

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

November 8, 2010

Chairman Hansch called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 8:02 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

Commissioners present: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane, & Hansch

Absent: None

At this time the Chairman read the following: Pursuant to statutes made and provided, let the minutes show that notice of this meeting was transmitted to the following newspapers: The Hanover Eagle and the Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The chairman called for the acceptance of the pre-meeting minutes and the regular minutes from last month. Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to accept last month's minutes. The move was seconded by Comm. Barz and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. Cobane moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Comm. J. Mihalko seconded the move and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - September 30, 2010	\$219,925.64
October Checks	(\$124,646.54)
Back Union Dues	(\$400.00)
Payroll Tax	(\$99.07)

Deposits for the Month of October 2010

VFIS - Towing claim for #83	Other income	\$416.25
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3-M	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
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Township of Hanover	False Alarms -Sept	\$50.00
Liberty Mutual	revised Audit	\$7,503.00
Blispak	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Summerfield Suite	Penalty 212	\$250.00
Summerfield Suite	Penalty 212-A	\$250.00
A&A Auto Wreckers	Permits & Fees	\$331.00
Richbar Freight	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Cobra Auto	Permits & Fees	\$331.00
Halo Pharmecuetical	Permits & Fees	\$539.00
Liberty Mutual	Audit refund	\$670.00

Interest - August	TD Bank	\$30.48
Void Check 4442 - Toshiba		\$400.00
Interest - September	TD Bank	\$44.84
Interest - October	TD Bank	\$37.59
<u>Balance on Hand, October 31, 2010</u>		<u>\$137,304.89</u>

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand October 31, 2010 **\$2,824.03**

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand October 31, 2010 **\$746.55**

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand September 30, 2010 **\$780,253.37**

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting \$159,422.44

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters recharged 2 extinguishers.
- Two helmets were purchased from the Fire Store.
- Jonach Electronics repaired one pager.
- Minerva Cleaners cleaned and repaired 7 coats and 6 pants turnout gear.

Apparatus

- Engine 83 should be ready within the next week.

Training

- Training for the month of October was:
 - Search and Rescue.
 - ARFF training at the Airport.
 - We conducted the Boater Safety Class with 14 members.
- Training for the month of November will be:
 - RIC operations on the 16th.
 - We are going to the Fire Academy on the 23rd.
 - On the 30th we will be going over the schedule for 2011 and also what will be expected from everyone pertaining to training for the year.

Purchases

- I would like to purchase a Rit Bag that will be used for dragging a downed fire fighter.

1.	Rit Bag (direct from the manufacturer)	\$264.15
2.	Fire Store	\$469.99

Fire Prevention

- Forty two (42) inspections /re-inspections were conducted last month and \$1,369.00 dollars in permits were collected and \$500.00 in penalties.
- Chief Davidson and I gave Joe Giorgio our final draft of the Fire Prevention Ordinance. It will now be up to the town for adoption.

EMS

- Fifty three (53) calls were answered last month. Total for the year is 486 up 142 from last year at this time.

Fire

- For the month of October we responded to 27 emergencies.

Other Matters and Announcements

- 4 OPRA Request were completed.
- 2 Plan Reviews were completed.
- Fire Prevention month has started with multiple classes all ready completed and scheduled.
- Our RIC Company responded into East Hanover last month for a fire in a commercial building.
- Last month I received a message from George Coppola regarding the town going to the County Communication Center. He stated that the committee is going to reopen the discussion with the County. George will be arrainging a meeting among all stake holders.

A motion was made to accept the Chief's /Fire Officials report and act on any approvals at the necessary time later in the meeting. This motion was made by Comm. Cobane and was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Money was donated by Judy Iradi to the Fire Company. It was collected in memory of Jack Korn. \$32.42 was turned over to Craig Leaman, Fire Co. Treasurer.
- The Old GMC Truck from 1939 was donated back to the town from the Trapp family. It's been insured for now and looks really great.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Building: Timer for outside light is not working. The guys will check it.

Apparatus: Chief hasn't heard anything new on 83. They did the UL pump test on it. The sensors on the turbo were bad so it didn't pass the test. They're waiting for new parts. The insurance company will pay to transport it back here for us and Eddie May will come here to do the lettering.

Insurance: Mike is looking into the Health insurance. He met with an agent and also with the paid guys. If we stay where we're at, insurance will go up 18%. The guys are willing to work with us and Mike is waiting for some new numbers.

Dinner: Nothing

Mementos: Nothing

First Aid: We had 53 calls this month, up 142 from last year. We have sent Cedar Knolls a letter saying there will be in interlocal agreement. We're willing to pay around \$35,000 which is half of the operating expenses. Henry is trying to get a meeting together with the mayor, George, and Cedar Knolls to see what we can do.

Our goal is to do this job well – like it is running now. We're hoping one of the guys over there will move toward soft billing, which will help all of us. We've looked departments that are doing it and this could be the key to the future.

If Cedar Knolls refuses to go along, we're hoping the town will help explain to them the benefits of going that route. We've done research and presented it to them. Now it's up to them.

Township: **George Coppola** responded: He met with the mayor and Cedar Knolls personnel. They're going to come up with a resolution in 2 weeks. They will present it to their volunteers first and will have an answer around the 18th of the month. The town, of course, would like to see it worked out between us.

Relocation: Meeting with architect going on right now next door. Going over the bid package and setting TENTATIVE dates.

FIRE COMPANY PART OF THE MEETING

Relocation meeting going on now.
Nothing else at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance – last week Chief spoke to Annette and told her to tell Mr. Giorgio to go ahead with the document after review. It's in the town's hands now. Should be done by the end of the year.

Parsippany – Joint Commissioners meeting with Alex DeCroce. They're going to talk about Gov. Christie and the overall ramifications for the Fire Depts. in NJ.

By the January meeting – we should have role and job descriptions and goals for each position. This will help with reviews also.

NEW BUSINESS

We're trying to condense the Chief's report. We will keep full reports for 2 members and make summary reports for everyone else.

Chief requests the following purchase: A Rit bag for dragging a downed firefighter. \$264.15 from the manufacturer. A motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko to approve this purchase. The motion was seconded by Comm. Hansch and was approved by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

Chief's Updates:

- Airport training Drill – Best participation our guys have had in a while. Live Burn also.
- Communications Center – Town looking to get a meeting together with us about using them. Wants to have the meeting here and not at the County.
- 85 will stay outside with a snowplow attached for now, since we have the '39.
- Lucent property almost completed. The mayor will meet with the new owners and the chief regarding condition of building and how best to vacate them safely. When they turn off the heat and electric, it will also affect the fire alarms.
- Planet Fitness – moving into the old CVS location in Pine Plaza.
- Accident with 83 – There will be a lawsuit for injuries – against us.
- ER bill for Henry for that day is approximately \$800. We are going to try to submit it through Workers Comp and / or our vehicle insurance.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

Janet Hammond commended Local 109 for their Beefsteak dinner, which raised \$3,100 plus \$1,000 from Morristown for the Miracle for Mark family.

There were 9 members of the public present.

BILLS

Comm. Cobane moved that the following bills be paid. The move was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

10/07/2010	4482	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-1,483.95
10/07/2010	4483	Domb Lighting & Electrical Supply	Operating Materials & Supplies	-17.46
10/07/2010	4484	J C P & L	Utilities	-3.25
10/07/2010	4485	PSE&G	Utilities	-465.00
10/07/2010	4486	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-54.11
10/07/2010	4487	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Employee Benefits-Other	-215.64
10/07/2010	4488	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-17.45
10/07/2010	4489	Finish Line Car Wash	Operating Materials & Supplies	-42.00
10/07/2010	4490	Eagle Auto Body	Engine 83	-976.00
10/07/2010	4491	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-328.92
10/07/2010	4492	Whippany Fire Company	payroll	-5,800.00
10/07/2010	4493	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-103.93
10/07/2010	4494	Brunners Garage	Car 201	-474.29
10/07/2010	4495	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-156.66
10/08/2010	4496	Batteries Plus	Operating Materials & Supplies	-22.78
10/08/2010	4497	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-461.47
10/08/2010	4498	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-268.65
10/15/2010		Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	-13,081.35
10/15/2010		Township of Hanover	Pension Expense	-400.00
10/18/2010	4499	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,134.36
10/18/2010	4500	PSE&G	Utilities	-10.52
10/18/2010	4501	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-25.00
10/18/2010	4502	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,850.34
10/18/2010	4503	Witmer Associates, Inc	Operating Materials & Supplies	-102.98
10/18/2010	4504	ATM Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-249.75
10/18/2010	4505	USCG / US Coast Guard Auxiliary 10-20	Training and Education	-910.00
10/18/2010	4506	ACE Com	Operating Materials & Supplies	-112.25
10/18/2010	4507	Moore Medical	Operating Materials & Supplies	-47.45
10/20/2010	4508	Firehouse	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-39.95
10/20/2010	4509	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-193.55
10/20/2010	4510	Universal Uniform Sales Co., Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-155.85
10/20/2010	4511	Tech Net Plus	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-249.00
10/20/2010	4512	Whippany Rotary Club	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-238.00

10/20/2010	4513	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-88.00
10/20/2010	4514	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-2,853.70
10/20/2010	4515	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
10/22/2010	eft	PFRS	Pension Expense	-6,243.57
10/25/2010	4516	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,525.10
10/25/2010	4517	Witmer Associates, Inc	Operating Materials & Supplies	-521.99
10/25/2010	4518	Board of Fire Commissioners District No.	EMS Services	-18,750.00
10/29/2010	4519	Exxon Fleet	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,209.87
10/29/2010	4520	Turnout - Totowa	Operating Materials & Supplies	-164.98
10/29/2010	4521	Sprint	Utilities	-61.48
10/29/2010	4522	Concern	Professional Services	-450.00
10/29/2010	4523	Cablevision	Utilities	-242.56
10/29/2010	4524	Daily Record	Advertising	-46.96
10/29/2010	4525	State of New Jersey - Division of Pension	Pension Expense	0.00
10/29/2010	4526	Public employees' Retirement System	Employee Benefits	-40,716.82
10/30/2010	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	payroll	-15,632.30
11/03/2010	4548	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Fire Extinguishers	-36.00
11/03/2010	4547	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-78.50
11/03/2010	4546	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-454.71
11/03/2010	4545	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-451.70
11/03/2010	4544	William Wodynski	Training and Education	-45.00
11/03/2010	4543	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-285.00
11/03/2010	4542	Cascade Subscription Service, Inc.	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-76.00
11/03/2010	4541	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-228.54
11/03/2010	4540	Jonach Electronics	REPAIRS & Maintenance	-178.00
11/03/2010	4539	Moore Medical	Medical Supplies	-47.45
11/03/2010	4538	Anthony Lori	Wildwood	-599.00
11/03/2010	4537	John V. Keena	Wildwood	-599.00
11/03/2010	4536	Julie Mihalko	Wildwood	-256.00
11/03/2010	4535	Henry Hansch	Wildwood	-256.00
11/03/2010	4534	Robert Cobane	Wildwood	-599.00
11/03/2010	4533	William Dixon	Wildwood	-499.00
11/03/2010	4532	Ken Schleifer	Wildwood	-499.00
11/03/2010	4531	Dan Scharf	Wildwood	-499.00
11/03/2010	4530	Walter Kruger	Wildwood	-599.00
11/03/2010	4529	Tom Rebyak	Wildwood	-499.00
11/03/2010	4528	John R. Woytas	Wildwood	-599.00
11/03/2010	4549	William Wodynski	Wildwood	-599.00
11/08/2010	4550	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-4,825.00
11/08/2010	4551	PSE&G	Utilities	-477.52
11/08/2010	4552	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Employee Benefits-Other	-215.64
11/08/2010	4553	Henry Hansch	Commissioners	-2,600.00
11/08/2010	4554	Robert Cobane	Commissioners	-2,600.00
11/08/2010	4555	Julie Mihalko	Commissioners	-2,000.00
11/08/2010	4556	Michael Mihalko	Commissioners	-2,600.00
11/08/2010	4557	Ronald Barz	Commissioners	-2,000.00
11/08/2010	4558	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-287.00
11/08/2010	4559	Turnout - Totowa	Work Clothing	-299.85
11/08/2010	4560	Turnout Fire & Safety	Work Clothing	-200.74

11/08/2010	4561	ACE Com	Pager Repair	-179.25
11/08/2010	4562	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-32.00
11/08/2010	4563	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-26.00
11/08/2010	4564	Firefighter One, LLC	Turnout Gear	<u>-8,450.00</u>
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				159,422.44

Comm. Julie Mihalko made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Comm. Hansch and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant