Once available, I need to know who did not attend physicals so that the proper letter is sent.

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 October 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 29 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 4 Mutual Aid including 2 to Glen Rock, 1 to Paterson, 1 to Passaic, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 35 alarms.
- Truck 2 completed aerial testing. The aerial passed but had 2 minor issues that Fire & Safety will be notified on . Fire & Safety will also be scheduled to perform an annual PM.
- Members attended the flashover class and had very positive feedback regarding it. Thank you, AC Trippicchio, for setting it up.
- Truck 2 was utilized for flag detail for the Paterson Red Mass and Westwood LODD funeral.
- Truck 2 will be covering during the Totowa/West Paterson Parade on the 26th from noon - 8pm.
- Clean Air was in to repair the broken Plymovent at the firehouse, the duct taped the tube and a new one is on order.
- Our one multi-gas meter remains out of service and we have no charger for the spare multi gas meter. Do we have an update on our multi gas meter?
- Truck 2 congratulates Lt. Dude and FF Carley Tamburro for a job well done. Both members performed a successful CPR save while at their job.

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 October 2022, Engine 3 responded to 30 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 1 Drills with 2 additional training for a total of 34 alarms.
- Co#3 congratulates FF. Justin Speranza and FF. Joe Wojtecki Jr. for completing and passing FF1 at PCFA.

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 October 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 31 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 1 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 0 Drills, for a total of 34 Alarms.
- The old Engine 4 has been retired and the new Engine 4 has been placed into service on October 10, 2022.
- A big thank you to AC Longo, Captain DeGroot and all members that assisted us in transferring hose and equipment over.
- We are currently still waiting on 110 volt cords for our CO meter and TIC. As well as our hose
- Driver's training on the new apparatus is still underway.

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 October 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 30 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 4 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 37 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Good working order.
 - Unit 58
 - Vendor is still waiting to receive parts from the manufacturer for lights and sirens.
 - Unit 57/Communications
 - Good working order
 - Boat
 - Good working order
 - Personal
 - Captain Brian Patmos returned from medical leave.

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- LIDL development is pending.
- Hedges walk-through is pending for December 2022.
- Additional information contained within the Chief's report.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

With the tragic news of two local firefighters being killed in the line of duty this past week, I wish to thank the members and truck 2 for paying respect to our neighboring departments and their membership. I also ask our officers and members to understand the wellness of their company members and importance of our annual physicals.

This past Saturday morning a horrific motor vehicle accident occurred leading to a severely burned victim, I wish to thank the members who attended for their professionalism and expeditious response. The actions of our police officers and firefighters were exceptional and hopefully will lead to the victim's recovery. (As a side note from EMS concerning burn victims, a helicopter flight directly to St. Barnabas is extremely unusual and the typical practice would be to expedite the victim to a trauma center for stabilization and then they would fly the victim to St. Barnabas.)

I made contact with the NJ State Police Aviation Unit today, and we are scheduling a one-hour training on landing zones with them asap which may include a landing as well. Awaiting further from the NJ state police aviation. (Some info on night landing which was opposite of info gained several years back, the night landing should have minimal intense white lighting including headlights this is due to night vision interference.)

The department wishes to thank all those who set up fire Hqs, our cooks, and Barry and Joni Houston for the donations. Due to the positive and fun, we had with the breakfast we will attempt to return the open house for fire prevention in a new fashion in 2023 with the breakfast.

Thank you to the excellent support and display for our school program and visitation last month as we provided three days of interaction with our school children.

UPDATES

HFD/Sheriffs Drill - The first drill with the Sheriff's dive team went well as we interacted with Rescue 5, our boat and their team. We will process additional drills this winter with the dive team and thank them for their support.

SCBA Grant - By week's end we should have everything in place to progress with the grant award for our SCBA, we are hopeful our air packs will be replaced by year's end or shortly thereafter.

PPE Grant - This grant is still in process, and we are awaiting further.

Memorial Breakfast - St. Anthony's followed by monument service and breakfast Sunday Nov. 13th

Santa Run - Saturday December 17th beginning with pizza dinner at 4pm, run begins at 4:30pm.

Dept Physicals - Review of the process has begun, members that are not classified as C firefighter will be flagged and downgraded if the physical is not completed. Currently we are about 95% completed with members in compliance.

FD Budget 2023 - Chief/Capt's we will have a mandatory meeting Monday Nov. 7th at 6:30 pm, you are to have any requests for budget consideration prepared for delivery to the Borough Administrator and Finance Committee.

Officers Elections - Reminder that officers being nominated MUST have proper certifications in place prior to 2023. If you do not have a legitimate candidate it's better to run without.

Boat Launch - I have been in communication with Council person Lalosa concerning the proposed FD boat launch and the waterway use. We conclude the need for opportunity to the river be enhanced and will re purpose this option and abandon the option that administration was already working on. The option would be to clear the 50 x 50 area and add 2-inch clean stone and ¾ inch stone up to 5 inches of depth in the proposed area. The expected cost would be approx. \$15,000.00

Borough Santa Parade - Friday Dec. 2nd times to be provided.

FF1-2 Graduation - Friday Dec. 2nd at PCTI 7:00 pm

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- No Submission

Citizen Fire:

- Kick off of the 2022 Citizen Fire Academy - Thursday, October 6th
- 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:

- HFD Training Center Rental Fee 2022/2023 has been approved and adapted by the Borough
 - Facility use fee - \$50.00/3 hour use
 - Smoke Generating Unit fee - \$20.00
 - Roof Simulator fee - \$50.00 (Materials are not included)
 - Forcible Entry Simulator fee - \$50.00
 - Material Live Burn Training Building fee - \$50.00 (Materials are not included)
 - Bail Out fee - \$25.00 (Day time)
 - Bail Out fee - \$50.00 (Night time)
 - Confined Space fee - Included in facility use fee. Assistant/Instructor required.
 - Car Fire Simulator fee - \$100.00 (Feb 2023 - In service date)
 - Hose Lay/Hydrant Training fee - Included with facility use fee
 - All fees are payable to the Borough of Hawthorne, NJ, % The Hawthorne Fire Department Training Center.

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Firemens' Memorial Breakfast - November 13th

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - No Submission

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:
 - 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:
 - LOSAP UPDATE - LOSAP representative contact information will be placed in AC mailboxes. The following members have not contacted the LOSAP representative;
 - CJ Barhorst - Company 1
 - Jose Corrales - Company 1
 - Nick Rosendale - Company 1
 - Matt Cook - Company 5
 - Noah Troast - Company 5
 - Matt Shea - Company 5
 - Brendon Frei - Company 5
 - Rescheduled the Size-Up Class for Sunday, January 15, 2023
 - Requesting all companies provide an estimated total footage of hose that needs to be tested, quote for 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - No new business to report.

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- Engine Company 3:
 - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - County ID will setup future dates for HFD members
 - Helicopter planning contacts and information was lost with the old FD emails service.
 - If any of your company members are not a qualified EMT at a scene please refrain from comments.
 - Swift water training \$400/member
- Chief:
 - Fatality Report 2022-23 will be placed in AC mailboxes.
 - eBike Issues with charging and fire risks article will be placed in AC mailboxes.
 - Personal leaves by members are not the same as medical or military leave. Any alarm during the personal leave will count against the member. Refer to the HFD Ordinance or the Borough Attorney.
 - HPD using the training center should follow all guidelines posted and provided.
 - Dispatching will continue the daily 6pm pager testing.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Congratulations to Lt. Dube, as he is expecting the future birth of his first child.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Congratulations to FF. Anderson, as he is expecting the future birth of his first child.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- Silvia Fonseca-Araya - *Question:* Can the department consider putting patches on the sleeve of our Class A coats?
- *Chief - Requesting Assistant Chiefs to bring back the question to their members for thoughts.*
- Daryl Kallenberg - *Question:* Can the department sell FD Supporter t-shirts at FD citizen Academy or events that we attend?
- *Chief - The board will look into the t-shirt request and the logistics and return with an update.*
- Christopher Tamburro - *Information:* The Hawthorne Fire Dept. Honor Guard will be attending the 2023 Wildwood Convention.
- *Chief - The dept. will review the program and make sure it's ready and goes smoothly.*

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the meeting: John Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*

Second: Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Carlo, *CO. 1 Captain*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk