

Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 2016

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 5/11/2016 AT 8:05PM BY CHIEF YUSKAITIS AT COMPANY 4.

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

Co.1 – Capt. Sulcov, Lt. Hriunk

Co.2 – Capt. Guerrieri, Eng. Zakriewski

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

Co.4 – Capt. Hennecke, Eng. R. Healey

Also in attendance were –Lauren Healey, Jeff Greco, Mayor Cosgrove, Wendy Tennis, Chris Hoitsma, Tom Carney

MINUTES:

On a motion by Capt. Sulcov, by Capt. Guerrieri, the minutes of the April Fire Board were approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 – 5” to Storz cap, 1 Storz to 5” cap, two sets accountability tags, 50’ heavy gauge extension cord.

Co.2 –5 sets mask straps, accountability tags

Co.3 – 5 Min 5 batteries, accountability tags

Co.4 –SCBA #8 repaired; accountability tags

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 – four sets badges and name tags, pager repair, (2) pagers, (2) chain saw repairs, various chain and K12 blades, Co#1 helmet fronts.

Co.2 –Rags, (1) boot repair, (1) 1250 radio battery, (2) intake ball gasket seal kits for Quint 2.

Co.3 – Engine 3 plymovent repair, numbers for helmets 52,131, badge 61, (4) regular member shields, (7) turnout pants repairs, rags, cleaning supplies.

Co.4- cleaning supplies, rags.

BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Radios –progress, Engine 3 should be finished in next couple of weeks.
- 2 Chief would like companies to have hydrant drills. Let him know when hydrant evolution drills are planned, he would like to attend.
- 3 Will be out of town Tuesday-Saturday week of 5/16.

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 All companies should be working on Boro drills ASAP. Should be working drills, all companies, if Mutual Aid is needed let him know.
- 2 Dep Chief is handling all parades, let him know if interested in attending.
- 3 Co. #1 Happy Hour to be announced, will be held in June
- 4 Will be out of town Tuesday-Saturday

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Have to reschedule ProPhoenix, conflict, will talk with Rep for new date
- 2 Dress shirt sizing will be held Mon, 5/16 Co#3, 7:30-8:30PM
- 3 Progress on accountability tags
- 4 Co#4 annual golf outing 6/6
- 5 Gear & Standards committee should meet and look at new portable radios.
- 6 Upper Saddle River will be hosting the annual Field Day, 6/4, deadline to register 5/25, pickup instructions 6/3.
- 7 will be away Tues to Sat.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 Russ Van Ness is moving along very well as our new fire clerk and we would all like to say thank you to Chris Hoitsma for working on the transition. Russ is working on many projects for the future to organize fire HQ.
- 2 Fire HQ is changing very quickly and more changes are coming. The Chiefs' office is moved to the back office and the front area should be done soon. The quartermaster area is complete and the only thing left to do is log in the equipment.
- 3 Memorial Day services will be moved to 09:00 hrs, it is something new that the Chiefs are trying and we will see how it works. The department picture will be immediately after and then directly to the line of march.
- 4 We received a donation of \$100 from the Sunshine Rotary Club for the First Day 5K, it will go to the Improvement fund.
- 5 Capital money will be available starting tomorrow and we will be moving immediately on the new gear and pagers.
- 6 We have a donation request of \$100 from the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program.
- 7 Social media policy is being reviewed and written by Boro Attorney for review at next Fire Board.
- 8 The funeral committee will be notified to work on expanding the procedures for numerous types of funerals.

9 Upcoming parades: Memorial Day on Monday, 5/30 09:00 hrs; Elmwood Park 100th Anniversary Parade, Sat, 6/12, 7/4 parade. Do we want to attend Ridgewood or Glen Rock? Some want to go to Glen Rock, shorter parade, up to companies, discuss and let Deputy Chief know.

10 Please continue to work on getting involvement in the ReOrganization committee especially from younger members.

11 NORCOM field day will be held in Upper Saddle River on Sat, 6/4 at 11:00 am. Let's try to get a team together.

§ 12 Captains, please have your company rosters and committee lists sent to FHQ so we can get them on record for future and we also need them for other records as well so please get them in right away.

12 Fireworks will be on Thursday, 6/30, with a rain date of 7/6.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:

1 Guys are doing a great job, good stops at recent fires. Mayor questioned how many calls we for Glen Rock. Received \$500 donation from Glen Rock to go into Improvement Fund.

2 Update on businesses: Pathmark lot, no formal application yet, thought might be something similar to the Promenade. Waiting for Landmark to start development on Daley Field. Would like to pave Plaza Road when construction is complete. Vanderbeck House developer will keep house and build town houses on lot. By mid July, intersection of Wagaraw Road and Maple Ave should be complete, time delay installed on Morlot and River; within next two years, Fair Lawn Ave and Saddle River Rd should have turning lanes, issues with property. Gas station proposal for the 16 block of Route 208. Appears Shop Rite will stay in town.

FIRE PREVENTION:

No Report Discussion about call at the Opportunity Center. Fire Inspector could not respond because it was his holiday. There should be a backup/alternate inspector to respond. Opportunity Center issue has been rectified by Fire Prevention the following Monday. FYI Jimmy's Cookies building is empty.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1 No Report

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:

1 Sent classes out to Companies. Waiting to hear from Capt. Pro Board \$65 fee to take test.

COMMITTEES:

Apparatus: On hold

Awards: No report

CAD: Reschedule meeting with ProPhoenix

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Convention: On hold

Fitness: On hold

Funeral: Committee should call for meeting.

Gear & Standards: hasn't met in months.

Honor Guard: no report

Insurance: No report

Improvement: \$100 donation from Sunrise Rotary

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No Report

LOSAP: need company rosters to verify LOSAP info.

Ordinance: no report

Radio: We should see if radios are capable of not keying up when there is already air traffic. We talk over each other . Batt. Chief will investigate.

Reorg/planning: met last week. Recommendation to eliminate the Engineer position. Companies to determine who will be responsible for apparatus. Ordinance 13-5 eliminate Engineer position and rewrite ordinance.

SOG: No Report

Training Center: No Report

Uniform: No Report

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Website: No report

COMMUNICATONS:

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

- 1 – On a motion by Capt Sulvoc, seconded by Capt. Hennecke, motion to accept Arthur Safavi as a regular member of the department. He is assigned badge #10.
- 2 – On a motion by Capt. Hennecke, seconded by Capt. Guerrieri, motion to accept Bryan Reinhardt as a probationary member of Co.#1. He is assigned badge A2.
- 3 – On a motion by Capt. Hennecke, seconded by Capt Guerrieri, motion to accept Dan Dekker as a probationary member of Co#1. He is assigned badge A3.
- 4 – On a motion by Capt. Demeraski, seconded by Capt. Guerrieri, motion to accept Anthony Messina as a regular member of Co.#3. He is assigned badge #131.
- 5 – On a motion by Capt Sulcov, seconded by Capt Demeraski, motion to accept Kevin Beites as a regular member of Co.#3. He is assigned badge # 52.
- 6 – On a motion by Capt. Demeraski, seconded by Capt. Hennecke, motion to accept Sean Redl as a probationary member of Co.#3. He is assigned badge # A3.
- 7 – On a motion by Capt. Hennecke, seconded by Capt. Demeraski, motion to accept the resignation of Probationary firefighter EJ Beverly of Co#4. He held badge A1.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1 – Discussion on equipment stickers. Each apparatus should have their own sticker to identify tools by color. Further details will be gotten from each company regarding their company colors.
- 2- Co.#3 needs gear repaired. Has six sets of pants that require repair. Will check balance on PO and advise Capt.
- 3- Discussion on truss roofs and floor stickers. Chief advised that stickers have been ordered by the building department. The plan is to present first sticker to Mayor & Council. They will be mounted on side of electric meters facing road.

NEW BUSNISS:

- 1- Co#4 asked about attending wetdown at Ringwood this coming Saturday. No objection.
- 2- Discussion on giving donation to the Bergen County Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program. On a motion by Chief Yuskaitis, seconded by Capt. Hennecke, move to make \$100 donation from the Improvement Fund if funds are available. Motion carried.
- 3- Discussion on out-of-pocket expense incurred by members that attended the training. Total of \$1,102.84 which included car rental and baggage fees. Misunderstanding on what members had to pay. Was told there is a shuttle to transport between hotel and classes. Chief mentioned that we have problem doing fund raisers to support the Improvement Fund. Need to do some to build up account. Chief will check with Doug to see if there is money to cover this expense.
- 4- Discussion on hose and ladder testing. Getting quotes.

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5- Motion by Capt. Demeraski, seconded by Capt. Hennecke to move forward to eliminate the Engineer's position effective 1/1/17. Co.#1, no, Co.#2, no, Co.#3, yes, Co.#4, yes, Battalion Chief, yes, Assistant Chief, yes, Chief, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1- Eng. Boldofsky said the members had a wonderful time at the training. A lot of hand on training. Four members are trying to meet and prepare presentation for the Chiefs. Thank Mayor and Council for allowing us to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Capt Sulcov, seconded by Capt Guererri, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Van Ness

Russ Van Ness
Fire Clerk