

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order on August 1st, 2017 at 7:27pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Chief*
Christopher Di Bella, *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*
Anthony DiVincent, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Peter VanDerrVelde, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
Brian Warner, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Amber Hechinger, *Fire Dept. Clerk*
Christopher Mogan, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: led by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MINUTES: Previous minutes have been dispensed and are not provided due to unfilled Fire Clerk position. Chief Joseph Speranza announces appointment of two new Fire Department Clerks—Amber Hechinger and Christopher Mogan.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST/EXPENSES (07/12/17-08/01/17): List items numbers 5:Grainger (E1 Dif) for \$313.50 and 7:Goosetown (Unit 57 radio) for \$416.24 were removed from list of expenses as they were duplicates from the previous year.

1. AAA Emergency Supply: Helmets & Boots= **\$720.00**
2. Hawthorne Auto Lab (Unit 61): Battery & Cable= **\$167.64**
3. Communication Specialists: Antenna alignment= **\$208.00**
4. Insurance restoration (Gear cleaning)= **\$270.00**
5. **REMOVED**
6. Passaic County Fire Academy (Engine 1 Training)= **\$100.00A**
7. **REMOVED**

Chief Joseph Speranza motions for expense list approval; Assistant Chief Christopher DiBella seconds the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chief Joseph Speranza introduces fire clerks Amber Hechinger—responsible for correspondence within the Department, and Christopher Mogan—responsible for finances within the Department.
- Amber Hechinger presents to the Board the request to enter Rescue Company 5 as a junior member by Logan Warner; Full Board consent.
- Letter submitted by firefighter Andrew Ska requesting a two (2) month leave of absence from August 1st, 2017 through September 30th, 2017 is presented by Amber Hechinger; Chief Joseph Speranza motions to approve; Assistant Chief Joseph Longo of Company 3 seconds the motion.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:**Engine CO #1; by Assistant Chief Christopher Di Bella:**

- 25 box alarms; 2 still alarms; 0 mutual aids; 1 drill for a total of 28 calls. Engine 1 includes 3 additional trainings.
- Estimate to repaint wheel wells from The Body Works auto body shop in Midland Park will be submitted. Firefighter Malandrino remains on medical leave.
- Resignation of Firefighter Shoomiloff is submitted, effective as of July 14, 2017; all equipment has been collected and accounted for.

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

Tower CO #2; by Assistant Chief Anthony DiVincent:

- 31 box alarms; 1 still alarm; 4 mutual aids; 1 drill for a total of 37 alarms. Tower 2 held 0 additional trainings.
- Service on the truck to the cab and chassis was done August 1, 2017 by Fairlawn DPW.
- The bill has been submitted for the repair on the roll out spare bottle drawer done by Lt. Marsch. Awaiting coat and bunkers for Darryl Kallenberg—Est. delivery is August 12, 2017. Bunkers and turnout coat needed for Firefighter Brenden Marsch—measurements to come.
- Requesting rear tires of apparatus (total: 8) be replaced before winter.—A/C DiVincent instructed to call for quote from Fairlawn DPW.
- Firefighter 1 to look issue of aerial disable lights and non-disabling of the truck when going into the “envelope”.

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

Engine CO #3; by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:

- 31 box alarms; 0 still alarms; 1 mutual aid; 1 drill for a total of 33 alarms.
- Engine 3 is out of service for pump modifications and repairs for a total of 30 days out-of-service as of August 1, 2017. No time estimate provided for completion of repair.
- Firefighter Jim Baker is out on medical leave until further notice from his doctor.
- Firefighters Waldier & Greer Jr. received extrication gloves.
- Engine CO #3 will attend Passaic County Fire Academy for “flash over simulation drill” for fire attack on August 7, 2017.

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

Engine CO #4; by Assistant Chief Peter VanDerrVelde:

- 31 box alarms; 6 still alarms; 2 radio calls; 1 drill for a total of 40 alarms. 6 mutual aids to Glen Rock have not been included in this alarm total. Engine 4 held 0 additional trainings.
- Firefighter 1 repairing pump on August 20-21, 2017.
- Requesting large and medium mask.—Current stock to be checked before orders are submitted.
- Requested update on officer’s helmet shields—Chief Joseph Speranza commented said shields were distributed and if not received they were returned as defective; Reorder needed.
- Engine CO #4 will attend Passaic County Fire Academy for “flash over simulation drill” for fire attack on August 7, 2017.

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

Rescue CO #5; by Assistant Chief Brian Warner:

- 25 box alarms; 0 still alarms; 2 drills for a total of 26 alarms. Rescue 5 held 2 additional trainings.
- Drown-proofing class at the Hawthorne pool being planned in August.—Awaiting specific details.
- Request for one (1) application for member.

All members and equipment are in good working order.

Radio Communications Division:

- 25 box alarms; 2 meetings; 3 truck checks; 3 work details; 1 mutual aid for a total of 34 events.
- One (1) broken telescoping ladder in 57. Radio has been replaced.

With above mentioned exceptions, computer and recording equipment in Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT; by Assistant Chief Longo

- Update on Macaluso's foundation—parking garage/parking deck being fit with sprinklers and 2 stand pipes.
- No specific reports on 5th Ave progress.
- Update on Central Ave—foundation is being poured.
- Update on Encore International—building to become a Pinnacle storage; No specific other specific updates; A/C Longo stated sprinklers will have to be installed.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY; by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Extended condolences to Prospect Park Fire Department for their loss and thank our members for providing coverage for them in this time of need.
- Recognized Rescue CO#5 for attending the National Night Out tonight—August 1, 2017—on behalf of the Department; Suggestion to move Fire Board to an alternate night next August if this event is held on the same night in order to have more Department presence next year.
- Announcement that the Department will be sponsoring a side by side burn demo this September 23rd for Hawthorne Day. Event expected to be publicized with reporting agencies.
- Reminder that the year is closing out in approx. two (2) months—end of September. Percentages need to be closely monitored.
- Postponement of August officers meeting; next officers meeting/training to be held on September 19, 2017 at 7:30pm at headquarters.
- Notification of Department mandated OSHA physicals on September 10, 2017 from 9:30pm-11:30pm AND September 11, 2017 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at headquarters. Doppler imaging available by appointment by contacting Oradell Imaging—details on flier provided to the chiefs. Typically it is covered 100% by insurance with no deductibles to the member, on behalf of the Fire Service.
- Request on behalf of the Training Center Committee Manager, Chief Longo, department clean-up/work detail. Date is opened to the Board and Monday August 28th, 2017 at 7:00am is decided in order to not interfere with department physicals.

- Recognizing Mrs. Speranza for assisting in delivery and return of the Auxiliary truck after significant repairs were done to increase safety and functionality.
- Updates provided on a Fire Department/EMS picnic will be in communication in the near future. Discussion with Chief Houtsma is underway.
- Introduction of a replacement for Engine 3 expected to arrive in approx. one year. Process of funding hoped to be completed shortly after the first council meeting to be held in September 2017.
- Announcement of beginnings of layout and design of the new chief's car; expected to be in service in 4-5 weeks as proper lighting is causing delays. Special thanks mentioned to the council and administration for moving forward with the acquisitions. Hoping to discuss replacement of Tower 2 in the near future as costs for repairs have been substantially high.
- Notice that new thermal imaging cameras (FLIRS with a 5-year warranty) will be ordered for each company to replace the old units once state contract number is received from the vendor—expected within a few days.
- Apology and thanks is extended to the Audit committee on the additional delay in process completion. Expected completion date is August 7, 2017 after missing information is collected from the accountant.

TRAINING CENTER COMMITTEE REPORT; by Assistant Chief Longo:

- Work on 3rd floor has begun and the trap door has been installed.
- Carpenters and mechanics are in communications with AAA as specific information is required to be gathered and provided for a state inspection.
- State Fire Marshal conducted a positive walk-through and requests to conduct another once repairs/additions have moved to the next phase.
- Down's Tree Service installed a gate to a town storage area which is currently causing a blockage to a hydrant and needs to be moved to a different part of the storage area.

WOMAN'S AUXILLERY

- Question brought up on jump seat request which was denied as the auxiliary vehicle is not structurally sound for the addition on the aluminum mount. Other options to be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Coin Drive is scheduled for October 14th 2017 from 9:00am-12:00pm. The paperwork has been turned in and response is pending.
- II. Reminder by Assistant Chief Longo that the Communications Divisions has put out a memo to all Chief's and Captains to review. Anyone involved in 57 must sign and attend meetings.
- III. Discussion of replacement ladder of Engine Company #5 and cost reimbursement. Chief Speranza mentions that said reimbursement will come from company 5 when received by the Borough instead of using the Good and Welfare account, as agreed upon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Engine CO#1 requests two (2) new black helmets for two new members. No new business from CO#2, CO#3, CO#4, or CO#5.
- II. Former Junior Firefighters Christopher DiBella and Brandon Terizzi are officially sworn in.
- III. Fire Department Clerks Amber Hechinger and Christopher Mogan are officially sworn in.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- No updates from CO#1, CO#2, CO#3, CO#4, or CO#5
- Chief Speranza requests that each company collect and finalizes their headcounts for the Wildwood Fire Convention. Companies are notified that if the apparatuses are not manned, staging will only be in a singular place. More discussion to come in the following week.

MEETING IS CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR; by Chief Speranza

- I. Previous Chief, Victor Tamburro reminds members that the Passaic County Caucus meeting is at 7:30pm this Thursday night. Regarding previous discussion of Fire Department application forms, he notifies the Fire Clerks that when the forms are signed, the member signs it and keeps the top page as the Declaration that he has received, from the state, his rights. Chief Speranza requests more applications.
- II. Regarding the Washington School antenna—A repair was done for which the Fire Department was billed for, on the cable leading to the cabinet in the boiler room. Chief Victor Tamburro mentions that the Hawthorne Police Department is currently sharing that cable. Discussion about sharing the receiver between both the Fire Department and the Police Department begins and the decision to discuss these concerns in the next meeting with the Mayor is made.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was closed to the floor and adjourned at 7:57pm by Chief Joseph Speranza

Amber Hechinger
Fire Department Clerk

Date