

Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR APRIL 2016

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 4/13 /2016 AT 8:10PM 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. Wensell,

Co.2 – Capt. Guerrieri, Eng. Zakriewski

Co.3 – Lt. Osback, Lt. Collins, Eng. Baldofsky Jr.

Co.4 – Capt. Henneke, Lt. Noonan, Lt. Tennis, Eng. R. Healey

Also in attendance were –John Lyons, Lauren Healey, Pete Yuskaitis, John Blair, Jeff Goldberg, Dominick Cortes, Jim Funcheon, Ken Pfeifer, Howie Londner, Jake Guerrieri, Jeff Greco, Mayor Cosgrove.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Lt. Osback, seconded by Capt.Sulcov the minutes of the March Fire Board where approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 – 6- HT 1250 batteries; (1) pack 9 V batteries

Co.2 –(7) LED hand lights

Co.3 - Nothing

Co.4 –(6) sets SCBA straps; (2) HT1200 batteries; (2)TIC batteries

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 – ID stickers for T1 & E1

Co.2 –(5) sets of mask straps; (1) K12 blade; (3) cans blue spray paint

Co.3 – (5) min 5 batteries; white dress shirts; (7) lengths 5” hose recoupled and tested; hydrant valve repair;(1) dry chem extinguisher

Co.4- (1) assortment pack sawzall blades; (1) HT1250 portable repair damaged at fire; (1) 30’halligan bar; (1) Bullard powerhouse charger for E4; (1) Dewalt 18V battery; (3) replacement o rings for hydrant gate(Harrington part # 00034553.

BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Radios –progress, Engine 3 working on new radio.
- 2 Well Drive fire good job by all.
- 3 When responding, lets figure out what’s going on at scene then respond accordingly.

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Good job on the Vanore Drive fire
- 2 When responding, always think you are first due and prepare accordingly

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Awesome job on Vanore Drive and Well Drive fires
- 2 Had issue with water supply and couplings, hats off to everyone who worked scene
- 3 PM’s all done, Dom has new AC vents & stops for 979
- 4 Like to thank everyone who participated Sat in the Killer Bees games.
- 5 Good turnout for Doug’s brother

CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Welcome to our new Fire Clerk Russ Van Ness; please have patience during his training period.
- 2 Fire HQ is moving along, we will be moving the furniture in the next week or so.
- 3 Good job on recent fires
- 4 Accountability tags, waiting for an answer from the Boro Manager on the status of the machine.
- 5 As soon as the Capital Budget is approved and we get the authorization, we will order pagers and gear.
- 6 Please watch all radio etiquette. Remember, just because we are volunteer does not mean that we shouldn’t act like professionals.
- 7 Social media, we need to be careful what is posted on all social media accounts. Remember everyone is watching and reading and once it is placed on social media, it is there forever. We do not have an effective policy in place as of yet but that will be worked on immediately. Our media policy does not cover social media. Discussion held about social media comments directed at Chiefs. Chief spoke with Boro attorney. Have to respond through appropriate process.
- 8 Thank you to all of the members who participated in the Killer Bees basketball game. Great time had by all and thank you to Kyle TEnis for putting it all together on the FD side.
- 9 Firefighter One Graduation Ceremony of the Bergen County Fire Academy will be held at the Bergen County Academies, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack on Wed., 5/11/16 at 7:00pm.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:

- 1 Mayor presented proclamation to Fire Department from Killer Bees team.
- 2 Mary Ann Collura Scholarship fundraiser being held Sat, 4/16
- 3 Operating budget is approved Chief meeting with Boro manager starting on Capital budget should be approved by end of May early June.

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4 Great job at working fires, great stops.

FIRE PREVENTION:

Report attached

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1 Spare masks will be dropped off at Chief's office on Thursday

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:

1 Sent classes out to Companies. Cancelling fire police class.

2 Six members going to Indianapolis for one week.

3 Co 1 welcomes drills with other companies.

COMMITTEES:

Apparatus: On hold

Awards: No report

CAD: Need one (1) rep from each company to meet within the next week or two. Pro Phoenix will be the system. Covers most of what we have. Used by Paterson, Hackensack, Clifton, Rochelle Park. System will get real time information from Fire Prevention inspections in first line apparatus. Cloud based system, may be issue with Spellman system passing info to Phoenix.

Convention: On hold

Fitness: On hold

Funeral: None

Gear & Standards: committee should meet and review specs for next year.

Honor Guard: gloves we received are incorrect. Go to Harris and see if we can exchange.

Insurance: No report

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Improvement: setting up meeting to go over how we can raise more funds.

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No Report

LOSAP: Wendy working one day a week. Info may be delayed

Ordinance: Response from companies to eliminating one officer: Co #1 voted against ; Co#2 agreed to eliminate Lt; Co#3 agreed Eng is eliminated; Co#4 agreed undecided on which one to eliminate.

Radio: Progress

Reorg/planning: Under Ordinance

SOG: No Report

Training Center: No Report

Uniform: No Report

Website: No report

COMMUNICATONS:

1 Info on upcoming wetdowns was distributed to all companies in their mailbox.

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1 –On a motion by Capt Sulvoc, seconded by Lt. Osback, motion to grant Jason Zink, Badge #13, Co #1 a six month leave of absence was approved.

2 – On a motion by Capt. Hennecke, seconded by Lt. Osback motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Delle Chiaie, Badge #137, Co.#3 was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1 – Mary Ann Collura fundraiser will be held Saturday, 4/16 at FL AC. Need volunteers to bartend. Will have 50/50, DJ, Pipe Band later in the day. Looking to raise \$5,000. Food has been donated, will have giveaways. 13 year anniversary of her passing.

2- Discussion on use of incident command. Use common sense when arriving on scene. Chief officer takes command. If company officer arrives first, he assumes command then transfers command to Chief upon their arrival.

NEW BUSNIESS:

1 – Motion by Capt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Hennecke to approve \$1,000 from Wyder Fund for William Parker's son. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1-Capt Solcov commented about the second Vanore Drive fire. Appreciated the cooperation and good job between companies.

2-Eng.. Zakrewski mentioned problem with ambulance corps getting first aid kits filled. He has been asking for two months and has been told supplies are on lock down. Every company needs to have their kits checked.

3- Jim Funcheon commented about the great job the young members did on Well Drive. Commented that the hydrant should be replaced.

4- Jeff Greco also commented about the great job the four youngest members did at the Vanore Drive fire.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Capt Hennecke, seconded by Lt. Osback, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Van Ness

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Fire Clerk

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

MONTHLY REPORT @ MARCH 31, 2016

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

• Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations	85	of	266	total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	101			
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	61	of	1,396	total
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• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	122			
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	1	of	2,112	total
• Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections	36			
• Fire Safety Permits issued	48			
• Permit inspections conducted	47			
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	16			
• Penalties collected (gross)	11	totaling	\$ 7,206	
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	4	totaling	\$ 1,700	
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	6			
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	14			

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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 Top Bagel & Deli, 34-05 Broadway

This establishment was ordered to cease cooking due to overdue periodic testing of the cooking suppression system, non-compliance to clean the cooking exhaust hood of grease and cooking residue, and failure to obtain a Fire Safety Permit. All violations were abated shortly afterward.

Our Savior Lutheran Nursery School, 1-22 Hartley Place

Fire alarm system is overdue for periodic testing and the emergency light in boiler room does not operate in this 7,000 square foot, 2-story, 49-child day care center, Life Hazard Use.

Group Home – Care Plus, 29-14 High Street

Fire alarm system is overdue for periodic testing, the Approved Fire Evacuation Plan could not be located, record of emergency evacuations and drills could not be located, and vents in boiler room are in disrepair in this 4-resident (plus staff) group home, a Life Hazard Use.

Peter Ferraro Moving & Storage, 3-35 Banta Place

Automatic fire sprinkler system is overdue for periodic testing and an emergency light is not operational in this 13,000 square foot storage facility, a Life Hazard Use.

Miter Box, 4-21 Banta Place

Our inspection revealed excessive accumulation of saw dust, an obstructed fire exit, and electrical hazards at this 1,000 square foot, spraying operation, a Life Hazard Use.

Prestige Window Fashions LLC, 4-19C Banta Place

Excessive accumulation of saw dust and electric hazards at the electric panel at this 2,000 square foot, window-fabrication facility.

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

- Congregation Shomrei Torah, 19-10 Morlot Ave
- Crunch Fitness-Parisi Sports Conditioning, et al., 2-22 Banta Place
- DePasquale Salon Systems, 21-21 Broadway
- Jack Daniels Service & Parts Center, 16-01 McBride Ave
- Hot Bagels, 6-05 Saddle River Road
- Fair Lawn Opportunity Center, 13-19 Fair Lawn Ave
- Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 Kipp St
- Group Home-Children's Aid & Family Services, 215 35th Street
- Brunswick Lanes, Lounge, and Snack Bar, 22-22 Maple Ave
- Temple Beth Shalom Nursery, 40-25 Fair Lawn Ave
- Gasland, 21-22 Saddle River Road

Submitted by,
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Fire Marshal