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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017

BOROUGH CHIEF JOSEPH SPERANZA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM, WITH A SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A RECITAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR EX-CHIEF JOHN HUNT, SR. OF THE PROSPECT PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT. IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WERE, ENGINE COMPANY 1, CAPTAIN JOHN TRIPICCHIO ON BEHALF OF ASST. CHIEF CHRISTOPHER DI BELLA, TOWER COMPANY 2, ASST. CHIEF ANTHONY DIVINCENT, ENGINE COMPANY 3, ASST. CHIEF JOSEPH LONGO, ENGINE COMPANY 4, ASST. CHIEF PETER VAN DER VELDE, AND RESCUE COMPANY 5, ASST. CHIEF BRIAN WARNER.

MINUTES

MOTION BY ASST. CHIEF WARNER AND A SECOND BY ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE.

BILLS:

COMPANY 1 [1ST QUARTER RENT]	\$ 1,700.00
COMPANY 1 [1ST QUARTER PHONE]	\$ 45.00
COMPANY 2 [1ST QUARTER RENT]	\$ 1,700.00
COMPANY 2 [1ST QUARTER PHONE]	\$ 45.00
COMPANY 3 [1ST QUARTER RENT]	\$ 1,700.00
COMPANY 3 [1ST QUARTER PHONE]	\$ 45.00
COMPANY 4 [1ST QUARTER RENT]	\$ 1,700.00
COMPANY 4 [1ST QUARTER PHONE]	\$ 45.00
COMPANY 5 [1ST QUARTER PHONE]	\$ 45.00
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS (7) [PHONE 1ST QUARTER PHONE] @ \$ 30.00 EA.	\$ 210.00
QUARTERLY RENT/BLANKET PO [2-4 QUARTER RENT; COMPANIES 1-4]	\$ 20,400.00
ERNEST GERARD [PLATINUM ENTERTAINMENT; JANUARY 2017 INSTALLATION DINNER]	\$ 725.00
TRIANGLE TROPHY [YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS; JANUARY 2017 INSTALLATION DINNER]	\$ 1,049.00
TURN OUT UNIFORMS [SERVICE AWARD; K. DOWNES; JANUARY 2017 INSTALLATION DINNER]	\$ 51.99
MACALUSOS: VENUE [JANUARY 2017 INSTALLATION DINNER]	\$ 12,274.00
PASSAIC COUNTY 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP [2017 ANNUAL DUES]	\$ 250.00
W L CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, INC [(2) DIAMOND BLADE + S/H]	\$ 809.98
TANIS HARDWARE [SLEDGE HAMMER, CO1]	\$ 39.99
FIREPENNY.COM [(1) 12" DIAMOND BLADE + S/H]	\$ 195.50
FIRE SERVICE SAFETY TESTING, INC. [2017 GROUND LADDER TESTING; ALL COMPANIES]	\$ 1,183.50
FIRECOMPANIES.COM [2017 WEBSITE MAINTENANCE]	\$ 817.88
FAIR LAWN DPW [REPAIRS TO CO4]	\$ 1,575.00

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ALL STAR TRANSMISSION [REPAIRS TO 61]	\$ 320.01
AAA/BLANKET PO [SCBA REPAIRS, TICK/CO REPAIRS, BOX LIGHT REPAIRS]	\$ 1,500.00
PA AUTO/BLANKET PO [MISC. PARTS & SUPPLIES FOR DEPT. VEHICLES]	\$ 500.00
FAIR LAWN DPW/BLANKET PO [APPARATUS MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS; ALL COMPANIES]	\$ 5,000.00
PINNACLE WIRELESS/BLANKET PO [MISC. RADIO REPAIRS & PARTS]	\$ 1,500.00
NASSAU DIAGNOSTICS/BLANKET PO [2017 DEPARTMENT PHYSICALS]	\$ 16,500.00
TANIS HARDWARE/BLANKET PO [MISC. PARTS & SUPPLIES]	\$ 500.00
SOMES UNIFORMS/BLANKET PO [MISC. GLOVES, PINS, BADGE HOLDERS]	\$ 250.00
FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION/BLANKET PO [2017 FIRE PREVENTION ITEMS]	\$ 1,000.00
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL/BLANKET PO [2017 NEW MEMBER PHYSICALS]	\$ 1,000.00
AAA/BLANKET PO [MISC. BOOTS, GLOVES, HELMETS, HOODS AND ACCESSORIES]	\$ 1,000.00
SEAGRAVE/BLANKET PO [REPAIRS TO CO3]	\$ 2,500.00
STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY/BLANKET PO [2017 CO5 HURST PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE & 2017 ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE]	\$ 1,050.00
FIREFIGHTER 1 [MISC. BOOTS, GLOVES, HELMETS, HOODS AND ACCESSORIES]	\$ 1,000.00
CUTTERS EDGE [CO3 SAW REPAIR]	\$ 111.76
10-75 EMERGENCY VEHICLES, LLC. [CO2 LIGHTING/REAR REPAIR FROM MVA; 59 LIGHTING AND GENERATOR REPAIRS]	\$ 4,500.00
FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES [CO4 REPAIRS; PUMP SERVICE]	\$ 425.00
WESTMARINE.COM [MUSTANG SURVIVAL LIFE JACKET; ALL COMPANIES]	\$ 875.00
BUYTOWWAYRADIOS.COM [UNIT 57 VX4600 WITH CABLE AND PROXY SOFTWARE]	\$ 529.00
THE BODY WORKS [CO2 REPAIRS]	\$ 1,315.68
YANKEE PROPANE [BIANNUAL MAINTENANCE AT TRAINING CENTER]	\$ 36.00
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB [5-0 REPAIRS AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE]	\$ 417.16

MOTIONS MADE BY ASST. CHIEF WARNER TO ACCEPT THE BILLS, SECONDED BY CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- DOCTORS NOTE FROM AVRILL ROY BERKMAN, M.D., P.A. ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON FOOT AND ANKLE STATING THAT FF BRENDAN MARSCH IS OOS EFFECTIVE 2/28/17 TO TBD.
- LETTER FROM CAPT. DEVIN HUGHES ADVISING THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAS CHANGED ADDRESSES IN THE BOROUGH.
- LETTER FROM ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE ADVISING THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAS CHANGED ADDRESSED IN THE BOROUGH.
- LETTER FROM FF MICHAEL NAUMOV REQUESTING A 3-MONTH PERSONAL LOA EFFECTIVE 2/27/17 - 5/27/17.

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- LETTER FROM FF JASON GOODRICH REQUESTING A 3-MONTH PERSONAL LOA EFFECTIVE 2/23/17 - 5/23/17.

MOTIONS MADE BY CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO AND ASST. CHIEF DIVINCENT TO ACCEPT FF JASON GOODRICH'S REQUEST FOR A 3-MONTH PERSONAL LOA.

MOTIONS MADE BY ASST. CHIEF DIVINCENT AND ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE TO ACCEPT FF MICHAEL NAUMOV'S REQUEST FOR A 3-MONTH PERSONAL LOA.

COMPANY REPORTS:

ENGINE COMPANY #1

CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO ON BEHALF OF ASST. CHIEF DIBELLA REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017, COMPANY #1 RESPONDED TO: 19 BOX ALARMS, 2 STILL ALARM(S), 0 RADIO ALARM(S), 0 STANDBY(S), AND HELD ONE 1 DRILL(S), FOR A TOTAL OF 22 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 2 TRAINING(S).

ENGINE 1 WILL BE GOING TO CUMMINS IN NEWARK TO HOPEFULLY CORRECT THE ONGOING ANTIFREEZE ISSUE. WE ARE ALSO HAVING ISSUES: REAR CAB LIGHT AND MIRROR AND TOGGLE (SHOULD BE COVERED UNDER WARRANTY), RADIO ISSUES, AND THE CO METER IS NOT HOLDING A CHARGE. WE ARE REQUESTING A FEW NEW RADIO BATTERIES, (1) HIGH BAND RADIO, AND (2) LOW BAND RADIOS.

FF'S MALANDRINO & KENNEDY REMAIN OUT ON A MEDICAL LOA.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE ARE CURRENTLY PRICING OUT RADIOS TO FIT OUR BUDGET. AT THIS TIME THE QUOTES WE HAVE RECEIVED ARE PRICEY FOR OUR BUDGET. WE WILL BE LOOKING INTO ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS/LOW BAND RADIOS.

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TOWER COMPANY #2

ASST. CHIEF DIVINCENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017, COMPANY #2 RESPONDED TO: 17 BOX ALARMS, 1 STILL ALARM(S), 3 MUTUAL AID RESPONSE(S), 0 CHIEF'S CALL(S), 0 RADIO ALARMS, 1 STANDBY(S), AND HELD 3 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 25 ALARMS IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S).

WORK ORDER WAS GENERATED FOR SIGNAL 1 FOR REPAIRS TO OUR COMPRESSOR FOR THE HORNS. THE UNIT DOES NOT SHUT OFF WHEN THE TANK IS FULL.

THE GROUND LADDER AND LADDER BELT TESTING WAS DONE ON 2/16/17, WITH NO ISSUES.

FF BRENDAN MARSCH IS ON MEDICAL LOA EFFECTIVE 2/28/17 AT 6:00PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

ENGINE COMPANY #3

ASST. CHIEF JOSEPH LONGO REPORTED THAT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017, COMPANY #3 RESPONDED TO: 18 BOX ALARMS, 0 RADIO ALARM(S), 0 STILL ALARM(S), (1) MUTUAL AID RESPONSE(S), 0 STANDBYS, AND 2 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 21 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 2 TRAINING(S).

ENGINE 3 IS BACK IN SERVICE AS OF 3/6/17. REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, EXCEPT FOR CROSS LAY #1 GAUGE, WHICH WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR REPAIR IN-HOUSE AT A LATER DATE. (1) BOX LIGHT IS OOS AND (1) TIC CAMERA OOS; BOTH NEED REPAIRED. BATTERIES WERE PURCHASED AT TANIS HARDWARE FOR SCBA PACKS. ALL WORKING TOOLS SUCH AS: IRONS, HOOKS, AXES, PIKE POLES, ETC. HAVE BEEN RE-GRINDED, CLEANED UP, REPAINTED, AND PUT BACK IN SERVICE.

THANK YOU TO EX-ASST. CHIEF DeGROOT FOR OVERSEEING TOOL MAINTENANCE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE FF FROM ENGINE 3 WHO HELPED ASSIST WITH FIGHTING THE HOUSE FIRE IN GLEN ROCK AND ASSISTING WITH THE DOWNED FF RESCUE. GREAT JOB!

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

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ENGINE COMPANY #4

ASST. CHIEF PETER VAN DER VELDE, REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017, COMPANY #4 RESPONDED TO: 18 BOX ALARMS, 0 STILL ALARM(S), 5 MUTUAL AID RESPONSE(S), 0 RADIO ALARM(S), 1 DRILL(S), 0 STANDBY(S), FOR A TOTAL OF 24 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 3 TRAINING(S).

ENGINE 4'S ON-BOARD CHARGER WAS OVERCHARGING CAUSING THE BATTERIES TO OVERCHARGE. ALL BATTERIES WERE REPLACED AND A NEW ON-BOARD CHARGER WAS INSTALLED BY FAIR LAWN DPW TODAY. (5) REGULATORS WERE SENT OUT FOR REPAIRS. WE ARE REQUESTING (2) PAGERS; ONE IS DAMAGED AND ONE FOR OUTGOING OFFICER DAVID SYLVESTER, ALSO REQUESTING (1) SET OF LARGE GLOVES, (1) SET OF XL GLOVES, (1) SET OF SIZE 13W BOOTS, AND (2) NEW BATTERIES FOR THE TIC.

ONE BLUE LIGHT PERMIT WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL FOR FF CHRISTOPHER MOGEN. FF CHRISTOPHER GEIER IS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LOA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. (2) LETTERS OF ADDRESS CHANGE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK; (1) FROM CAPT. HUGHES AND THE OTHER FROM MYSELF.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

RESCUE COMPANY #5

ASST. CHIEF WARNER REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017 COMPANY #5 RESPONDED TO: 23 BOX ALARM(S), 0 STILL ALARM(S), 0 RADIO ALARM(S), 1 STANDBY(S), 3 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 27 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S).

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL STEEP SLOPE RESCUE DRILL. WE WILL BE SETTING UP ADDITIONAL COMPANY DRILLS FOR CROSS-TRAINING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THANK YOU TO AMERICAN AIR FLOW FOR DONATING 9V BATTERIES TO OUR COMPANY. THESE WILL BE USED FOR OUR SCBA PACKS.

LETTERS FROM FF GOODRICH AND NAUMOV WERE RECEIVED REQUESTING A 3-MONTH PERSONAL LOA. LETTERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE CLERK.

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BOROUGH CHIEF SPERANZA'S REPORT:

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE CLOSEOUT OF THE FEMA FITNESS GRANT PROVISION; THE NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE WAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE. THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND, THEY WILL BE CONTACTING THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR INPUT ON THE PROGRAM.

MY THANKS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DEPARTMENT DRILL TWO WEEKS AGO. OVERALL, IT WAS A SATISFACTORY JOB. WE SIMULATED A TERRAIN RESCUE WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS COOPERATIVELY WITH EMS AND OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE WILL BE REVIEWING SOME AREAS AND CONDUCTING AWARENESS OF ROPE RESCUE TRAINING AND THE INSTITUTION OF FUTURE RIT BELTS AS PART OF THE HARNESS CAPABILITIES FOR THESE TYPES OF RESCUES.

ON MONDAY, MARCH 27TH A COOPERATIVE RESCUE PROGRAM DRILL WILL BE CONDUCTED AT FIRE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO OPERATE WITH THE COOPERATIVE RESCUE PROGRAM.

I WILL BE MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL FIRE SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH. WE ARE BEING AWARDED THE 'SIDE BY SIDE GRANT' AGAIN THIS YEAR SO THAT WE MAY DEMONSTRATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LIVE BURN AT HAWTHORNE DAY 2017.

AT THIS YEAR'S UPCOMING FINANCE MEETING FOR THE DEPARTMENT, WE WILL BE SEEKING FUNDING TO PURCHASE NEW APPARATUS' FOR ENGINE 3 AND TOWER 2, ALONG WITH A NEW CHIEF'S VEHICLE. THE SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE NEEDED TO CONVINCE THE COUNCIL AND GENERAL PUBLIC OF OUR DIRE NEED. THIS FUNDING, IF ALLOTTED, WILL ALLOW OUR AGING FLEET TO UNDERTAKE AND MAINTAIN A STANDARD OF PROGRESSIVE APPARATUS' REPLACEMENTS IN A SAFER TIME LINE TO THE AGE OF OUR UNITS.

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE RECENT LADDER CERTIFICATION PROVIDED NO ISSUE WITH OUR EQUIPMENT.

UPCOMING APPARATUS' REPAIRS:

- MONDAY, MARCH 13TH / ENGINE 4 PUMP SERVICE, 1/2 DAY TO FULL DAY OOS
- TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH / ENGINE 1 REPAIRS AT CUMMINS, OOS TBD
- DATE PENDING / TOWER 2 LIGHT BAR INSTALLATION AT 10-75, OOS TBD
- DATE PENDING / UNIT 59 LIGHTING REPAIRS AT 10-75, OOS TBD
- DATE PENDING / UNIT 57 GENERATOR INSTALLATION BY D.C. ELECTRIC, OOS TBD

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PURCHASE INQUIRIES (PO):

- WAITING ON A REVISED PO FROM THE BOROUGH FINANCE WITH A VENDOR TRANSFER FROM FIRESTORE.COM TO ALL HANDS FIRE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ORIGINAL VENDOR HAS BEEN UNCOOPERATIVE WITH MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR ORDER(S), EVEN WITH A PO(S) IN PLACE... ONCE WE HAVE RECEIVED THE REVISED PO(S) WE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH ORDERING ENGINE 1'S LONG AWAITED WATER CAN'S, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL ITEMS WE HAD BUDGETED FOR IN 2016.
- WAITING ON A QUOTE FROM THE VENDOR SO THAT WE MAY PUT A REQ/PO IN PLACE FOR THE LIGHT BOX UPGRADES.
- WAITING ON A NEW QUOTE FOR TOWER 2'S CAMERA; ALSO, PENDING FINANCE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 REQUESTED BUDGET.
- RESCUE 5'S FAN, PENDING FINANCE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 REQUESTED BUDGET.
- PFD'S FOR ALL COMPANIES, PENDING FINANCE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 REQUESTED BUDGET. A REQUISITION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BOROUGH TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PURCHASE. WE ARE HOPING IT WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE TEMPORARY BUDGET. OTHERWISE, WE ARE LOOKING AT MAY/JUNE ONCE OUR OVERALL BUDGET HAS BEEN RELEASED.
- HOSE AND ADAPTERS FROM 2016, ORDER HAS BEEN RE-SUBMITTED, CLEARED, AND IS IN PROGRESS WITH AAA. THIS INCLUDES THE PONY LENGTHS AND HIGH RISE.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF GLEN ROCK, BRUCE J. PACKER, CONVEYING HIS APPRECIATION TO THE HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST RESPONDERS THAT ASSISTED AT THE RECENT PROSPECT STREET FIRE IN GLEN ROCK, ALONG WITH THANKING THE ENTIRE HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND EFFORTS IN CROSS-ASSISTING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT COMPANY 3 ATTEND THE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AS A THANK YOU FOR THE RECENT PROSPECT FIRE.

GEORGE ZAGOTTA SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING DOWN AT HEADQUARTERS. THIS HAD BEEN TURNED INTO THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AND SKULLY.

SPOKE WITH MR. TANIS, WE NEED TO BE THERE AND READY TO ROLL BY 1:30PM THIS YEAR. WE ARE SET TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST 4 DIVISIONS.

OUR NEW MUTUAL AID PLAN CAME OUT LAST WEEK; COPIES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE CHIEFS.

OUR LOSAP CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BOROUGH.

AT THE RECENT OFFICERS MEETING, WE DISCUSSED THE INSTALLATION DINNER AND OUR SHORTFALL ON BUDGET. WE CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BUDGET TO WORK A FULL SCALE

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DINNER. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD RUN A COIN DRIVE TO TRY AND INCREASE SOME FUNDING FOR NEXT YEAR'S DINNER. NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE ISSUING INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS WITH RSVP CARDS IN ADVANCE, THIS TO TRY AND BE MORE ACCURATE WHEN BUDGETING. IF YOU HAVE NOT RSVP AND SHOW UP TO THE DINNER, IT WILL BE YOUR COMPANIES RESPONSIBILITY TO COVER THE EXPENSE. A SMALL INSTALLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE PUT INTO PLACE.

SHOTMEYER CHANGEOVER IS COMPLETE.

MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 AT 6:00PM, MOST LIKELY AT THE HAWTHORNE GOSPEL CHURCH, HOWEVER, WE WILL REACH OUT TO SAINT ANTHONY'S TO SEE WHAT THEIR AVAILABILITY IS FOR THIS DATE. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE DATE.

HIGH ANGLE CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AS INTEREST, WE HAVE RECEIVED A FORMAL QUOTE OF: FOR THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF 10 MEMBERS, \$85,000.00.

SAFETY OFFICERS, IT WAS REQUESTED THAT YOU HAVE YOUR LETTER OF INTEREST SUBMITTED BY SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017. WE RECEIVED ON THIS EVENING, IT IS LATE, BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED AND REVIEWED ANYHOW. WE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO THESE INDIVIDUALS TO SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATION DIVISION:

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION REPORTED THAT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION RESPONDED TO: 0 ALARMS, 18 RADIO ALARM(S), 0 STILL ALARM(S), 0 STANDBYS, AND 3 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 21 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S) AND 4 MEETINGS.

THE COMPUTER AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT IN THE RADIO ROOM AND FIELDCOMM ARE IN WORKING ORDER AS OF FEBRUARY 28TH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF (1) VHF RADIO OUT FOR

REPAIR/REPLACEMENT. ALSO, ON 57, WE HAVE (1) BROKEN TELESCOPING LADDER THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

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FIRE PREVENTION:

CHIEF SPERANZA: 22 NORTH 8TH STREET, KEEP IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND IF WE GET CALLED TO A FIRE, THAT IT WAS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 15-20 INDIVIDUALS ILLEGALLY RESIDING IN THE BASEMENT. THIS HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE NECESSARY CODE OFFICIALS.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

STACIE SPERANZA: A FLYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE CLERK FOR DISPERSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH FIRE HOUSE DO THEIR BEST TO PLEASE TRY AND SELL AS MANY TICKETS AS POSSIBLE.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

THE HAWTHORNE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
150 MAITLAND AVENUE
HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY 07506

5:30PM - TAKE OUT
6:30PM - EAT IN

TICKET PRICES:
ADULTS \$15.00 EACH
CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$8.00 EACH

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT DOT GEIER @ (973) 423-2399

JUNIOR FF'S (EXPLORER PROGRAM): NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

IN SCHOOL PROGRAM: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

HAWTHORNE DAY: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

100TH ANNIVERSARY: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

CORE STATEMENT
Volunteers providing a professional service in
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention
To the citizens of Hawthorne.

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TRAINING CENTER:

ASST. CHIEF LONGO: IT IS THE SAME AS LAST TIME. I AM MEETING WITH DOWNES, AAA, AND THE WELDER DOWN AT THE TRAINING CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 AT 10:00AM TO REVIEW WHAT IS NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AND COMPLETE TO RIT/BAIL OUT PROJECT. AS SOON AS THE WEATHER BREAKS WE WILL SETUP UP CLEANUP DATES.

WE DO HAVE ONE LINGERING PRICEY EXPENSE THAT WAS NOT ORIGINALLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR. IT WAS ADVISED THAT WE WILL NEED A CRASH PAD. THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 10' X 10' AND MUST BE STORED INSIDE. THIS WILL ANYWHERE FROM \$2,500.00 - \$3,500.00. THIS WILL BE NEEDED WHEN DOING THE TRAINING, BUT THE CENTER WILL BE FUNCTIONABLE WITHOUT IT UNTIL THIS POINT IN TIME.

SAFETY OFFICERS: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

EXEMPT/ RELIEF: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

WEBSITE: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMPANY 1:

CAPT. TRIPICCHIO: INVERTER IS STILL NOT WORKING ON THE ENGINE. WE WILL HAVE THIS CHECKED AND WORKED ON WHILE THE APPARATUS IS OUT AT FIRE SAFETY.

IN REGARDS TO SAFETY OFFICERS, KEVIN FOLEY AND EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI ARE INTERESTED. LETTERS FOR BOTH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

COMPANY 2: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 3: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 4: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 5: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

CHIEF'S REPORT: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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NEW BUSINESS:

OATH OF OFFICE: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 1: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 2: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 3: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 4:

ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE: IN REGARDS TO THE GLEN ROCK FIRE, THANK YOU TO COMPANY 3 FOR COVERING, ALONG WITH COMPANY 1 FOR COVERAGE AT A RECENT EVENT.

COMPANY 5: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

CHIEF'S REPORT: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

GOOD & WELFARE:

COMPANY 1: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

COMPANY 2: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

COMPANY 3: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

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CHIEF'S REPORT: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

CHIEF SPERANZA TEMPORARILY CLOSED THE FIRE BOARD SESSION AND OPENED THE MEETING TO PUBLIC.

EX-ASST. CHIEF DEGROOT: INQUIRED AS TO THE BILL FOR CUTTERS EDGE THAT WAS READ EARLIER IN THE MINUTES. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.

CHIEF SPERANZA: THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WAS OUT OF WARRANTY [60-90-DAY WARRANTY]. FOR THE PRICE, IT WAS WORTH IT TO FIX IT VS. PURCHASING A NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. IT WAS SENT BACK TO THE FACTORY FOR THIS REPAIR.

EX-ASST. CHIEF DEGROOT: IT WAS SENT TO THE FACTORY IN PREVIOUS.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I WAS UNAWARE OF THAT. I WILL LOOK INTO IT, BUT DO NOT FORESEE US BEING CREDITED FOR THAT AMOUNT. THE SAW IS IN PROPER WORKING ORDER AT THIS TIME.

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KEVIN FOLEY: I WAS TOLD I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL.

CHIEF SPERANZA: THAT IS CORRECT. AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM, WE WILL BE CONTACTING THE INDIVIDUALS FOR INTERVIEWS.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: DID WE RECEIVE THE CHECK TO REIMBURSE THE VOUCHERS ON OUR GOOD AND WELFARE ACCOUNT?

CLERK FLOWERS: WE RECEIVED SOME OF THE REIMBURSEMENTS, NOT ALL. I WILL HAVE TO TAKE A TRIP UP TO THE BOROUGH TO GET A LIST OF WHAT EXPENSES ARE COVERED UNDER THIS CHECK AS THE DESCRIPTION WAS LEFT VAGUE.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: THE AUDIT WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD WEEK OF THIS MONTH?

CLERK FLOWERS: THE AUDIT WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH WEEK ON MARCH.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: WHY HAVE WE USED MONEY OUT OF OUR GOOD AND WELFARE? IT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE AUDIT LAST YEAR THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE DONE.

CHIEF SPERANZA: EXPENSES WITH THE BOROUGH WERE TIED UP AND WE FRONTED MONEY UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO BE REIMBURSED. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE: COMPANY 4 HAD REPAIRS DONE ON THEIR APPARATUS, HOWEVER THERE WAS A MISCONCEPTION THAT IS WAS 'DETAILED', YES, IT WAS 'DETAILED', BUT NOT TO THE DEGREE THAT IT HAS BEEN MADE OUT TO BE. THERE WAS DOCUMENTED DAMAGE FROM AN MVA ON ROYAL AVENUE AND THAT IS WHAT WAS REPAIRED. WHILE THEY REPAIRED, AND DETAILED THE AREAS OF DAMAGE, WE HAD THEM FINISH THE TRUCK. WE SAVED THE BOROUGH, AND OUR DEPARTMENT, A GOOD AMOUNT OF MONEY BY GOING THIS ROUTE. INSTEAD OF IT COSTING IN THE THOUSAND(S), IT COST US UNDER A THOUSAND. WE HAVE BEEN REIMBURSED FOR THIS COST. IT JUST TOOK A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TIME.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: WHY ARE WE PAYING \$500.00 FOR THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE?

CHIEF SPERANZA: THE BOARD AGREED TO FUNDING THIS. THE LEAGUE IS OPEN TO ANYONE (MEMBERS) WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN. THIS \$500.00 IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRICING OF THE INSURANCE. MANY SURROUNDING TOWNS FOLLOW THIS.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: I FEEL THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A DEPARTMENT DECISION.

CHIEF SPERANZA: THERE IS AN ADOPTED PLAN IN ORDER THAT ALLOWS THE BOARD TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PURCHASES UP TO \$500-\$1,000.00. ANYTHING OVER \$1,000.00 WOULD NEED TO BE VOTED ON AS A DEPARTMENT.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: INQUIRED AS TO WHEN THIS WAS ADOPTED?

CHIEF SPERANZA: THIS WAS ADOPTED IN 2010 AND WAS NOT DONE 'PUBLICALLY' SINCE IT PERTAINS TO OUR GOOD AND WELFARE ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, THIS HAD BEEN READ AT OUR DEPARTMENT MEETING(S), TO BE SPECIFIC, OUR MOST RECENT IS WAS RE-ANNOUNCED. COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COMPANY WITH NO NEGATIVE FEEDBACK.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: I AM QUESTIONING IT BECAUSE IT HAS THE TITLE 'PROPOSAL' AT THE TOP.

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CHIEF SPERANZA: SHAME ON ME FOR NOT CHANGING THE TITLE, HOWEVER, THIS WAS ADOPTED AND HAS BEEN ENFORCED FOR 8 YEARS. IF NECESSARY, I WILL CHANGE THE COVERSHEET AND REDISTRIBUTE.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: THE GLASSES FOR MEMBERS SHOULD BE COVERED UNDER POSHA, THE BOARD SHOULD BE PAYING FOR THIS.

CHIEF SPERANZA: IF THE MEMBER CANNOT PAY FOR THE GLASSES, IN WHICH WE HOPE HE CAN, THEN THE BOARD WILL COVER THE EXPENSE AND WE WILL PUT IN TO BE REIMBURSED.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: THEY ARE COVERED AND HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST.

CHIEF SPERANZA: AS FOR GENERAL SPENDING OUT OF OUR GOOD AND WELFARE ACCOUNT, YOU ARE CORRECT, AND WE WILL SHUT DOWN THIS TYPE OF USE MOVING FORWARD. SINCE THE BOROUGH HAS SHOWN US THERE IS NO GUARANTEE TO BE REIMBURSED, WE WILL BE FORCED TO WAIT ON VOUCHERS FROM THEM DIRECTLY.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: IN THE BILLS EARLIER, WAS THAT THE WEBSITE BILL?

CLERK FLOWERS: THAT IS CORRECT.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: OUR WEBSITE IS DOWN.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I WILL LOOK INTO THIS AND TOUCH BASE WITH THEM. THIS COMPANY OWES US FROM LAST YEAR THAT I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY ARE GIVING US AN ISSUE.

LT. FLANNIGAN: THE TWO DOORS HAS TWO GOUGES IN THEM. CAPT. HUGHES CAME DOWN AND BUFFED OUT THE AREA TO MAKE IT SMOOTH AND SAFE AGAIN.

ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE: ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY COLLECTED AND FOLLOWED. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY COMPANY 4 IS GETTING THE FINGER FOR THIS?

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: RECOLLECTS THE INCIDENT.

CHIEF SPERANZA: THIS IS A DOCUMENTED INCIDENT AND HAS BEEN PROVEN TO THE BOROUGH.

EX-ASST. CHIEF NELSON: MET WITH PINNACLE. FIBER OPTICS IS GOING TO BE INSTALLED FOR CERTAIN LOCATIONS, UNFORTUNATELY IT WILL NOT BE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE WILL BE WRITING A LETTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO PLEASE RECONSIDER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. [*THE BOARD WAS IN FAVOR.*]

LT. HURLEY: COMPANY 1 HAD BROUGHT UP THAT THEY WERE HAVING ISSUES WITH THEIR CO CHARGING, COMPANY 4 IS AS WELL. IT IS A POOR MANUFACTURER DESIGN.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE WILL REACH OUT TO THE VENDOR AND SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO TO RESOLVE.

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KEVIN FOLEY: HOSE TESTING?

CHIEF SPERANZA: IT HAS BEEN A FEW YEARS AND WE NO LONGER DO IT. WE MAY LOOK INTO DOING IT FOR THE SMALLER SIZE HOSES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: WHO DID YOU GET THE PRICE QUOTE FROM ON THE HIGH ANGLE?

CHIEF SPERANZA: CMC RESCUE.

ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: WHAT DOES THIS INCLUDE?

CHIEF SPERANZA: WHEN SPEAKING WITH THE VENDOR THEY TOLD ME I WAS INSANE FOR EVEN CONSIDERING IT FOR A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE PROVIDED A PIECE BY PIECE BREAKDOWN IN THE QUOTE BEFORE ME, WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW (CHIEF SPERANZA LISTED JUST A FEW OF THE ITEMS AND PRICING INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE TO COMPLETE). THE BASE PRICING FOR THIS IS BETWEEN \$65,000 - \$85,000.00 WHICH IS WAY OUT OF THE DEPARTMENTS GRASP IN EXPENDING. THE COURSE 'CHALLENGED TERRAIN' IS WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED TO US BY THIS VENDOR, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE DEPARTMENT DRILL WE JUST DID.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: I HAVE SPOKEN WITH BILL SIEGREST REGARDING AND HE SAID THAT HE IS ABLE TO DO THIS FOR A FRACTION OF A COST (\$400.00 PER PERSON).

CHIEF SPERANZA: THE COURSE HE IS OFFERING IS NOWHERE TO THE DEGREE OF WHAT HIGH ANGLE COMPRISES OF.

IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS A MISUSE OF COURSE TERMINOLOGY IN WHICH ASST. CHIEF ARURI HAS BEEN REFERENCING TO. IT IS NOT HIGH ANGLE, BUT A BASIC ROPE RESCUE COURSE.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE WILL BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS BASIC CLASS WITH INSTRUCTOR SIEGREST. WE COULD LOOK AT POSSIBLY DOING THIS IN THE FALL.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: STILL INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY PROCEEDING WITH A GRANT FOR THE HIGH ANGLE.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE COULD MORE THAN LIKELY APPLY AND BE APPROVED FOR A GRANT, BUT, THERE ARE STRONG RULES TO FOLLOW. ALL FIRE FIGHTERS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE AND THOSE WHO DO NOT WILL BE PLACED AS CLASS C FIREFIGHTERS. THIS WOULD HURT THE DEPARTMENT MORE THAN HELP. FORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH NEED FOR THESE TYPES OF RESCUES. IF THEY ARE NEEDED, WE WILL REACH OUT FOR MUTUAL AID FROM USAR PATERSON OR ALTERNATIVES LISTED IN OUR DEPLOYMENT PLAN(S). THE ROPE RESCUE WITH SIEGREST CAN BE WORKED IN TANDEM WITH OUR BAILOUT PROGRAM THROUGH ASST. CHIEF LONGO.

KEVIN FOLEY: IS THE COIN DRIVE AN ONGOING THING?

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE ARE IN THE BEGINNING PHASE OF PLANNING.

KEVIN FOLEY: THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE CORNERS DURING THE SPRING AND WE SHOULD FIGURE A DATE SOON.

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EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: WE NEED TO PLAN THE MAILERS AND COIN DRIVE ACCORDINGLY TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GO OUT AT THE SAME TIME.

EX-ASST. CHIEF DEGROOT: I WILL STOP UP AT THE BOROUGH THIS WEEK AND LOOK AT WHAT DATES ARE AVAILABLE AND GET BACK TO THE BOROUGH.

CHIEF SPERANZA: PLEASE DO AND GET BACK TO THE BOARD SO WE CAN PRESENT TO THE COMPANIES.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: IN REGARDS TO DISCIPLINE INDIVIDUALS, THIS SHOULD BE DONE PRIVATELY.

CHIEF SPERANZA CLOSED THE FIRE BOARD SESSION TO THE PUBLIC AND REOPENED TO BOARD.

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A MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE BY CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO AND SECONDED BY ASST. CHIEF LONGO.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
/s/ Lindsay Flowers
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BOARD SECRETARY