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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on July 6, 2021 at 7:34pm by Clerk Mogen.

The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, June 19, 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:

John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*
David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Led by Clerk Mogen

MINUTES:

Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

Ridgewood Press (HFD-Training Center - 3 Part/Report)	\$ 220.00
RT Office Products (Communication Dept. - HP LaserJet Printer)	\$ 259.00
Ricoh USA Corporation (QTR (03/24/2021 - 06/23/2021) Black/White & Color Copies)	\$ 86.31
Witmer Public Safety Group (Engine 1 - 2.5 Pony Hose)	\$ 100.00
Witmer Public Safety Group (HFD + Truck 2 (Sterling SearchLite Kit, EMI Mini First Aid Kit)	\$ 545.00
Godwin Tool (Truck 2 - 9" CutOff 12AH Kit Milwaukee)	\$ 899.99
Godwin Tool (Engine 1 - Dualpack Tower Light + Batteries)	\$ 1,499.96
Lifeline Rescue Tools (HFD - Rescue Tool F-3BG Lifeline Fire Gen 3 Black/Green)	\$ 1,770.00
Grainger (Condor Absorbent)	\$ 600.00
Witmer Public Safety Group (Truck 2 - Task Force Tips Jumbo Ball Intake Value)	\$ 1,870.00
Blaze Emergency Equipment Company (Engine 3 - Annual Chassis /PM Service)	\$ 1,726.50
HFD (5-0 Car Wash)	\$ 14.00
Pantheon Construction (Training Center - Prep/Paint Various Buildings & Items)	\$ 1,850.00
Air Purifiers Inc. (Engine 4 - Exhaust System Repair)	\$ 310.00
Penguin Management (6 Month Service - July 1 - Dec 31, 2021)	\$ 888.00
GooseTown Communications (Truck 2 - Motorola Long Range WRLS Mobile)	\$ 665.00

Total: \$ 13,303.76

Motion to pay the bills: David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Second: Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Approved: John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Absent: Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received a letter of resignation from FF. Brendan Marsch of Company 2. The Fire Board approved the request and thanked Mr. Marsch for his service to the Hawthorne Fire Department.

Approved: Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

David Hughes, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

Absent: Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

- Received a letter for a 3 month personal leave of absence from Ex-Assistant Chief John Marsch of Company 2. The Fire Board approved the request effective July 1, 2021.

Approved: Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

CORE STATEMENT

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

Devin Hughes, CO. 4 Assistant Chief
David Hughes, CO. 5 Assistant Chief
Absent: Joseph Longo, CO. 3 Assistant Chief

- Received a doctor's letter for FF. Hill from Company 4. The request is open as the member has not provided a formal letter to her Assistant Chief. Approval is pending.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of June 2021, Engine 1 responded to; 31 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 2 Drill(s) for a total of 36 alarms.
- FF. Matt Garson has requested a 3 month leave of absence commencing on July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.
- E1 is requesting to attend the Totowa parade on November 27, 2021.
- Capt. Carlo has been working with CODES to fix many bugs that we had. Any issues, contact Capt. Carlo.

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

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

- For the month of June 2021, Company 2 responded to; 28 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 2 Mutual Aid, 5 Glen Rock Alarms, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 36 alarms
- Personal leave request from Ex. Chief John Marsch
- Letter of resignation from FF> Brendan Marsch
- Reminder to all companies that 4 gas meters need to be calibrated more often than they have been. Coordinate with either Lt. to schedule time for calibration.

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

Engine CO. #3:

- For the month of June 2021, Engine Co. #3 responded to 28 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 1 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, held 1 Drill for a total of 31
- Status of the company has remained the same, no change from last Fire Board report.

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 2021, Engine 4 responded to; 28 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms including, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarm, 1 Drill, for a total of 30 alarms and 1 training

- Engine 4 cab air conditioning has stopped working. Last Wednesday 6/30 Firefighter One had a troubleshoot issue and found that the truck has a leak in the A/C system as well as the blower motors are failing. We are waiting on a quote for the repairs from the vendor.

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 June 2021, Rescue 5 responded to; 26 Box Alarms, 3 Still Alarms, 0 Stand-by, 2 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 31 alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Computer screen for driver is not working - waiting on PO for repair
 - 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

First and foremost, my appreciation for excusing me from tonight's meeting, I have full expectations the board and clerk will provide an informative meeting to our membership as always.

My offer of congratulations to our graduating members and wish them the best.

As I mentioned last Fire Board, we have intentions to push an aggressive marketing of our department for community relationships, recruitment, fund drive, and to entice our members to enjoy being a member of our department with provision of pride and leadership. With this we have a significant schedule to launch programs to benefit the borough and department.

Wildwood weekend - Head counts are needed for Wildwood Convention period; Hawthorne has been requested to assist Prospect Park Fireworks venue the Saturday during the convention.

Dates of importance

Currently there are no scheduled officers meeting or training for July and August, we will be resuming training for company officers in September, Enjoy your summer!

We will be scheduling a chiefs and Bylaw committee meeting in July to continue our progress with the leave of absence bylaw and additional items being addressed. Currently awaiting input from the committee and a meeting date will be provided asap.

Scheduled events

Thursday, July 8 - The borough's communications consultant will be conducting a review and synopsis meeting, reviewing repairs and changes needed to correct communications issues for police, fire and EMS. Chief Longo and I will be in attendance.

Thursday, July 8 - Fire company officer's walkthrough of the training center with Glen Rock and Fair Lawn Fire Dept 7pm. HFD Capts are urged to attend.

Thursday July 8 - I will be conducting an Organizational meeting with HFD Ladies Auxiliary at Fire Hqs, all auxiliary members active or inactive are urged to attend. (Truck or Treat proposal).

Monday, July 12 - 7pm at Fire Hqs a meeting and review of the Cadets Program with our Cadets committee. Upcoming recruit drive review, Hawthorne Day.

Thursday, July 15 - Solar Panel Safety Training Class to be held in Glen Rock at the Glen Rock High School, HEAD COUNTS are needed by this Friday the 9th.

Monday, July 26 - 7pm the first committee meeting of our "Citizens Fire Academy" program will be held to kick off the initiative.

Tuesday, August 3 - National Night Out, again we have been asked to present the department with the Hawthorne Police Dept. program. Location is on the pool property and details will follow.

Tuesday, August 3 - Fire Board - a meet and greet presentation from the Blue Foundry Bank will be presented at Fire Board 7:30pm (Dianna Dempsey will be providing)

Monday, August 16 - Tentative time at 9:15am for the Leadership Program Helicopter landing.

Friday, August 20 - Leadership Program Presentation from the Hawthorne FD, time schedule 11am to 2pm. We will need at least 12 members to assist and deliver the program.

Monday, September 13 - We would like to meet with our Awards Committee which each Company needs to provide one member to attend as well as Clerk Mogen and Chief Tamburro. 7:30pm at Hqs

Monday, September 20 - 7:30pm to 9pm, Ice Cream Social for members at Fire Hqs.

Saturday, September 25 - Hawthorne Day Program times to be determined. Department will be providing a recruitment and fire prevention drive. Rescue will be demonstrating vehicle extraction tool use.

Sept/Oct - Awaiting dates for Waterway Hose Testing to be set for annual hose testing and certification.

Sept/Oct - Annual OSHA Physical will be scheduled, and dates will follow asap, we will be utilizing the same time slot format as 2020.

Saturday, October 30 - Proposal for Fire Hqs parking lot "Trunk or Treat" including fire prevention touch a truck presentation.

Training Center - Scheduled work with a landscaper to control weeds and debris, following this we would like to schedule the PC Sheriff's office and inmates. Painting will be scheduled with Pantheon Construction to paint several areas of the complex over the next week. (We received a satisfactory rating and upgraded report from the NJ Division of Fire upon last week's annual site certification inspection)

Fire Prevention

Royal Ave project and Christen Healthcare Vista Project both are nearing completion, I urge you to take a walk/drive through the complexes.

Apartment and retail Complex building in progress at the site of Wag and Lafayette, (Bedrin Project).

Proposal presented to build a 33,000 sq ft Ledil Food Market on Wag at GoffleRd (Across from the Hawthorne Dinner).

HFD Softball Team

My congratulations to the Departments Softball Team as the team will finish no lower than 3rd/4th place of 11 teams. The team has gained a first-round bye and home field advantage in round two. This is the best finish our team has had in several years and we wish them the best of luck through the playoffs.

Respectfully,

Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Division:

- No Submission

Cadets:

- No Submission

Ladies Auxiliary:

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

Training Center:

- No Submission

Exempt/Relief:

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
 - July 8, 2021 - 7:30pm Exempt Meeting at Company 1
 - July 8, 2021 - 8pm Relief Meeting at Company 1

Passaic County Sheriff's Department:

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
 - No Submission

Radio Communications

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
 - 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:
 - 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:
 - No new business to report.
- Chief Speranza
 - No new business to report.

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 Clerk Mogen

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - Had question on the June bills. Who will be receiving the Rescue Tool from Lifeline Rescue Tool vendor?*
 - *John Trippichio CO. 1 Assistant Chief - Spoke with Chief Speranza and it was discussed that the 15 rescue tools will be divided equally to each company.*
- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - Had question on the June bills. Can there be clarification how and what year will the Truck 2 tool request be paid by?*
 - *Ronald Walker, CO. 2 Assistant Chief - Originally the request for the tools was placed at the end of 2020. Since the requests were not completed/approved in 2020 the requests were submitted again now. 2021 funds will be used for the tool request.*
- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro - Had a question about all the future Monday meetings that were on the Chief's report. Can the dates be adjusted since Monday nights are usually the company training and meeting night, with the expectation of Company 1 that has their scheduled Tuesday meeting.*
 - *Clerk Mogen - We will provide the question to Chief Speranza and any new dates will be communicated.*
- *The July 6, 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 8:05 pm by Clerk Mogen.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk