

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

**May 9th, 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.

**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. Barz 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 - March 31, 2011	<b>\$117,224.97</b>
April Checks	(\$51,726.10)

**Deposits for the Month of April 2011**

Eagle Adjusting	Record Request	\$3.00
Breeze eastern	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Terrys Auto body	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
United Metrowest Jcc	Permits & Fees	\$42.00

Registration Fees	\$1,025.00
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<b><u>Balance on Hand, April 30, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>\$66,652.87</u></b>
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**TD Bank Money Market**

Balance on Hand April 30, 2011	<b><u>\$2,826.14</u></b>
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**Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251**

**TD Bank**

Balance on Hand April 30, 2011

\$747.12

**Active Assets Account #615 108684 107**  
**Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney**

Balance on Hand April 30, 2011

\$705,751.53

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$68,438.52

**CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT**

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters repaired one SCBA Pack and 2 sets of boots were purchased for new members.
- Minerva Cleaners cleaned and repaired 1 set of gear and repaired 2 Bail Out bags.
- Rope and Webbing were purchased from Fire Fighter 1 and distributed to members who needed the equipment.

Apparatus

- Everything is ok.

Training

- Training for May will be on the:
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Hose Line Advancement
  - 24<sup>th</sup> We are going to the Fire Academy
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Water Rescue

Purchases

- No requests

Fire Prevention

- Forty five (45) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$126.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- Thirty nine (39) calls were answered last month.

Fire

- For the month of April we responded to forty-three (43) emergencies.

Other Matters and Announcements

- As of May 6<sup>th</sup> we had 205 of 225 Non-LHU businesses have paid their bills. We have 20 outstanding businesses that have not paid. Totaling \$1,700.00 still to be collected.
- Chief Davidson and I met with a consultant from Wireless Communications regarding upgrades that will need to be made to the radio system when and if we have to Narrowband. We supplied him with makes and models of all radio equipment and he also looked at our repeaters. He will be getting back to us with prices for any new equipment and also reprogramming of any existing equipment. At the time of this report I did not have any further information for you. As soon as I get a report I will forward it to all Commissioners.
- I recognized a problem with communication while we were responding to the chimney fire in Cedar Knolls two weeks ago. There were missed messages and assignments coming from the Incident Commander to incoming/arriving apparatus. In an effort to resolve these issues we are looking into a head set system for the apparatus that would be tied into our radios. Further information will be here for next month's meeting.
- Tom Brueno from Eden Landscaping is taking care of our lawn free of charge again this year.
- I met with the new general contractor at the Crestwood Nursing Home. They are in the process of completely gutting the entire structure and are planning on completing Phase 1 of the project before the end of the year.

- The final Phase of the Sterling Wood project (the old Rowe Manufacturing site) will be starting soon. They have remediated all ground water contamination, and will be putting up the final 20 residential houses.
- Michael Cowley was injured at the Oak Ridge fire on April 9<sup>th</sup>. He is back to work. He will be going for knee surgery in June.
- Memorial Day will start with a breakfast at the Community Center 7-8:15 a ceremony at Town Hall at 8:30 and parade starting at 9:30.
- Four members went exempt this year.

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. J. Mihalko and was seconded by Comm. Cobane. It was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Nothing at this meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time.

**Building:** Comm. Barz checked the Air conditioning unit and it works.

**Apparatus:** Everything is good.

**Insurance:** Being looked into.

**Dinner:** Nothing at this time.

**Mementos:** Nothing at this time.

**First Aid:** Comm. Barz reported that EMS responded to 39 calls this month. Twenty of those calls were in the first week of this month.

**Cedar Knolls:** Nothing to report as yet.

## **LIASIONS:**

**Township:** George Coppola - The JCC reported that they have made a donation to the township of \$10,000. Not sure how the money will be disseminated. There was some sent now and the rest will come later when they build another group of units. Dorsey has worked it out so it comes to the township –then we'll figure out how to get it to you. It can't go 'directly' to the fire departments.

George would like to keep it in writing that every 5 years, it will be reevaluated. This way, if someone leaves the board, it will be there in writing.

It was mentioned that the Cedar Knolls ambulance squad was getting the money. George said to have faith – that we will be getting some also.

A discussion took place about the Lucent property. George said that there is nothing in place yet. It will be July or August before we know more. Bayer was interested and over here; they could customize it and make it their World Headquarters. They are also looking in Mount Olive.

There is a Meet and Greet for the new DARE officer at Town Hall this week.

County Dispatch: George and Joe Giorgio are going to meet with John Bonanni to talk about it. He might be able to save us some money on radios.

For the minutes: Sam Moreale called George up the other day and asked him what was happening with the sign for the bank he's putting in. George said "What's happening with the firehouse" and Sam hung up on him. He called back and said it was a bad connection, and he told George he was waiting for information from the Fire Company.

There is a breakfast and Memorial Service this Memorial Day. Breakfast is from 7:00-8:15, followed by the Memorial Service and then the parade.

## **FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING**

The Fire Company requested the use of the apparatus for the Memorial Day parade. A motion was made to grant this request by Comm. Cobane. It was seconded by Comm. Hansch and passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- There was a meeting at town hall about communications.
- Training for the Salamander Accessibility System will be provided by a grant from the Black Meadow Association.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At this time, Awards were presented by Chairman Hansch to the 4 men involved in the apprehension of dangerous fugitives during a township bank robbery.

Ian Bell, Rob Cobane, Robert Cobane, and Paul Perrello were the recipients of these awards and were honored for their service to the community.

The Board thanked the members and the Chief and Chairman presented them with the awards.

Note: Rob Cobane could not attend tonight and will be presented his tomorrow at the Member meeting.

## **PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING**

George Coppola stated that the 200 Club dinner was very nice.

There were 7 members of the public present.

## **BILLS**

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

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

NAYS: None

04/04/2011	4824	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-304.95
04/04/2011	4825	Paul Perrelo	Medical Benefits	-5.00
04/04/2011	4826	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-481.67
04/04/2011	4827	Morris County Public Safety Training	Training and Education	-150.00

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04/04/2011	4828	Egnis, LLC	Operating Materials & Supplies	-264.15
04/04/2011	4829	Daily Record	Advertising	-56.06
04/04/2011	4830	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-216.29
04/04/2011	4831	PSE&G	Utilities	-561.00
04/04/2011	4832	Politi Auto Parts	Other	-113.38
04/04/2011	4833	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-32.50
04/11/2011	4834	Suburban Propane	Station	0.00
04/11/2011	4835	State Line Fire & Safety, Inc.	Other	-187.60
04/11/2011	4836	CONFINED SPACE SERVICES	Training and Education	-1,000.00
04/11/2011	4837	PSE&G	Utilities	-114.67
04/11/2011	4838	Rios' Engraving	Engraving	-49.50
04/11/2011	4839	Township of Hanover	Gas/Diesel	-706.95
04/11/2011	4840	Brunners Garage	#84	-403.20
04/11/2011	4841	Morris Sign Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-125.00
04/11/2011	4842	Warnock Fleet & Leasing	Operating Materials & Supplies	-173.48
04/11/2011	4843	Paul Perrele	Medical Benefits	-10.00
04/11/2011	4844	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-265.31
04/11/2011	4845	J C P & L	Utilities	-862.73
04/15/2011	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Payroll	14,898.42
04/20/2011	4846	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-753.00
04/20/2011	4847	Mr. Auto Glass	Car 202	-225.00
04/20/2011	4848	Warnock Fleet & Leasing	Repairs & Maintenance	-130.40
04/20/2011	4849	Township of Hanover	Gas/Diesel	-603.33
04/20/2011	4850	J C P & L	Utilities	-44.90
04/26/2011	4851	Permadur Industries / Sissco	Other	-285.00
04/26/2011	4852	Parker Publications	Advertising	-22.32
04/26/2011	4853	Cablevision	Utilities	-244.02
04/26/2011	4854	State Line Fire & Safety, Inc.	Other	-381.70
04/26/2011	4855	Office Equipment Finance Services	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
04/26/2011	4856	Firefighter One, LLC	Operating Materials & Supplies	-480.95
04/26/2011	4857	ACE Com	Repairs & Maintenance	-673.50
04/26/2011	4858	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Engine 81	-2,468.32
04/26/2011	4859	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
04/26/2011	4860	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,570.40
04/26/2011	4861	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,511.79
04/26/2011	4862	Whippany Rotary Club	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-238.00
04/30/2011	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Payroll	14,409.31
05/02/2011	4863	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-4,824.75
05/02/2011	4864	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-866.07
05/02/2011	4865	ACE Com	#84	-114.00
05/02/2011	4866	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-432.39
05/06/2011	4867	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-165.49
05/06/2011	4868	Morristown Lumber	Operating Materials & Supplies	-103.98
05/06/2011	4869	Hartman Office Furniture	Operating Materials & Supplies	-13.50
05/06/2011	4870	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-216.29
05/06/2011	4871	PSE&G	Utilities	-561.00
05/09/2011	4872	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-7,995.00
05/09/2011	4873	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-358.80

05/09/2011	4874	Township of Hanover	Gas/Diesel	-884.48
05/09/2011	4875	J C P & L	Utilities	-3.25
05/09/2011	4876	ACE Com	Car 201	-93.50
05/09/2011	4877	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-54.92
05/09/2011	4878	Paul Perrelo	Medical Benefits	<u>-25.00</u>
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				68,438.52

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

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

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant