

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2011

Chairman Hansch called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 8:00 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

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

Also Present: Chief Cortright & Township Committee Liaison George Coppola

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.

First order of business: Julie Mihalko was sworn in for another 3 year term as Fire Commissioner. Congratulations to Julie from everyone here.

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. Cobane 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. Hansch 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 - January 31, 2010	\$30,918.73
February Checks	(\$101,845.35)
From Money Market Account	\$75,000.00

Deposits for the Month of February 2011

Verizon	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Zeris	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Bagel Brunch	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms - Jan	\$1,275.00
Matts Fine Jewelry	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Ukranian Cultural center	Penalty 212	\$1,000.00
Ukranian Cultural center	Penalty 212-A	\$1,000.00
Registration Fees		\$10,025.00
Interest - February	TD Bank	\$8.09
Interest - January	TD Bank	\$30.53

Void Check 4782

advertising

\$94.29

Balance on Hand, February 28, 2011

\$18,129.29

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand February 28, 2011

\$2,825.43

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand February 28, 2011

\$746.93

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand February 28, 2011

\$705,715.56

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$110,127.91

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters the truck charger for our Pac Tracking system. (Warranty)

Apparatus

- Air leak repaired on Engine 82.

Training

- Training for March will be on the:
 - 15th Equipment Location
 - 22nd Pump Ops refresher
 - 29th Mask Confidence

Purchases

- No purchase requests.
- The drag device that we ordered 2 months ago has been received.

Fire Prevention

- Thirty-eight (38) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$126.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- Forty-nine (49) calls were answered last month.

Fire

- For the month of February we responded to Thirty-nine (39) emergencies.

Other Matters and Announcements

- All Non LHU businesses were sent a second invoice for the 2011 registration.
- Tim Cook is now a probationary member.
- The water authority will be replacing the water mains and hydrants on the following streets in town. Troy Hills Road, Ford Hill Road, and Park Avenue between Whippany Road and Columbia Turnpike.
- As you are all aware 4 of our members assisted the HTPD with the apprehension of the PNC bank robbers. Chief Gallagher and I nominated Bob Cobane, Rob Cobane, Ian Bell and Paul Perrello for a Meritorious Award from the Morris County 200 Club along with officers Paul Weaver and Chris Martino.

They were all chosen to receive the award and will be presented the award at the 200 Club Award Dinner held on April 28, 2011 at the Villa in Mt. Lakes. Congratulations to everyone.

A motion was made to accept the above 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

None at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Building: Light still not working. Woody looking into it.

Apparatus: Nothing at this time.

Insurance: Mike Cowley had some issues, which have been worked out. Working on policies. More discussions to follow.

Dinner: Nothing

Mementos: In progress.

First Aid: Comm. Barz reported that EMS responded to 49 calls this month. With 15 days to go, we still have not heard one word from Cedar Knolls as to how they're handling EMS in the township. We're still sitting tight.

George Coppola reported that on Thursday, March 24th, there is a meeting of the Bureau and they will have to have some answers for us by then.

LIASIONS:

Township: County dispatch. George forwarded Chief Davidson's thoughts on it. Chief Gallagher has someone coming in to look at the system. The guy knows radios and things and will take an unbiased look. Tom Harrington will also be looking at it with them. The County wants everyone – not piecemeal. By 2013 we will be locked out.

Radios – Chief Cortright started the paperwork with the FCC, to re-register our system as of now. If we end up going with the County, we can always drop it. We're being pro-active.

George Coppola also reported that Police Lt. Len O'Laughlin is retiring May 1st. The town is going to ask Brian Pilipie to come back.

The new bank is going in soon.

FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING

The architect has to have another meeting with the Building Dept tomorrow.

We haven't made a decision whether to go with the lowest bid or the second lowest.

There were 14 bids total, ranging from 3.4 to 4.6 million. No decision has been made yet. Copies of the bids are with the lawyers. We should have them back in a week. The agreement between us and Sam is pretty much done. Time to move the rocks

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing right now.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, the Secretary, Comm. Cobane read the attached resolutions aloud. They are attached to these minutes. They were all voted on and accepted with a consent agenda as follows:

A Resolution naming the meeting schedule for the year 2011-2012. Meeting dates will be April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 08, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12 of 2011 and January 9, February 13, and March 13th of 2012.

A Resolution naming the Hanover Eagle and/or the Daily Record as the official newspapers of the Board for 2011-2012.

A Resolution naming Vince Montenino as the auditor for the Board for 2011-2012.

A Resolution naming TD Bank as the official depository of the Board for 2011-2012.

A Resolution naming Joseph O'Toole, Counselor-at-Law, for our legal services for the year 2011-2012.

The motion to accept all the above resolutions on a consent agenda was made by Comm. Hansch and seconded by Comm. Barz. It passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

The Chief and the Board congratulated Rob and Robert Cobane, Ian Bell and Paul Perrello once again for their role in apprehending two bank robbers this year. They will be inducted into the Morris County 200 Club and will be honored on April 28th at a dinner.

Approval was requested for the use of an apparatus at the annual Little League opening Day celebrations. The motion to accept this request was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Barz. It passed by the following vote;

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Julie Mihalko commended the Chief's daughter Amanda on her "My Hero" essay about her father. The essay was read at the Hanover Wind Symphony concert and music played to honor the heroes. Joshua Willans, son of Whippany firefighter Steve Willans, also had his essay selected. His heroes were our military.

The electric bill for the firehouse has quadrupled from this same period last year. The usage – not the rate. Only one month this year was estimated. The rest were actual readings. It needs to be looked into.

It may be the compressors. We can have JCP&L look at the meter and make sure that's not the problem. We'll contact Brian Kelly first.

The Chief reported that a lawyer in town, Mr. Curley, is contesting the registration fee, saying it's against his constitutional rights and he will be filing a lawsuit. His letter was forwarded to the township attorney. So far, he is the only business in town with a complaint. Fees are coming in daily.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

Janet thanked the fire department for the use of the firehouse for the annual Girl Scout cookie delivery. Over 19,000 boxes were delivered this year.

There were 6 members of the public present.

BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

02/03/2011	4723	Domb Lighting & Electrical Supply	Operating Materials & Supplies	-52.02
02/03/2011	4724	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-413.83
02/03/2011	4725	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	repairs & Maintenance	-266.50
02/03/2011	4726	Johnny's Pizza	Operating Materials & Supplies	-63.02
02/03/2011	4727	Rios' Engraving	Engraving	-20.00
02/03/2011	4728	About Me	Operating Materials & Supplies	-860.00
02/03/2011	4729	Drew Scelba	Computers	-150.00
02/03/2011	4730	Paul Perrele	Medical Benefits	-5.00
02/03/2011	4731	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-439.67
02/03/2011	4732	CONFINED SPACE SERVICES	Training and Education	-200.00
02/03/2011	4733	Lifesavers, Inc.	Training and Education	-478.91
02/03/2011	4734	Lakewood Communications	Computers	-269.00
02/03/2011	4735	Firefighter One, LLC	Operating Materials & Supplies	-215.20
02/03/2011	4736	Cablevision	Utilities	-244.02
02/03/2011	4737	Board of Fire Commissioners District No.	EMS Services	-17,500.00
02/03/2011	4738	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-12.98
02/03/2011	4740	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-4,825.00
02/03/2011	4739	Daily Record	Advertising	-41.76
02/03/2011	4741	Morristown Memorial	Medical Benefits	-826.00
02/07/2011	4742	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-702.22
02/07/2011	4743	Brunners Garage	Utility 85	-280.32
02/07/2011	4744	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-32.50
02/07/2011	4745	Politi Auto Parts	Other	-25.69
02/07/2011	4746	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-720.43
02/07/2011	4747	Janet Gant-Hammond	Office Supplies	-89.73
02/08/2011	4748	Robert Cobane	Office Supplies	-9.64
02/08/2011	4749	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-216.00
02/08/2011	4750	PSE&G	utilities	-856.66
02/14/2011	4751	Firefighter One, LLC	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,110.18
02/14/2011	4752	About Me	Operating Materials & Supplies	-199.00
02/14/2011	4753	J C P & L	utilities	-862.24
02/14/2011	4754	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-25,494.00
02/14/2011	4755	Witmer Associates, Inc	Helmets	-76.00

02/14/2011	4756	Parker Publications	Advertising	-169.06
02/14/2011	4757	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-650.59
02/14/2011	4758	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-14.94
02/14/2011	4759	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,166.07
02/14/2011	4760	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	0.00
02/14/2011	4761	Do-It-Yourself, Inc.	Engine 83	-74.39
02/14/2011	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	payroll	-15,115.94
02/19/2011	4762	STEPHEN GOLDBLATT	Elections	-175.00
02/19/2011	4763	Elizabeth Lori	Elections	-125.00
02/19/2011	4764	Patricia Cobane	Elections	-125.00
02/19/2011	4765	Joseph Makowski	Elections	-125.00
02/23/2011	4766	Cablevision	Utilities	-244.02
02/23/2011	4767	Office Equipment Finance Services	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
02/23/2011	4768	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
02/23/2011	4769	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,511.79
02/23/2011	4770	Robert Cobane	Elections	-31.00
02/23/2011	4771	CF Services	Engine 81	-120.00
02/23/2011	4772	Morris Cty Fire Prevention Assoc. Inc.	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-210.00
02/23/2011	4773	D & R Car Tops	Engine 83	-100.00
02/23/2011	4774	Parker Publications	Advertising	-125.34
02/23/2011	4775	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-695.36
02/23/2011	4776	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-107.09
02/23/2011	4777	GRAINGER	Operating Materials & Supplies	-484.22
02/23/2011	4778	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,510.00
02/28/2011	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	payroll	-14,145.05
02/28/2011	4779	Ian Bell	Boots	-10.43
02/28/2011	4780	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-55.95
02/28/2011	4781	MCAAFC	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-25.00
02/28/2011	4782	Parker Publications	Advertising	0.00
02/28/2011	4783	Election Graphics, Inc.	Elections	-375.00
03/07/2011	4784	NJ Press / Media Solutions	Advertising	-53.20
03/07/2011	4785	Culligan	Water	-12.40
03/07/2011	4786	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-90.96
03/07/2011	4787	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-32.50
03/07/2011	4788	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-34.05
03/07/2011	4789	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-437.25
03/07/2011	4790	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-88.00
03/09/2011	4791	J C P & L	Utilities	-800.12
03/09/2011	4792	PSE&G	Utilities	-570.00
03/09/2011	4793	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-3,746.00
03/09/2011	4794	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-539.28
03/09/2011	4795	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-216.29
03/09/2011	4796	Same Day Transportation Specialists	Elections	-95.00
03/14/2011	4797	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-678.41
03/14/2011	4798	Continental Fire & Safety	Operating Materials & Supplies	-102.00
03/14/2011	4799	PSE&G	Utilities	-207.65
03/14/2011	4800	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-236.75
03/14/2011	4801	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-150.00
03/14/2011	4802	CF Services	Engine 82	-261.00

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

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

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant