

Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 2016

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 3/9/2016 AT 8:00PM BY CHIEF YUSKAITIS AT COMPANY 4.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS CHIEF YUSKAITIS, ASST. CHIEF RINALDO, DEPUTY CHIEF PALMIERI , BATT. CHIEF MAMO

Co.1 – Capt. Sulcov, Lt. Hriunk, Eng. Baliman

Co.2 – Eng. Zakriewski

Co.3 – Capt. Demeraski, Eng. Baldofsky Jr.

Co.4 – Capt. Henneke, Eng. R. Healey

Also in attendance were – Mayor Cosgrove, Howie Londner, Mike Mullens, Lauren Healey, Tom Carney, John Lyons, Russ Van Ness, John Blair, Pete Yuskaitis, Ed Baldofsky Sr., Kevin Twiggs, Dillon Rinaldo, Ken Pfeiffer, Rich Bolan

MINUTES:

On a motion by Capt. Demeraski, seconded by Capt. Hennecke the minutes of the February Fire Board where approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 – Meter calibration, 3 BBP kits, Roof ladder platform

Co.2 – 3 Extinguisher Hydros, Hose repair, 2 BBP kits, 2 HT1000 batteries, grease board

Co.3 – Knox Box key for E-5, 2 BBP kits

Co.4 – Radio repair E-4, 1 BBP kit

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 – 5” hose adapters, Extinguisher inspections

Co.2 – none

Co.3 – Pig mat, 3 - Probationary Shields, 1 dry chem. Refill, extinguisher inspections

Co.4- 6 sets SCBA mask straps, Min 5 pager repair, SCBA repair, 4 – 50’ lengths 2 ½” hose Yellow

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BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Making good progress on the radios
- 2 – Good job on Saddle River Rd fire

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Great turn out at the Co.3 get together. Thanks to all who attended but would be nice to see some of the younger guys show. Co.1 will be the host of the next event at Firemens Park, a date and time will be sent out.
- 2 – Will be scheduling M/A drill with an activity in the future and please start working on your Borough drills.

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Thanks for the support at all the wakes.
- 2 – Feedback from the dinner has been all good.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Thank you to all who showed up at the dinner.
- 2 – Received an appreciation certificate from NJ Firemens Assoc.
- 3 – Great job with the Reorg Comm.
- 4 – Progress with Fire HQ, back room is cleaned out and changes will be made so that we can have a conference room.
- 5 – Budget moving along, operating should be passed by 3/22/16 and Capital will be soon after that.
- 6 – Thank you to Dep. Chief Palmieri for organizing the Department get together at Co.3.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:

- 1 – The Budget will be passed soon, we did move some monies around so that it will be easier to make some purchases instead of it being a Capital project.

FIRE PREVENTION:

- 1 – Report attached
- 2 – Rich Bolan also attended to speak about the new Truss Roof Ordinance and the new markings that will go along with it.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

- 1 – Chief asked if the name plate down in FHQ with the Koenigs name on it be given to Rescue.
- 2 – Chief thanked Co.2 & 4 for their assistance with bail out and RIT training

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 1 – Getting a quote for some speakers to come in for a lecture on size up and basement fires. Co.1 Borough Drill
- 2- Thank you to the members who stepped up to go to FDIC.
- 3 – Certs that are sent to FHQ will be forwarded periodically as I get to HQ. If it's something you need sooner just let me know and I will get it to you sooner.
- 4 – I-400 class in Wood Ridge if anyone is interested let me know.
- 5 – A garage door securing video that was done by Joe Alvarez will be forwarded to the Department.
- 6 – Chief looking into a lecture from PSE & G since it has been awhile.
- 7 – Lengthy discussion on ICS and establishing command, being tabled till there is more info back from Companies.

COMMITTEES:

Apparatus: On hold

Awards: No report

CAD: No report

Convention: On hold

Fitness: On hold

Funeral:

Meeting was held with light showing. Comm. chairman looking for some input as to what direction the Department wants him to go with this comm.

Gear & Standards:

Chiefs looking to get this comm. activated to start reviewing our gear and equipment since it has been awhile.

Honor Guard: Received the new parade gloves

Insurance: No report

Improvement: No report

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Jr. ff's/recruitment: No Report

LOSAP: Waiting for LOSAP administrator to return to work so that the reports will start again.

Ordinance:

Making good progress, waiting to hear back from all the companies in reference to eliminating the Engineers' position. Looking to vote at the April FB.

Bob Ordway from the State Relief Assoc. will be at Co.2 on Thursday, 3/10 at 7:30 to discuss percentage requirements as per the State,

Radio: Progress

Reorg/planning: Under Ordinance report

SOG: Chief would like the comm. to look at our SOG for C/O Alarms

Training Center: No report

Uniform: If service strips are needed please see Ex-Chief Pete Yuskaitis

Website: No report

COMMUNICATONS:

1 - None

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1 – On a motion by Capt. Sulcov, seconded by Capt. Hennecke. The resignation of Ex-Chief Eric Reamy was read and accepted. He held Badge #24 in Co.1.

2 – On a motion by Capt. Hennecke, seconded by Capt. Sulcov. The resignation of F/F Brad Lieberman was read and accepted. He held badge #98 in Co.4.

3 – On a motion by Capt. Demeraski, seconded by Capt. Sulcov. David Knopf was accepted as a probationary member of Co.3. He will be assigned badge #A-5

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OLD BUSINESS:

- 1 – Member ID's and tags were asked about. Department was advised by Manager that a brand new system is being purchased and all new ID's will be done when that is in service. In approximately a month.
- 2 – New member finger printing was asked about also and Chief advised to Contact Detective Pete Yuskaitis with the Police Dept.
- 3 – New black bands for Department uniforms are needed. Clerk will get prices.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 – Discussion on M/A calls for Paterson, all members are to report to their respective F/H's and call in on the radio do not just go to Co.1 or Co.3 without checking in.
- 2 – Co.4 Entertainment Comm. is having a Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 3/26/16 at 11am at Co.4. any member wishing to participate with their children are welcome just get in contact with Wendy Tennis from Co.4.
- 3 – Starting next week the construction on River Rd. and Maple Ave will start, expect delays.
- 4 – Deputy Chief helping out the PBA with the Mary Ann Collura Scholarship, looking for some extra help and support for the function. April 16, 3pm to 9pm at FL Athletic club.
- 5 – April 2, Killer Bee Basketball games will take place, Lt. Tennis will be sending out information on it. Would like to see a good turnout like last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1 - None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Capt. Demeraski, seconded by Capt. Hennecke, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Hoitsma
Fire Clerk

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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Following is a summary of some of the Bureau's activities for the year-to-date 2016:

- Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations 68 of 266 total
- Violation Notices issued to LHU locations 77

- Inspections of non-LHU locations 50 of 1,394 total
- Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations 41

- Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease 48

- Inspections of multi-family dwelling units 0 of 2,066 total

- Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections 18

- Fire Safety Permits issued 48
- Permit inspections conducted 47

- Investigations of complaints of fire hazards 10

- Penalties collected (gross) 6 totaling \$ 4,482
- penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training 1 totaling \$ 500

- Imminent Hazard Orders issued 6

- Fire Prevention programs presented to the public 8

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IMMINENT DANGERS AFFECTING FIREFIGHTERS AT –

- **Vacant storage facility, 4-19 Banta Place**

One of the two stairways from the second floor takes you to a maze with no way out. As such, the owner is ordered to install a locked doorway at the head of that stairway. FD is also advised that gas meters are located inside that ground-level maze. Entry is gained via main entrance for the Hoveround Company at 4-19 Banta and then proceed through a locked door and ultimately to the gas meters.

- **Clariant Corporation, 0-09 Fair Lawn Ave**

Roofs are missing or otherwise in danger of collapse at Buildings B, D, F, G, and H. All 4 sides of each building are placarded to warn FD to not go on or under the roof. Buildings are vacant. All utilities and fire sprinkler have been discontinued.

- **Storage facility, 406 Wagaraw Road**

Roof is partially collapsed and otherwise likely to collapse. X symbols are posted to warn FD of impending danger. Building is vacant and there are no utilities.

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Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at Westmoreland School, 16-50 Parmelee Ave

Our Permit inspection of a social event the evening of 2-12-16 revealed the fire exit to be obstructed by a barrier intended to secure an adjacent construction site. In lieu of vacating the premises, we remained on fire watch the remainder of the evening. The obstruction was subsequently removed the following day.

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at Westmoreland School, 16-50 Parmelee Ave

Our inspection revealed the aforementioned gymnasium fire exit to be obstructed once again on 2-22-16 while school was in session. The gymnasium was ordered to be vacant, and a fire watch posted, until the obstruction was removed approximately 1 hour later.

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at Two Guys Pizzeria, 21-16 Morlot Ave

This establishment was ordered to cease cooking for failure to provide test report of the cooking suppression system, failure to comply with our previous order to clean the exhaust system of grease and residue, and failure to obtain Fire Safety Permits. All violations were subsequently abated and penalties were paid.

Temple Beth Shalom, 40-25 Fair Lawn Ave

Fire sprinkler system, smoke/fire alarm system, and cooking suppression system are all overdue for periodic testing; also, several electrical violations in this 2-story house of worship, catering hall, and child daycare facility, a Life Hazard Use.

Temple Beth Shalom Nursery, 40-25 Fair Lawn Ave

The approved Fire Evacuation Plan and Log of Unplanned Evacuations and Fire Drills could not be furnished to us upon our inspection at this daycare facility for 80 children, a Life Hazard Use.

Gasland, 21-22 Saddle River Road

The gas pumps' Emergency Shut Off Switch is broken and not operating at this retail gasoline service station, a Life Hazard Use.

Garden State Surgical Center et al., 28-02 through 28-12 Broadway

Several deficiencies are noted upon testing of the fire protection system; several extension cords were used improperly; and, the log of periodic testing of the emergency generator could not be furnished for our review at this out-patient surgical center, a Life Hazard Use.

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Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .

Fair Lawn Opportunity Center, 13-19 Fair Lawn Ave

Fire sprinkler system is overdue for periodic testing in this 3-story daycare center, a Life Hazard Use.

Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 Kipp Street

Several violations affecting electrical and emergency standby power systems at this 3-story recreation center and theatre, a Life Hazard Use.

Children's Aid & Family Services, 2-15 35th Street

Sprinkler system is overdue for periodic testing at this group home which includes residents unable to respond in event of emergency, a Life Hazard Use.

BRC Sauna & Spa, 24-20 Broadway

Cooking suppression is overdue for periodic testing; kitchen hood and filter are overdue for removal of grease and cooking residue; several emergency lights are not working; several voids in ceilings and walls shall be repaired; and access to several areas was not available to us upon our inspection at this restaurant/bar/sauna for 205 persons, a Life Hazard Use.

Brunswick Lanes, Lounge, and Snack Bar, 22-22 Maple Ave

Fire sprinkler system and cooking suppression systems are overdue for periodic testing; and, exhaust hood shall be cleaned of grease and cooking residue at this bowling alley and eating/drinking establishment, a Life Hazard Use.

All violations previously reported to you have since been abated at the following:

- Crunch Fitness-Parisi Sports Conditioning, et al., 2-22 Banta Place
- Saint Leon's Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road
- Saint Leon's Abajian Hall, 12-61 Saddle River Road
- Benny's Luncheonette, 11-04 Saddle River Road
- Jack Daniels Service & Parts Center, 16-01 McBride Ave

Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal