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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order on May 3, 2022 at 7:30pm by Chief Speranza

*The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, April 16, 2022 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email ([Clerk@HawthorneFire.org](mailto: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*  
Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*  
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 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:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

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

Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*

#### 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*

<b>Passaic County Community College (ICS - 200 Class)</b>	\$ 400.00
<b>RT Office Products (HFD - Printer Paper)</b>	\$ 119.80
<b>New Jersey Fire Equipment (Truck 2 - Cutters Edge Filter Wraps)</b>	\$ 22.83
<b>FireFighter One, LLC (6" Helmet Shields)</b>	\$ 543.10
<b>Bill Fox LLC (Ex-Asst. Chief Badge)</b>	\$ 134.20
<b>Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 4 - Pony Supply Hose 5" x 10')</b>	\$ 538.00
<b>Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 3 - Traffic Cones)</b>	\$ 152.50
<b>Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 3 - Milwaukee M18 Lithium Battery)</b>	\$ 573.00
<b>Door Works, Inc. (HQ - Bay Door Repair)</b>	\$ 333.00
<b>Fire &amp; Safety Service, LTD (Engine 1 - Various Apparatus Repairs)</b>	\$ 2,218.82
<b>Fire and Safety Services, LTD (Truck 2 - Officer Side Mirror Repair)</b>	\$ 1,090.00
<b>Fire and Safety Services (Truck 2 - Pierce #499 Blue Touch-up Paint)</b>	\$ 43.03
<b>Fierro's Auto Service (Truck 2 - 2022 Preventative Maintenance)</b>	\$ 880.00
<b>Paul's Motors (Unit 61 - Emergency Repair)</b>	\$ 545.60
<b>Fierro's Auto Service (Engine 4 - 2022 Preventative Maintenance)</b>	\$ 880.00
<b>Fierro's Auto Service (Unit 59 - 2022 Preventative Maintenance)</b>	\$ 695.00
<b>Fierro's Auto Service (Unit 57 - 2022 Preventative Maintenance)</b>	\$ 695.00
<b>Hawthorne Premier Carwash, LLC. (Unit 50 - Car Wash)</b>	\$ 11.00
<b>Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 4 (New Apparatus) - Hose)</b>	\$ 25,046.00

**Total: \$ 34,920.88**

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

**Second:** Joseph Longo *CO. 3 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*

Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;**

*Presented by Clerk Mogen*

- Received a letter from the Mamakating First Aid Squad of Wurtsboro, NY, thanking the Hawthorne Fire Department for the generous donation of sanitizing supplies.

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:**

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

- For the month of April, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 26 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 30 alarms.
- Engine 1 is seeking to coordinate a drill with Truck 2 at the Bergen County Flashover course on/about September 10, 2022. We will need to complete an application and also issue a PO.
- Received the CEVO class certificate for the members that participated and will be handed out at next week meetings.
- I thank all who responded to the garbage truck incident and the garage fire. Once again we all worked well together and our training keeps coming though time and time again.
- Equipment:
  - We need the front right sight light rod repaired as it is no longer illuminating.
  - We also identified that the front right bumper has a slight damage to the underside of it that appears to have been damaged potentially debris in water during Hurricane IDA and was identified this week.
  - We now have two SCBAs out of service that need of repair (Pack #6 and #8)
  - Also need status of the 5 inch hose that the hydrant strap

**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 April 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 31 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 8 Mutual Aid including 5 Glen Rock Alarms, 1 Paterson Alarm, 2 Prospect Park Alarm, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 41 alarms.
- FF Chartoff has submitted a doctor's note to return to full duty.
- All members have completed gear inspection and their gear has been entered into CODES.
- Truck 2 received an additional 3 coveralls for water operations and a shelf on the truck has now been dedicated to water OPs gear.
- Fire & Safety was in to check on residue found on the engine during truck check but found no exhaust leaks. We also noticed the brake air gauge has been fluctuating. Fire & Safety was notified and has given us instructions to monitor both and report back to them in a week or two.
- Unit 62 has been running with no issues since repair at Paul's Auto.

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### **Engine CO. #3: presented by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**

- For the month of April 2022, Engine 3 responded to 29 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, 1 Chief Call/Training, and held 2 Drill for a total of 33 Alarms.
- Firefighter Corrales has returned to active duty.
- Engine 3 has had its auto eject line replaced due to compressor tank and line failure.
- Also waiting for DEF sensor light to be replaced in the engine, parts are on backorder.
- Please keep firefighter Ken Silvestri's wife in your prayers, wishing her a speedy recovery. All the best and I hope she will be home soon.

**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 April 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 27 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 1 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 30 Alarms.
- Engine 4's final inspection on the new engine was completed last month in South Dakota. Several issues were found and being corrected. This being said, the new engine will be delayed approximately a month or more for delivery.
- May 16, 2022, Engine 4 and Truck 2 will attend Bergenfield Fire Academy.

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

**Rescue CO. #5; presented by Captain Brian Patmos:**

- For the month of April 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 31 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 3 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 35 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
  - Rescue
    - PO for generator repair was sent to Campbell. Campbell was called prior and our generator is enroute back to the shop. When it arrives an install date will be provided.
  - Unit 58
    - Decals on the vehicle have been completed. Looking for a vendor to install emergency lights and sirens. Requesting all terrain tires be installed in the future due to the boat launch by Wag Baseball Fields deteriorating.
  - Unit 57
    - Still trying to locate a vendor for the generator and suspension is spongy. Requesting to have it looked at.
  - Boat
    - Good Working Order
  - Personal
    - All members are doing well.

**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 thank Wyckoff FD and Christen Healthcare for providing a walk through of the Vista project at Christen Healthcare, the invitation to visit and see the layout is now open to our companies by scheduling through Vista Security.

We will be scheduling fire apparatus maintenance in the following manner;

**Engine 1** - Through Fire & Safety

**Truck 2** - Through Ferros for chassis, engine/ladder light maintenance only.

**Engine 3** - Through Campbell /KME. Pump and engine/chassis.

**Engine 4** - Through Ferros for chassis and engine maintenance only. pump maintenance through FF1.

**Rescue 5** - Through Ferros for engine maintenance.

**Unit 57** - Through Ferros for chassis and engine maintenance, additional will be an introduction fan from the interior and an exhaust fan for the generator to the exterior will be installed asap. Generator maintenance will be completed at the same time as well.

**Unit 59** - Through Ferros for chassis and engine maintenance.

Once the department budget is finalized, we will be scheduling hose testing, air compressor replacement and aerial certification testing.

Repairs are expected on the air compressor by the weekend.

Reminder the Memorial service and parade is set for Monday, May 30 meeting at 11:30 am rear of borough hall for the service followed by the parade at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully,  
Chief J. Speranza

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

· **Communications Division:**

- No Submission

· **Cadets:**

- No Submission

· **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- Thank you for those that supported the Annual Fish Fry Dinner. There were 270 dinners sold.
- Upcoming Red White and Blue Flag Event

· **Citizen Fire:**

- No Submission

**Training Center:**

- Work was done by new vendor
- Belco doors were install
- Fence is damaged asking the Borough for assistance
- Hose is packed on the truck
- Hydrants are set up
- Out of town FD used the training center which was left in unacceptable shape
- Speaking with the Borough about a new container
- Car fire simulator is in development
- Clean up day - May 21st
- Anyone using the generator, please refill the oil
- Special thank you to the DPW for clean up

**Exempt/Relief:**

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
  - No Submission

**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.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - Is car wash available at HQ to use for our apparatus?  
*Chief - Yes, you can pick up a bottle at HQ.*
- Tower Company 2:
  - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 3:
  - Reminder: Gear cleaning, members should know how to clean their own gear. Read directions and fill out paperwork at HQ.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - No new business to report.
- Chief Speranza
  - Presentation: Company 2 was presented a certificate from the city of Passaic for their mutual aid assistance (Jan 14, 2022).

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
  - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 3:
  - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Chief Speranza
  - Keep Firefighter Ken Silvestri's wife in your prayers.
  - Keep Ex Borough Fire Chief Ed Warr's family in your prayers.

## **MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;**

*by Chief Speranza*

- Victor Tamburro - Question: This past Sunday alarm - there is an ongoing PD dispatcher issue with putting in the alarms. Particular one dispatcher. What action is being done before someone gets hurt?  
*- Chief - The department is aware and have sent our concerns about the ongoing dispatch issues to the PD Chief.*
- Victor Tamburro - Question: Younger members of the department are taking the FD for granted and have entitlement issues, what is the department doing to correct this situation?  
*- Chief - The officers are aware, which is limited to a few new members. Officers should step up time and provide these new members with training and structure that comes with being a Hawthorne Firefighter. Side note, all members who wear a SCBA should be trained and certified.*

- Victor Tamburro - Question: What is the status on the latest awards submission write up?  
- Chief - *The final write up can proceed with confirmation that all members were active in the water during IDA for this new submission.*
- Christopher Tamburro - Question: We are in need of new members for the Honor Guard for the upcoming Memorial Day parade?  
- Chief - *All Company Assistant Chiefs should reach out for interested members and report back with names.*

**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*

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*Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm by Chief Speranza.*

Christopher Mogen  
*Fire Department Clerk*