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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on February 4th at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
Frank Audino, *CO. 1 2nd Lieutenant*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Peter Van Der Velde, *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.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Occupational Medical Associates

(New Member Testing (Physicals/Blood Work/Drug Screen)- Blanket PO)	\$ 1,100.00
Firefighter One (Hydrostatic Testing and Refilling of Cylinders)	\$ 4,480.00
Beyond the Basics Fire Training & Consulting (Thru-the-Lock Training / Commanding the 1st 30 Minutes & Beyond)	\$ 900.00
County of Bergen Dept of Public Safety (Firefighter One 2020 -FF. Charles Barhorst)	\$ 465.00
FireCompanies.com (1 Year Hosting & Maintenance - HawthorneFire.org)	\$ 816.89

CORE STATEMENT

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Ricoh USA Corporation (QTR (09/23/2019 - 12/28/2019))	
Black/White & Color Copies)	\$ 249.54
Passaic County 200 Club (2020 Annual Dues)	\$ 250.00
Passaic County Mutual Aid Association (2020 Association Dues)	\$ 100.00
Tanis Hardware (Blanket PO - Various Supplies throughout year)	\$ 500.00
Firefighter One (Engine 4 - Generator Repair)	\$ 5,449.02
Hawthorne Chevy (Blanket PO (Preventative Maintenance on 50, 57, 58, 61)	\$ 800.00
Yankee Propane (Blanket PO - Training Center Propane Tank Maintenance)	\$ 80.00
Macaluso's (2021 Installation Dinner - Deposit)	\$1,000.00

Total: \$ 16,190.45

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- FF. Mark Lundin from Company 2, provided a letter from his physician, restricting FF. Lundin to Desk duty due to his health Issues.
 - The Fire Board of Commissioners requested an internal review and future meeting to be setup to discuss FF. Lundin's request. Further information is pending.
- FF. John Hurley from Company 4, requested a three (3) month leave of absence.
 - The Fire Board of Commissioners approved the request.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

Engine CO. #1; presented by Frank Audino, CO. 1 2nd Lieutenant:

- For the month of January 2020, Engine 1 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill(s) for a total of 23 Alarms
- Engine 1 also held three (3) trainings
- Engine 1 received the following equipment:
 - (1) UHF Kenwood radio along with headset for driver
 - (1) UHF Kenwood radio to replace 501A
- The current UHF 501A radio will be reprogrammed with the Unit 111D that has been out of the Company 1 radio fleet for 1 year.
- Engine 1's Co Meter remains out for repairs
- Following up for the Impact DC vehicle desk charger for the high band radio for Bergen County.
- Need one (1) set of Large gloves
- If and will there be a make up class for the Blood Bourne, Lock Out/Tag Out and Haz Mat Awareness?
 - Chief Speranza, response; Members can now access the training via online.
 - <https://firstnetcampus.com/MELJIF2/entities/MEL/logon.htm>
 - The website was set up on your new Company laptops, so members can train on their own time.
- Requesting additional accountability tags that have been recently lost for #29

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

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

- For the month of January 2020, Company 2 responded to; 21 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 1 Mutual Aid, 1 Drill, 1 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 23 Alarms
- Tower 2 received mask wipes for truck
- Received new laptop and scanner for codes
- Requesting rechargeable batteries for personal flashlights and AA batteries for personal flashlights
- Members enjoyed the 2020 Installation Dinner
- All active members are equipped with the codes barcode tag and forms associated with them have been handed in

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 January 2020, Engine Co. #3 responded to 21 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, held 2 Drills for a total of 25 Alarms.
- FF. Jim Bakker remains on medical leave.
- Engine 3 will be going out of service for repairs on Tuesday February 4th for body and warranty work.
- The Engine will be out of service 2-3 weeks
- Co#3 is waiting to hear back from Captain Lauder about plug for TIC Charger
- Co#3 will be scheduled for FIT Testing on 3/24/20 @ 7pm at our Fire House.

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 January 2020, Engine 4 responded to, 21 Box Alarms, 6 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarm, 1 Drills, for a total of 28 Alarms including 5 mutual aid calls to Glen Rock and 1 mutual aid call to Fairlawn.
- Engine Company 4's onboard generator is still out of service and waiting on authorization for repairs.
- Also waiting on replacement of all roof mounted lighted bars and prior request for two Glen Rock FD portables.
- Engine 4 is requesting a halligan bar due to being lost during Fairlawns house fire.
- FF Hurley has requested a personal three (3) month leave of absence.

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

- For the month of January 2020, Rescue 5 responded to; 22 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarm, 0 Special Event, 1 Training /Drills, 1 Task Force Training and 0 Mutual Aid Drill for a total of 25 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue

- VHF portable radio needs re-programming - Wyckoff frequencies are not working - also need a 12 volt charger to mount in cab.
- Unit 58
 - Siren is burned out - needs replacement
 - Request Portable Radio for cab
- Boat
 - Good Working Order
- Rescue Task Force
 - Next drill scheduled February 24, 2020 at 1930 hours
 - Member Certification - Process to begin (Rescue Skill Sheet) and Completion of Rescue School will be required to maintain status
 - All Companies interested members list
- Personal
 - No Issues

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Chief Speranza met with the developers of the Boat House constructions. They agreed on opening up the road surface for Tower 2.
- (NEW) A Retailer has moved next to Company 3, there is a concern for parking and traffic congestion in the area.
- (NEW Construction) There is a possibility that a QuickCheck might renovate the old Used Chevy building.
- DD drive through
- There will be a plan to do a FD Walk through of the Storage business on Goffle Rd., reviewing the basement storage and water system.
- Building inspection was done on the property on Lafayette
- Be careful and aware of the numerous foreclosures in town

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- I would like to thank the Hawthorne EMS for meeting with our leadership and look forward to working with the organization. We have a tentative drill set for the 23rd at approx. 9:30am.
- Many of our members have been asking if baseline blood pressure would assist in rehab. After meeting with Hawthorne EMS it was determined that the baseline blood pressures for FF's was something that would be of little help in rehab, so we have abandoned the idea.
- We will continue to strive with Rehab ideas to improve the safety of our members and will work with EMS and our Auxiliary to format a good rehab process.

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- The department has introduced a training division to assist in our venture to format and deliver drills to test our skills. This group is and will be available to each company for assistance to company officers for advanced training opportunities.
- Currently we are planning to engage in ten (10) department drills and possibly on larger scale county wide drill for later in 2020.
- As for our training center and following a meeting yesterday we expect to enter another phase of improvement by July 2020. The department remains with a shortfall of available funding for the center as this phase is slated to cost approx. 20k. We will be looking for ideas to raise the increase funds for the center over the year.
- HFD Ladder Testing
 - Scheduled for Feb 5th
 - 8:00am - Rescue 5
 - 8:15am - Engine 1
 - 9:30am - Engine 4
 - 10:30am - Tower 2, w/Ladder Belts
 - Engine 3 - Ladder testing is not applicable for 2020
- Apparatus Maintenance Schedule 2020
 - Engine 1 - By June - Fire & Safety PM, Pump PM
 - Tower 2 - Work Completed Dec 2019 / Jan 2020
 - Engine 3 - By June - KME Fire Equipment, PM, Pump PM
 - Engine 4 - By Sept - Firefighter One PM, Pump PM
 - Rescue 5 - By Sept - PM
 - Unit 57 w/ Generator - By Sept - Hawthorne Chevrolet
 - Unit 58 - By June - Hawthorne Chevrolet
 - Unit 59 (New) - By June - Firefighter One
 - Rescue Boat - By March - GreenWood Lake Marina - Motor PM
 - Unit 61 - By March - PM Maintenance Paul's Motors
 - Unit 62 - By March - PM Maintenance Paul's Motors

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

· **Communications Division:**

- The Communications Division responded to 13 alarms, held 2 meetings, and 2 Truck Checks and 1 work details with a total of 18 events.
- The computers and recording equipment in the Radio Room and Fieldcomm are in good working order as of January 31, 2020

· **Cadets:**

- No report provided

· **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- We the members of the Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary are dedicated to community service. Our mission as volunteer members of the emergency service is to serve our community by providing support for our local Fire Department.
- On Friday, April 10th we will be holding our annual Fish & Chips Dinner at the Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club. Our volunteers will be visiting various businesses with the hope that you would kindly consider donating a gift certificate or merchandise.
- Your donation would be very much appreciated, as the proceeds generated go directly towards providing support for the Hawthorne Fire Department & our Community. If you wish to attend this event please contact Sharon at 973-626-2593
- Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

· **Training Center:**

- Rebar and cutting stations are in development.
- Car simulator is in the planning phase
- Town will be providing a 30 yard dumpster. Used as a rollover fire similar.
- Meeting with DTS, for the next phase of work
 - Basement fire simulator
- Hasmat simulator is in the planning phase with Ex. Assistant Chief John Arturi
- Additional funds are required to proceed with these activities.
- The center is currently open, please contact Assistant Chief Longo if you are interested in using it.

· **Exempt/Relief:**

- Thank you for all the Assistant Chief's for submitting LOSP
- Nov 8th Memorial Ceremony

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

- Status quo

· **Radio Communications**

- Mike Nelson submitted a report
- Chief asked to write a letter to the Administrator Eric Maurer and Mayor asking for status on the Fire Department's issues and concerns with the Radio Communications.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:

- No old business to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - We've been waiting on feedback for 4 months. Was there any word or action from the Borough on the near miss issues the Companies expressed concerns about.
 1. Chief Speranza, responded that the Borough acknowledged that the sign expense would be the Fire Department responsibility and fall under future FD budgets.
- 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:
 - Fit Testing Locations:
 - Tower 2 March 3rd 7pm
 - Company 3 March 24th 7pm,
 - Company 5 March 30, 7pm
- Engine Company 3:
 - Expressed their appreciation towards Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde
- Engine Company 4:
 - Expressed their appreciation towards Ex. Assistant Chief Van Der Velde
- Rescue Company 5:
 - News about the active shooter class, more to come once Assistant Chief Dave Hughes returns from vacation.
- Chief Speranza
 - Chief Speranza welcomes FF James Counsellor Jr. as he was sworn in this evening, he will be stationed at Company 1. The Hawthorne Fire Department would like to congratulate FF James Counsellor Jr. for joining the department.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Congrats to James Counsellor Jr. for joining Company 1 and being sworn in this evening.
 - Thanks to all Rescue 5 members and Captain Manzo for last night's extrication training. Company 1 looks forward to continuing the cross-training Department wide.
 - A huge thanks to Ex-Chief Tamburro for his services during our annual installation dinner. Chief Tamburro always comes through when asked and I for one appreciate it greatly as he never disappoints
- 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:
 - No new business to report
- Chief Speranza
 - No new business to report

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by Chief Joseph Speranza

- *Ex. Asst. Chief John Arturi*
 - *Company's Bay Exhaust Update; Co 1 measurements with vendor and try to complete the other company during the same day.*

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Very Truly Yours,

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk