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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on June 1, 2021 at 7:30pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, May 22, 2021 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 Captain*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 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.

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DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

NJ Fire Equipment (HFD Flow/POSI Test of Scott SCBA Units)	\$ 2,376.00
Bergenfield Fire Training Center (Live Fire Training)	\$ 1,600.00
RT Office Products (Copier Paper)	\$ 103.80
Fire & Safety Service (Engine 1 - Annual Chassis/PM Service)	\$ 1,925.00
Fire & Safety Service (Truck 2 - Annual Chassis/PM/Aerial Service)	\$ 4,783.57
Fierro's Auto Service (Unit 58 - Pressure test cooling system and repair)	\$ 290.00
HFD (5-0 Car Wash)	\$ 28.00
Fire File, LLC (HFD - Finger Print Biometric Subscription/Reader)	\$ 320.00
Strategic Safety Dynamics (Boots - Company 1 (FF. M. Thimme)	\$ 359.99
Strategic Safety Dynamics (PPE - Company 1 - FF. J Counsellor, FF. M Thimme)	\$ 2,074.07

Total: \$ 13,860.43

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter of resignation from FF. William Seidel of Company 2. The Fire Board approved the request and thanked Mr. Seidel for his 12 years of service to the Hawthorne Fire Department.
- Received a letter of resignation from FF. Aric Longo of Company 3. The Fire Board approved the request and thanked Mr. Longo for his service to the Hawthorne Fire Department.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of May 2021, Engine 1 responded to; 12 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 2 Drill(s) for a total of 15 alarms.
- I have re-communicated with two (2) other members regarding Firematic participation. I received one (1) response, who is considering a leave of absence. Another was silent as to my suggestion of a leave of absence or even considering resignation until such time as they become more available. I have since pulled this member's gear. The next step is that a letter will be generated by Company 1 to secure a response as to their intent. Updates will be provided as to these two (2) members and others as they arise.
- Several other members are "sporadically" participating and will be monitored as to their status in the next few weeks.
- Equipment:
 - Our radios have been repositioned and installed on the Engine.
 - Status of AED pads
 - Requesting:
 - First Aid Kit
 - 2 ½ pony length (Blue/Red)
- Good & Welfare

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- Hilda Malandrino passing, condolences to her family.
- FF. James Counsellor completed and passed FF1

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

Tower CO. #2: presented by Captain Travis Lodder:

- For the month of May 2021, Company 2 responded to; 12 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 5 Mutual Aid, 2 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 19 alarms
- Finally received License plates and registration for Truck 2
- Received and turned over the resignation letter from FF. William Siedel
- Received a portable radio from Chief of Glen Rock for use while assisting with mutual aid calls in Glen Rock.

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 May 2021, Engine Co. #3 responded to 12 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, held 1 Drill for a total of 14 alarms with 2 additional training.
- FF. Aric Longo has submitted his letter of resignation to the department.
- FF. Jim Bakker remains on medical leave.
- FF. Tom Bakker Sr. remains on medical leave.
- Engine 3 is still waiting to hear back from KME about warranty work that still needs to be completed from a list that was sent to them months ago.
- Majority of Co#3 members have completed the annual fit testing. FF. who have not will schedule to have it done when future dates will be available.

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 May 2021, Engine 4 responded to; 12 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms including, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarm, 1 Drill, for a total of 15 alarms.
- Engine 4 will be attending Bergenfield Live Burn training with Glen Rock FD on June 17, 2021. If possible, Engine 4 would like to request for the use of all Scott Demo Packs that were issued to HFD for testing purposes while training.

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

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

- For the month of May 2021, Rescue 5 responded to; 11 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Stand-by, 1 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 13 alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;

- Rescue
 - Computer screen for driver is not working - notification for repair to be made.
- Unit 58
 - Nothing to report
- Boat
 - Good Working Order
- Personal
 - Nothing significant to report.

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

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Reported in Chief's report.

CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- I would like to start with thanks to the members impromptu attending the Memorial Service yesterday for our borough.
- The department "Awards Committee" has reinitiated this program and will consist of one assigned member from each company to review, assist and verify any awards recommended for issuance from our department. This will assist in the management of said awards, dates, and years of service verification for members.
- As we begin to gain some leeway from COVID lock downs, I will be requesting and setting dates for meetings with our Cadets program committee, our Ladies Auxiliary Members, Training committee, and Codes Committee as we prepare to aggressively present the department's programs. We will continue to utilize the Bylaw committee to assist in setting policy and bylaw for membership items which they are already making progress with.
- Recruitment
 - Recruitment efforts will be focused through our social media outlets, and we have intentions to begin undertaking a borough wide recruitment drive beginning at the borough's Hawthorne Day.
- SCBA Committee
 - In progress of utilizing demo packs to aid us in final determination of SCBA for the department's future purchase. A decision from the demo will be presented by the committee to our Board of Fire Commissioners mid-July.
- Fire Prevention
 - After a decision with the board, we have rejected the thought of an open house for fire prevention this year.
 - The apartment and retail building on Wagaraw complex road has begun and review of the Goffle Road Complex has progressed.
 - Thanks to fire prevention for the info on solar panels from Tesla, we have also scheduled a course on fire safety and solar panels and will conduct the class with the Glen Rock FD.
- Cooperative Mutual Aid

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- We held a productive meeting with the Fair Lawn and Glen Rock Fire Departments this past week as we move towards a progressive response program to aid all three fire departments and identify ideas for safer response for our members and residents.
- We are beginning the process by conducting drills and training together to allow us to get acquainted with each other's departments. We will work to build guidelines to ensure stability with the training and response to each jurisdiction as needed.
- A Captains meeting with all three departments will be held on June 16th, 7pm at fire Hqs, our department Capts will develop drills and process them to our membership.
- The expectation of the training and drills would be to assist in determining each other's weakness and strengths and to acquaint all departments memberships.
- Current Response Status
 - Hawthorne and Fair Lawn will conduct calls for assistance only on significant incidents, lack of in-service engines or confirmed fires.
 - Glen Rock will utilize Truck 2 and the Fair Lawn FD for fire alarms, and potential incidents as needed. (Not expected to include minor incident needs, activated CO or orders of gas calls.)
 - All three jurisdictions expect to have senior or department chief's available daytime to direct and reduce response needs asap on the daytime incidents.
 - Response assistance will be workdays M-F from approx 7am to 5pm.
 - A meeting to review our co-operative response program and change in the needs will be conducted again in July.
- FYI
 - Truck 2 will have a repair tech from Goosetown Communications on site Thursday at 930/10am to investigate the radio noise on the apparatus.
- J and J Vaccine
 - Vaccine will be available to NJ residents on June 7th, if interested contact Ellen Brogno at 973-427-1168
- SCBA Flow Testing
 - Testing is being scheduled and a formal date and apparatus schedule will be provided shortly.
- Fire Hose Testing
 - The department will be setting up hose testing with the Waterway Fire Hose testing agency. We hope to have this in place and accomplished by early fall.
- Training Center State Inspection
 - The annual state inspection will be taking place July (date pending as per the State Division Inspector)
- Officers Training
 - We expect to continue with our training agenda for company officers on June 15th.
- Rescue 5 Repairs
 - Scheduling an appointment for repairs at Campbell Supply, an authorized repair agent of Spartan Fire Equipment. Capt. Manzo will be advised so he can schedule the repair accordingly.

Respectfully,

Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- For the month of May 2021, the Communications Division responded to 7 Alarms and held 3 Work Details.
Submitted by Robert Stonier

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for September 24th, 6pm at the Boys and Girls Club

Training Center:

- Be advised that a walkthrough of the buildings should be made before any training begins. There has been evidence that someone has gained access to the center in the past week. The police have been notified.
- Downes has been engaged and is on schedule.

Exempt/Relief:

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

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - Status quo

Radio Communications

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
 - No Submission

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No old business to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Captain Lodder - Checking on an order status
 1. Search rope bag
 2. Task force tip intake for pump
 3. Milwaukee battery for the K12 saw
 4. Gemtor belts
- Engine Company 3:
 - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:

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- Assistant Chief Hughes - Concerned that high grade fireworks are being used recently during Memorial Day by Hawthorne residents. Wanted to remind the Board that the FD should publicize the hazards of using these types of commercial fireworks. Also a reminder letter should be submitted to the Borough and Police Dept.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Assistant Chief Tripicchio - Can the department pre-order rock salt and calcium for next winter? *Chief Speranza responded that the department can definitely start looking for a local vendor and even provide sand for additional options.*
- Tower Company 2:
 - Captain Lodder - Provided information on fundraising for an out of town firefighter - Challenge Coin - Anyone interested should contact Capt. Lodder
 - Captain Lodder - Provided information on a “Citizen Firefighter” program - could possibly help with future recruitment here in Hawthorne. - Anyone interested should contact Capt. Lodder
- 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
 - Would like to thank Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi and the Sheriff’s Dept. for providing the Fit Testing to our membership.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 3:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No good and welfare to report.
- Chief Speranza
 - No good and welfare to report.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Joseph Speranza

- Company 5 welcomed a new member, Mr. Logan Warner, was sworn in by his father, Ex-Assistant Chief Brian Warner and Chief Speranza.

- The June 1, 2021 meeting was open to the public. The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided by the Fire Department Clerk's email (Clerk@HawthorneFire.org) to submit any questions.
- No emails were received from the public.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk