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Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to Order on August 4th at 7:40pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

The meeting this evening was located at Fire HQ and closed to the general public. *The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, July 26th, 2020 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.*

Before the start of the Fire Board, Chief Speranza swore in new member, Matthew Cook. He will be stationed at Rescue 5. The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank you for joining the Hawthorne Fire Department.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*
John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*
Ronald Walker, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*
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:

None

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

Led by Chief Speranza

CORE STATEMENT

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

MINUTES:

Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.

DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES;

provided and presented by Clerk Mogen

The Doctors' Office Urgent Care of Midland Park

(New Member Testing-Physicals/Blood Work/Drug Screen- Blanket PO)	\$ 835.50
Ricoh USA Corporation (QTR (03/24/2020 - 06/23/2020- Black/White & Color Copies)	\$ 91.69
Firefighter One (HFD - Gloves (SM, XL), Facepiece (SM, L))	\$ 2,374.90
Witmer Public Safety (Haix Firefighter Boot)	\$ 388.08
Durawear Glove & Safety Company (Gas Meter - Ventis MX4 w/ Charger)	\$ 779.65
Industrial Scientific Corporation (Blanket PO - Gas Meter Repairs)	\$ 1,000.00
Fremgen's Power Equipment (Tower 2 - Emergency Saw Repair)	\$ 50.00
Godwin Tool (Hand Truck)	\$ 129.99
Fremgen's Power Equipment (Engine 3 - Replace damaged Saw)	\$ 607.95
Wyckoff Power Equipment Co. Inc. (Rescue 5 - Emergency Generator Repair)	\$ 233.80
Technical Fire Service (Annual Fire Apparatus Pump Tests)	\$ 555.00
Fire File, LLC. (Yearly Fees 5 Firehouses)	\$ 3,235.00
Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc. (Company 4 Alarm Repair)	\$ 1,685.00
Witmer Public Safety Group (PASS 5X)	\$ 1,218.04
Electronic Systems Solutions (HFD Radio Microphones)	\$ 1,080.00
Godwin Tool & Hardware Supply (Company 3/4/5 - 7 Tool Combo Kit Milwaukee)	\$ 2,999.97

Total: \$ 17,264.57

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;

Presented by Clerk Mogen

- Received doctor's letter for FF. James Bakker of Company 3, excusing him from fire duty. Requesting a 3 month leave. The Fire Board approved the request.
- Received a medical leave letter from FF. C Geier, requesting a 3 month leave. The Fire Board approved the request.
- Received a letter of intent to join Company 3 from Mr. Michael Nappi, 104 Mazur Place, Hawthorne.
- Received a letter of intent to join Company 2 from Mr. Andrew Chartoff, 69 Parmelee Avenue, Hawthorne.
- Received a letter from FF. J.L. Wojtecki from Company 3, requesting a 3 month personal leave. The Fire Board did not approve this request. Clerk will provide a letter of intent to FF. Wojtecki.

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:

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

- For the month of July 2020, Engine 1 responded to; 22 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Drill(s) for a total of 24 Alarms, Held 2 trainings.

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- SCBA remains out of service
- Our hose order remains outstanding (*Chief, reminds AC Trippichio that the hose order was delivered and at Rescue waiting to be picked up.*)
- Fire Safety required the piston actuators and the engine's compartment heat shield.
- Requesting another 10 gallons of VP fuel for the generator and various power tools.

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 July 2020, Company 2 responded to; 25 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 2 Mutual Aid, 3 Drill, 1 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 27 Alarms
- Truck 2 is in the Borough and training is ongoing on it..
- One letter of intent to join the fire department was handed in to the clerk
- Company 2 would like to thank Engine 3 and Engine 1 for their gift upon arrival of the new truck 2. Thank you to all department members who took time out to stop by and see the new truck and give their best wishes. All are appreciated.
- We are still awaiting the final training provided by Pierce, scheduled for this weekend.
- Battery packs requested via codes for a streamlight hand light
- Asking the status of PO for the new Truck radios
- Asking the status of registration and plates for Truck 2. Has the Borough provided any input.

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

Engine CO. #3; presented by Assistant Joseph Longo:

- For the month of July 2020, Engine Co. #3 responded to 23 Box Alarms, 2 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 1 Chief Calls, held 2 Drill for a total of 28 Alarms.
- FF. Jim Bakker remains on medical leave.
- It is with deepest regrets to announce that retired FF. Al Anema's son, David Anema has passed away. Please keep Al and his family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.
- FF. Joe Wojtecki Jr. is requesting a 3 month leave of absence, he has accepted the opportunity to move to Arkansas with a young lady he met in the Marine Corps.
- Engine 3 has started warranty work repair which will continue in phases due to back order in parts for the engine.
- Engine 3 will also have P.M. done on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:30am by FF1.
- Engine Co#3 requests to attend the 9-11 photo shoot.

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 2020, Engine 4 responded to, 24 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms/Glen Rock, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarm, 0 Drills, for a total of 25 Alarm.
- Engine Company 4 has completed the chassis and pump PM. As well as the pump testing.
- Engine 4 pumped at 2021 GPM.

- Phone call was made to Nederman to set up an appointment for repairs on the non functioning exhaust system in our engine bay.
- FF. Cameron Geier will be taking a medical leave of absence starting August 1, 2020, for approx. 3 months for shoulder surgery.

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

- For the month of July 2020, Rescue 5 responded to; 24 Box Alarms, 4 Still Alarm, 0 Stand-by, 1 Training /Drills, 0 Task Force Training and 0 Mutual Aid Drill for a total of 29 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
 - Rescue
 - Received VHF portable radio - Bergen County frequencies
 - Unit 58
 - Siren was replaced
 - Pending - Request Portable Radio for Cab with charger.
 - Boat
 - Good Working Order
 - Task Force
 - Next drill scheduled August 27 at 1930 hours
 - Member Certification reviewed at the last team meeting – Process to begin September (Rescue Skill Sheet) and Completion of Rescue School will be required to maintain status. (Need Certification of members from members on Task Force) due August 1.
 - All Companies interested members list due August 1
 - Personal
 - Nothing significant to report.

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FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;

reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- 198 - 208 Diamond Bridge Ave. business will be reviewed by Fire Prevention due to multiple calls during the July 4th weekend.
- Chief Speranza will meet with Fire Prevention about bringing on additional resources to backfill when needed.
- New eDispatch mobile app is now available, June 16, 2020
- 117 apartment mix-use complex is in the development planning phase on Wagaraw Road

CHIEF’S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;

by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza

- Tonight’s meeting remains the distant Zoom meeting we were hopeful would end last month, but as we press on through the COVID pandemic process

- **Truck 2** — Congratulations to Company 2 on receiving their new Truck 2.
- **Tropical Storm Isaias** — Would like to thank all members that respond to the 20+ various alarm calls today.
- **COVID-19** — A reminder to help control and avoid issues with COVID we recommend use of masks for use in and on the fire apparatus or fire house out of respect for others.
 - This is especially important with cadets at our fire houses and incidents that could be potential calls of assistance without use of SCBA.
- **Training Committee** — Meetings are on-going, and we are working on building and examining existing SOGs. We are also working on training opportunities for the department.
 - The training committee will tie in with our safety committee and the training center manager to bring all aspects of the training center together as we move forward.
- **Good and Welfare** — Please be cautious as the COVID concern continues. The department is currently looking for a grant writer that would only work off a successful award, we feel we have some missed opportunities that we could pursue.

Respectfully,

Chief J. Speranza

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

· Communications Division:

- For the month of July 2020, the Communications Division responded to 11 Alarms, 0 Special Details, 6 Work Details and 1 Division meetings were held via Zoom teleconferencing.
- Currently one member is on medical leave, one inactive per CDC guidelines and two responding normally.
- All equipment in the Radio Room and in '57 (cascade and communications sections) is in good working order with the following exception:
 - Noise/interference issues with Fire One remain unchanged, especially with hand-held radios. We are awaiting the results of the evaluation of the receivers in the system by the vendor and their recommendation for abatement, if possible. The higher power vehicle radios continue to operate well within the system's footprint.
- Submitted 4 August 2020 by G.E. Zagatta RC2

· Cadets:

- Cadets program is on hold until further notice.

· Ladies Auxiliary:

- New Date: On Friday, September 17th, the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Fish & Chips Dinner at the Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club
 - 6pm - 7pm
 - \$15 for Adults, \$8 for Children
- 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:**

- The Training Center is open. Contact Asst. Chief Longo for further information.
- Waiting on the 2 sledge hammers that were ordered
- Tank Removal is pending
- DC Electric is repairing lights
- Would like to thank the local Boys Scouts, they have created an area to retire flags at the center.

· **Exempt/Relief:**

- Next scheduled meet is on August 6th, 7:30pm at Company 1
- Convention has been canceled
- Credits will still be provided to the delegates and the voting will occur at the Boys and Girls Club

· **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:
 - Waiting on quote for repair/replace damaged SCBA harness
 - Require Motorola radio batteries
 - No letter is required for Carley Tamburro's medical leave due to line of service injury.
- 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:
 - Would like to congratulate Company 2 with receiving their new apparatus.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Requesting the Borough review and cutting low hanging trees throughout town. The current apparatus is receiving damage.
 - Will be submitting receipt for the Tropical Storm Standby

- Evan Woods medical bill should be submitted to the Borough
- Engine Company 3:
 - Would like to congratulate Company 2 with receiving their new apparatus.
- Engine Company 4:
 - Would like to congratulate Company 2 with receiving their new apparatus.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - Would like to congratulate Company 2 with receiving their new apparatus.
 - Congratulates FF. Matthew Cook, joining the Hawthorne Fire Department.
- Chief Speranza
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GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Engine Company 1:
 - Keep Doug Morgan in your prayers.
- Tower Company 2:
 - Clerk has been requested to send a letter/communication to FF. Mark Lundin to complete his department medical evaluation.
- Engine Company 3:
 - Please keep Al Anema and his family in your prayers.
- Engine Company 4:
 - Clerk has been requested to send a letter/communication to FF. Gerry Flannagan to complete his department medical evaluation.
- Rescue Company 5:
 - No old business to report.
- Chief Speranza
 - No old business to report.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;

by Chief Joseph Speranza

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Chief Joseph Speranza.

Christopher Mogen
Fire Department Clerk