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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on July 5, 2022 at 7:30pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, June 18, 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: Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 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*

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

Nassau NDI Diagnostics (OSHA Mandated Department Physicals)	\$ 13,900.00
Passaic County Community College (Engine 1 - Burn Building Session)	\$ 350.00
RT Office Products (Company 3 - Wireless All-In-One Printer)	\$ 157.50
All Hands Fire Equipment (HFD-Emergency Response Vests)	\$ 739.88
Rescue Tech 1, Inc. (HFD - Water Rescue Throw Ring - Ring Buoy)	\$ 630.00
DC Electrical Contractors Inc. (Electrical Updates - new Air Compressor)	\$ 600.00
Fire and Safety Services, Ltd (Engine 1 - Directional Short, Front Discharge Drain, Master Pump Drain Repair)	\$ 1,860.31
Goosetown Communications (Truck 2 - 1/4 Wave Antenna w/ Spring)	\$ 298.83
Fire and Safety Services, Ltd (Truck 2 - Master Inlet Gauge Repair)	\$ 365.00
Fire and Safety Services, Ltd (Truck 2 - Performed High Water Inspection + Repair)	\$ 763.82
Campbell Supply (Engine 3 - Emergency Computer Repair)	\$ 2,000.00
ESI Equipment Inc. (Mineral Oil Caps)	\$ 92.04
WeatherTech (Unit 58 - Seat Protectors)	\$ 459.85
Hawthorne Premier Carwash, LLC. (Unit 50/Unit 61/Unit 62- Car Wash (Full + Exterior)	\$ 142.00
Magnatrol Valve Corp. (Company 3 - Fire Horn Valve Repair)	\$ 291.84
Company 3 (Standby Food (Villa Rosa) - Engine 3 Breakdown)	\$ 38.00
Foremost Promotions (Hawthorne Day - Junior Fire Chief Plastic Hats)	\$ 610.00
New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. (Air Compressor)	\$ 43,913.76

Total: \$ 67,212.83

Motion to pay the bills: Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 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*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Thank you letter was sent by George Zagatta, Rescue Company 5 Secretary, to Mr. Patel from the Family Mini Mart, 1012 Goffle Rd, for the generous donation of 50 cases of drinking water to the fire department.
- Received the return to active duty letter for Assistant Chief Manzo.

- Received a letter to extend the Medical Leave of Absence for another 3 months from FF. Rebecca Irvolino of Company 2. starting July 1, 2022. Approved by Company 2, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a letter to extend the Medical Leave of Absence for another 30 days from FF. John Niebo of Company 5. starting July 1, 2022. Approved by Company 5, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received the Hawthorne Fire Department membership application from Mr. Kevin Park of 76 Highland Street, Paterson, NJ

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of June, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 19 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 24 alarms.
- Engine 1 attended the Ridgewood Fireworks alongside the Ridgewood Fire Dept. If the department is asked again to participate in next year's event, Engine 1 would be available for this assignment.
- Engine 1 officers went over the HFD Fast/Flood Water OP's Guideline and agreed with the revision.
- Engine 1 will be attending the PCFA on August 15, 2022 for some training.
- Equipment:
 - Waiting for 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 June 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 10 Mutual Aid including 3 Glen Rock Alarms, 1 Paterson Alarm, 1 Passaic, 1 to North Haledon and 4 Prospect Park, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 32 alarms.
- Medical leave extension was handed in for FF. R. Irvolino
- Headcount for flashover training in September handed into AC Trippicchio
- Will be rescheduling Bergenfield training for next month.

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 June 2022, Engine 3 responded to 20 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 1 Drill for a total of 22 alarms.
- Engine 3 was taken out of service last Monday night, due to mechanical issues with the transmission. Possible TCM module, burned up. The engine was towed down south to Campbell Supply for service. Waiting to hear back from the vendor.

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 June 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 20 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 22 Alarms.
- Engine 4 currently has 1 SCBA out of service.
- The new Engine 4 is expected delivery is July 14, 2022. Further details to follow as they come in

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 June 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 20 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 3 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 24 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Campbell Supply advised the generator should be back in their possession this month from Harrison.
 - Unit 58
 - Adding a red border around the current decals for safety reasons.
 - Unit 57/Communications
 - 57 had repairs at Fierros Garage. The exhaust leak has been resolved. It is being taken to have the onboard generator ventilation system be looked at.
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Personal
 - Keep Frank Orsi in your prayers with the passing of this father.
 - Keep FF. Mike Brackett in your prayers with the passing of his niece.

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 congratulate our graduates in our department and wish them the best. I also wish to thank our members for the successful water operation which began with tremendous confusion on dispatch. With this I expect we will continue our water training efforts on the operation and use of the boat. The department will

schedule a swift water awareness class as soon as available. We are hopeful to obtain a sonar / depth finder unit for the boat asap.

I will be scheduling a meeting with the police department concerning active shooter incidents, mass casualty incidents, large gatherings and existing guidelines including exterior gas leaks and response.

Updates

Boat launch - a proposal has been forwarded to the administration to set concrete and gravel after removing a fifty-foot square from the existing pad. If completed this would allow for a two-boat deployment pad and area and gravel to allow vehicles access to the launch. Vehicles delivering the boat would pull in and make one single turn and then back into the launch pad, this would make the boat delivery operation safer and quicker to deploy.

NJ State Grant - After reviewing our roster and equipment in place we have determined the following needs. PPE that is out of the then-year NFPA recommendation and to be replaced under this guideline.

SCBA Air Masks Scott AV 2000 - 61 masks are necessary for replacement. This cost accounts for approx. \$22,000.00.

Firefighting Helmets Cairns 1044 - 43 helmets for replacement (many over 15 years in use). This cost accounts for approx. \$21,000.00

Firefighting Boots (Rubber) 41 pairs of boots. This cost accounts for \$11,000.00

Full firefighting PPE sets of turnout gear - 23 sets of gear slated for tn-years replacement; this cost accounts for \$53,000.00

The total opportunity to replace gear under this state grant is over \$107,000.00

National Night Out - August 2nd at the Borough pool, details will follow but the department will need attendances.

Leadership Camp - Tuesday, August 16th, approx. 9am, Fire Department program and wet down Thursday, August 18th from noon to 2pm.

School Fire Prevention - Our first date has been secured for October 3rd at the Hawthorne Christin Academy. As we set our elementary schools, we will provide date and time info. Will attempt to set public schools for this week.

Fire Prevention - New solar panels, list provided to each Assistant Chief

FEMA Grant - We are still in the running to be provided the FEMA grant for replacement SCBA estimated at \$275K.

HHS Visit - July 19th at 9:30 am - Hawthorne High School will be visiting Fire HQs for a quick tour and overview of the fire department. Any members available to assist.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- There are ongoing discussions about selling the current AUX vehicle and purchasing a small SUV.

Citizen Fire:

- No Submission

Training Center:

- Ongoing meeting with vendor discussing the portable roof for the basement simulator.
- Ex. Asst Chief Marsch is currently working on the Car Simulator, last phase of planning
- Planning is ongoing about piping into the smoke house.
- Chief spoke with the vendor that supplies propane, Superior Propane, about the tank at the location.

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - Exempt meeting - Thursday, July 7th at 7:30 pm
 - Relief meeting - Thursday, July 7th (15mins after the Exempt meeting)
 - Fire Department Memorial Service is scheduled for November 13th at 8:30 am at St. Anthony's Church

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - The Sheriff Dept. uses a sonar for their boat, they can provide a demo to the FD

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:
 - Question about the communication bond. Can the consultant provide the department test radios?
Chief, Yes, we can contact the consultant. The plan was to purchase Motorola radios, additionally pagers are now planned under the bond. The FireSoft CAD program will be installed for the FD/PD dispatch. The first phase of the upgrade will start in the next 5 months, starting with PD.
- Tower Company 2:
 - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - Is there a Career day for the High School?
Chief, I will reach out and speak with the supernatant about the topic.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No new business to report.

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.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Speranza

- *John Arturi - Company 1 - Question about the boat launch. Does the DEP need to be notified?
Chief, my understanding is no, since the new pads will be dropped at and onto the current pads.
John Arturi, I'll check with the DEP for the department and return any findings.*

- *Assistant Chief Hughes - Company 4 - Question about the excessive amount of large fireworks being used in the Borough by residents. Can the FD do anything? Chief, not much other than making the residents aware of safety hazards and then letting the PD do their job with enforcing.*

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*

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

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk