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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order on August 2, 2022 at 7:30pm by Chief Speranza

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, July 16, 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: 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*

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

All Hands Fire Equipment (Rescue 5 - Surface Dry Suits)	\$ 629.98
New Jersey Fire Equipment (Truck 2 - Cutters edge depth guard)	\$ 371.00
Some's Worldwide Uniforms (Various Citation Barss)	\$ 170.00
City Wide Towing (Engine 3 - Emergency Towing)	\$ 414.98
Fire and Safety Services, Ltd (Engine 1 - Chassis + PM Service, Brake Inspection)	\$ 2,850.00
Puzo's Family Restaurant (Hawthorne Day - FD Mutual Aid - Food)	\$ 500.00
Puzo's Family Restaurant (Annual FD Memorial Breakfast)	\$ 800.00

Total: \$ 5,735.96

Motion to pay the bills: 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*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter for a 6 week Medical Leave of Absence for FF. Andrew Skae of Company 2. starting July 29, 2022. Approved by Company 2, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Received a letter of intent from Mr. Anthony Palma wishing to join the Hawthorne Fire Department, Company 3. Clerk Mogen will provide Assistant Chief Longo a new membership application for Mr. Palma.
- Received a letter of intent from Rebecca Ita wishing to join the Hawthorne Fire Department, Company 4. Clerk Mogen will provide Assistant Chief Hughes a new membership application for Miss Ita.
- Received the return to active duty letter for FF Dave Sylvester of Company 4.
- Received a change of address for Lt. Brandon Frei. His new address is the Molly Brook Apartments at 920 Belmont Ave. North Haledon.
- Received a return to duty with restrictions doctor's letter for FF. John Niebo of Company 5.
- Received a letter for a 4 week Medical Leave of Absence for Capt. Brian Patmos of Company 5, starting on July 14, 2020. Approved by Company 5, notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

- Received a letter from the Volunteer Firefighter Alliance that enclosed “Thank You Cards” each signed by a grateful resident of New Jersey who deeply appreciates the service and sacrifice of volunteers like those of the Hawthorne Fire Department.
- Due to the lack of attending alarms, training and meeting attendance, over the course of several years, it was requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners that the following individuals listed below be notified that they will be removed as active members of the Hawthorne Fire Department as of today, August 2, 2022. If an individual would like to appeal, they may do so in writing to the Board of Fire Commissioners before August 30, 2022; which is 5 business days prior to the next Fire Board meeting, on September 6, 2022.
 - Nicholas Forsythe - Company 1
 - Carter Mascis - Company 1
 - Jack Kulken - Company 3
 - Jack Tancos - Company 3
 - Stephanie Hill - Company 4

Motion to send the letters: 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*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of July, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 28 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 34 alarms.
- Engine 1’s tires do not need replacement and we are looking to have the Engine serviced by Hackensack Springs & Alignment to look at the rear tires issue.
- During a hose inspection, Engine 1 has removed one length of 5-inch hose that was leaking due to holes within the hose jacket.
- We have spoken to Carter Macias since he was removed from the roles of E1. We texted back and forth and he has confirmed that he has no intent on returning to the fire service at this time. The Board needs to re approve this request so that the clerk can send a letter to Mr. Macias removing him from the department.
- Leave of Absence for FF. Laurie Foley effective August 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Letter will be provided to the clerk as soon as possible.
- Leave of Absence for FF. Mike Thimme effective July 5, 2022 to September 5, 2022. Letter will be provided to the clerk as soon as possible.
- 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 July 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 30 Box Alarms, 6 Still Alarm, 9 Mutual Aid including 6 Glen Rock Alarms, 2 Paterson Alarm and 1 Prospect Park Alarm
1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 46 alarms.
- Family leave act letter submitted for FF. Skae
- Truck 2 had 2 SCBA packs repaired by NJ Fire Equipment
- Truck 2 had all SCBA and regulators tested and all passed.
- Received 1 new depth guard for the Cutters Edge Saw has been received.
- 1 STIHL chainsaw was serviced by Fremgens after use in Prospect Park.
- Truck 2 congratulates and wishes the best of luck to Engine 4 on their new apparatus.

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 July 2022, Engine 3 responded to 32 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 1 Drill for a total of 35 alarms.
- Engine 3 SCBA pack, bottles and regulators have been tested and serviced. All in good working order.
- Co#3 would like to congratulate Kevin Park Jr., who is being sworn in tonight as a firefighter and new member of Engine Co#3. We wish Kevin a long healthy and safe endeavor.

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 July 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 32 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 1 Standbys, 1 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill, for a total of 37 Alarms.
- The new Engine 4 has been delivered. On behalf of myself and Engine Company 4, we would like to thank Mayor Goldberg, Mayor Lane and the Borough Council for the purchase of our new engine.
- This Wednesday 8/3/22, the New Engine 4 will be going back to Campbell Supply for dealer items not completed for delivery and item punch list.
- Additionally, Campbell Supply has requested the Borough to show our new apparatus at this year's Fireman's Convention in Wildwood.
- The in service Engine 4, air conditioning and blower motor has failed. Campbell Supply was called on Monday 8/1/22. Waiting for a call back to schedule repairs. Also, the booster line is starting to fail and needs to be replaced.
- Firefighter David Sylvester has returned from his medical leave of absence.
- We also have a new member, Rebecca Ita interested in joining our company. Letter for application has been handed in to the clerk.

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 July 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 29 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 3 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 33 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - The generator has been reinstalled on the truck and rescue is back to 100%
 - Unit 58
 - Waiting for emergency lighting and sirens
 - Unit 57/Communications
 - Good working order
 - Boat
 - Good working order
 - Personal
 - Firefighter John Neibo is back to active duty.
 - Captain Brian Patmos is on medical leave.

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 wish to start off with a thanks to our fire companies attending the National Night Out Program this evening. In another note our congratulations to FF Skae and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

Updates

General Info - The PC Sheriff's office will no longer be investigating suspected fires, the investigation will fall under our own authority. In the event of a fatal fire the sheriff's department, state of NJ and prosecutors' office will respond.

Hedges Complex - We will be scheduling another walk through likely in September for the Hedges complex to develop a department response guideline to the complex.

Infection control - Reminder to continue with precautions in wearing masks, gloves and de-coning as needed in dealing with assists with unknown situations, especially any lift assists. Additionally, Hawthorne has seen a rise in COVID positive cases and has cases of Monkeypox within our response area, so caution should be paramount.

Fit Test Training - Two members per company are to attend a quick training on Monday August 15th at 8pm fire Hqs on use of the unit. After this we will schedule each company for the required fit testing process.

Leadership Camp - Helicopter landing Monday 8/15 - time approx. 9am, FD program is set for Thursday 8/18 at 11:30 am meeting at fire Hqs.

Dept SCBA Physicals - Morning of Sunday, Sept. 11th and evening of Monday Sept. 12th. Times will be provided as we are utilizing the same schedule as last year.

911 Service - Awaiting info on borough service if any.

Wildwood FFs Convention 9/15 thru 9/18 - Need head counts of members remaining available for response from Thursday to Sunday.

Prospect Park fireworks detail - Requesting an Engine and Unit 57 if available on Sat. Sept. 17th. Details will follow.

Haledon day fireworks detail - Engine 3 and Unit 57 will be utilized if available for this detail.

Hawthorne Day - Sept. 24th, details will follow. (Multiple towns hosting events on same date as ours)

Sunday Oct. 16th - Member appreciation pancake breakfast at fire Hqs. (See flyer)

Truck Budget Line - The department's budget for truck repair is running extremely short and we will be working with the administration to reset the budget if possible. (Reduction in budget of 11k and heavy expenses in repairs 2022)

Hydrants- We have inquired on adding NFPA compliant storz connections on new or replaced hydrants and have conversed with our DPW supervisor. This is simply a cost restraint in adding the new connections to those hydrants that could accept the storz connections.

Boat Launch - Administrator Maurer has been assisting in some resolve on the launch site and further detail will follow.

NJ Grant - The grant has been forwarded for review and will be for a \$75k request for FF PPE.

FEMA Grant - Our grant continues to be active for FF SCBA awaiting either approval or denial. This being a combined grant with the Glen Rock FD, our department's request is for over 300k.

From our country coordinators Passaic and Bergen - Facial hair and fit testing, both have been targeted by PEOSHA and the Division of Fire. A local department had challenged and lost that challenge, so inspections of records have begun in the area. (HFD is current and up to date and will begin fit testing later in August to comply with 2022.) Record inspections have begun for fit testing as well as on scene facial hair violations are being issued, this includes mutual aid response in and out of jurisdiction.

Respectfully,
Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- No Submission

Citizen Fire:

- Flyer for the 2nd Annual Class is available and posted to social media.

Training Center:

- Save the date - Sunday, August 21, 2020 from 9am to 11am, officers are requested to attend the basement simulator drill at the training center.

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:
 - All portable radios have been programmed for North Haledon FD
- 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:
 - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Air Compressor Training (Monday Nights) - Schedule time with AC Manzo

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Congratulations to FF. Skae on the birth of his daughter.
 - Congratulations to the Irvolino family as they are expecting a baby boy.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No Good + Welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - Keep FF. Ken Silverstri's family in your prayers.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Keep FF. Mike Brackett's family in your prayers.

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

- *None*

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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 8:15 pm by Chief Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk