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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on March 2, 2021 at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, February 20, 2021 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*
Frank Audino *CO. 1 1st Lieutenant*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *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.

CORE STATEMENT

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DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Electronic Systems Solutions (Engine 1 - Two-way Radio Headset)	\$ 376.50
FireFighter One (Engine 3 - Vulcan Series Charging Rack)	\$ 35.93
Electronic Systems Solutions (Engine 3 - Radio Adapter Cups)	\$ 72.00
Shotmeyer Bros. (HFD - Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF))	\$ 250.00
Fire Service Safety Testing, Inc. (Annual Ground Ladder Testing)	\$ 2,553.00
Fierro's Auto Service (Unit 58/60 Maintenance)	\$ 1,025.00
D.C. Electrical Contractors Inc. (Electrical updates to HQ/Rescue building for new washing machine)	\$ 975.00
HFD Company 1 (2/1 Storm Standby)	\$ 56.00
HFD Company 2 (2/1 Storm Standby)	\$ 150.41
HFD Company 3 (2/1 Storm Standby)	\$ 115.42
HFD Company 4 (2/1 Storm Standby)	\$ 52.38

Total: \$5,661.64

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a medical leave of absence letter from Captain T. Lodder of Company 2, requesting a 3 month leave beginning March 1, 2021. ***The Fire Board has approved this request.***
- Received a medical leave of absence letter from FF. J. Tancosof Company 3, requesting a 3 month leave beginning March 1, 2021. ***The Fire Board has approved this request.***
- Received a change of address letter from Captain T. Lodder of Company 2.
- Received a change of address letter from W. Marra of Company 2.
- Received a letter from the Passaic City Fire Department, thanking the department for our mutual aid assistance on January 29, 2021, 101 7th Street, Atlantic Coast Fibers fire. ***Copy of the letter was provided to each Company.***

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

Engine CO. #1; presented by Frank Audino CO. 1 1st Lieutenant:

- For the month of February 2021, Engine 1 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 3 Drill(s) for a total of 24 Alarms.
- One member of Company 1 remains inactive due to COVID-10. The Chief has been kept apprised of the progress.
- Equipment:
 - The one outstanding item is the fire shield for the engine compartment. This remains outstanding as remains on backorder form Pierce. Once the item arrives it will be installed.

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

Tower CO. #2; presented by Assistant Chief Ronald Walker:

- For the month of February 2021, Company 2 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 5 Still Alarms, 1 Mutual Aid, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 27 Alarms
- Submitted two change of address letters to clerk
- Submitted on medical leave request from Capt. Lodder
- Still awaiting plates and registration, but have heard that there is positive movement on this
- ESS did the radio work on the truck that was requested
- Truck 2 has one knob on a Kenwood radio that is broke
- One member has a cracked mask upon checking all masks after the safety memo came out for our SCBA masks.

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

Engine CO. #3; presented by Assistant Joseph Longo:

- For the month of February 2021, Engine Co. #3 responded to 19 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, held 0 drill for a total of 19 Alarms.
- Status for Firefighters Bakker, Tancos and Massey remain the same as last reported for medical leave.
- Co#3 is waiting for P.O. from the clerk for broken light box charger mounts in the engine to be repaired.
- Co#3 received cups for the radio charging unit from ESS.
- Co#3 engine goes out for full warranty work on Wednesday 3-3-21, but still has warranty work scheduled to be completed.

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 February 2021, Engine 4 responded to; 18 Box Alarms, 7 Still Alarms including, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarm, 0 Drills, for a total of 25 alarms.
- Engine 4 has received our requested twelve lengths of 2.5" hose.
- We are still waiting on our 14" Demo saw blade and other length of 1 ¾ rubber (red) jacket hose from last year's equipment order.
- Engine 4 also place a request through codes for a replacement Passaic portable radio due to not working and recommended a multiband portable to consolidate all mutual aid radios on the apparatus.

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

Rescue CO. #5; presented by Assistant Chief David Hughes:

- For the month of February 2021, Rescue 5 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 5 Still Alarm, 1 Stand-by, 2 Training /Drills, 1 Special Detail for a total of 30 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Received new gas meter - Company training complete

- Unit 58
 - Need a set of tire snow chains
- Boat
 - Good Working Order
- Personal
 - Nothing significant to report.

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

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- *Included in Chief's report*

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- On behalf of the borough and our residents, I would like to thank each of you which assisted with the snow standbys, hydrant details and this past weekend's drive by for our 90-year-old war vet.
- The 2021 budget was introduced yesterday, and in the introduction, we presented an increase for active members and lower tier officers. Overall, the 2021 budget provided a decrease in funding requested for the calendar year 2021. The request for a pickup truck for the department will be decided at a latter date by the finance committee.
- Items of Importance
 - Train the trainer for Pet Responder CPR and Pet Masks - Monday March 8th at 7pm Fire Hqs. A limit of one member per company needs to attend. Each company will be granted an updated Pet saver mask kit.
 - The department washer gear cleaning extractor has been installed and tested. A train the training will be held on Monday March 29th at 7pm for company captains or an alternate. Additional training dates will follow. You must be trained in the gear process to utilize the washer and proper cleaning of gear.
 - A schedule for department IDs has been provided to our asst. chiefs, the process will begin this Sat.
 - Ground ladder and Life Safety Certification testing is set for Wednesday March 17th schedule has been provided.
 - County IDs are moving forward as well and dates for photos will be available shortly. I'll update you as Mr. Murphey informs us of dates available.
 - Scott SCBA failure warning which was previously provided to all our officers should be posted in your engine room, each face mask is to be inspected immediately for issues described.
 - A meeting with Fair Lawn, Glen Rock will occur next week to discuss mutual aid needs and ideas to improve daytime response between our three departments.
 - Tuesday, March 16th, Lts and Capts 7:30pm "Officer Training Program with Training Officer Dibella" at fire Hqs.
 - Wednesday, March 24th SCBA committee will be meeting with MSA to review air packs and possibly acquire a demo.

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- Maintenance schedules for our fire apparatus will be provided shortly as we review quotes and set dates.
- FYI - Fire Board meetings will remain virtual until the borough's schedule for council is adjusted.

Respectfully,

Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

· **Communications Division:**

For the month of February 2021, the Communications Division responded to 20 Alarms and held 5 Work Details.

- All members are responding normally, within CDC guidelines.
- All equipment in the Radio Room and in '57 (cascade and communications sections) is in good working order with the following exceptions:
 1. PPE and cleaning supplies for the Radio Room need replenishment.
 2. The Fire Desk CODES software needs updating and training for added administrative tasks needs to be provided.
 3. The replacement UPS batteries for the Fire Desk and Equipment Room UPSs were ordered on a PO but have not arrived yet.
 4. The HVAC system for the Radio Room is still failed with no firm repair date as of this writing.
 5. Noise issues with the Primary Repeater (Fire 1/Channel 1) continue and are increasing.
 6. Noise issues with the metallic Verizon radio circuits between Fire HQ and the remote transmitter/receiver sites are increasing. It is not uncommon to find at least one circuit noisy and/or out of service on any given day. On most occasions, due to the lengthy time to repair, the noisy circuit has to be disconnected from our equipment as it impairs Fire Desk operations.

Submitted 2 March 2021 by G.E. Zagatta RC2

· **Cadets:**

- No Submission

· **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- No Submission

· **Training Center:**

- No Submission

· **Exempt/Relief:**

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - The Caucus is scheduled for August 5th
 - The Convention is scheduled for September 17th & 18th

· **Passaic County Sheriff's Department:**

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

· **Radio Communications**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
 - 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No new business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - *Assistant Chief Walker - What is the procedure for members taking their make-up 2020 Physicals. Chief Speranza recommends that they attend the department physician when schedules are available.*
- 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
 - No new business to report.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:

- No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Chief Speranza
 - No good and welfare to report.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Joseph Speranza

- *The March 2, 2021 meeting was open to the public. The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk and published to the Fire Department’s website and social channel. The public was provided by the Fire Department Clerk’s email (Clerk@HawthorneFire.org) to submit any questions. NO submissions were received.*
- *No emails were received from the public.*

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk