

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

**November 12, 2012**

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, & Hansch

Absent: Cobane

Also Present: Chief Cortright

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 Regional weekly 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, the budget meeting minutes and the regular minutes from last month. Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to accept last month's minutes with the revision in place. The move was seconded by Comm. Hansch and it was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cobane

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. Barz 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, Hansch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cobane

**General Checking Account #7859643244**

**TD Bank**

Balance On Hand - September 30, 2012	<b>\$220,435.57</b>
October Checks	(\$79,720.28)
Void Check 5651 ACS Software	\$1,735.00

**Deposits for the Month of October 2012**

Township of Hanover	False alarms - September	\$375.00
Pine Plaza Associates	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Kraft Foods	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
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Liberty Mutual	Revised Audit	\$8,441.00
Converse Consultants	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Liberty Mutual	Workers Comp rebate	\$25.84
Registration fees	Railway	\$50.00
Case Consulting	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Johnstone Supply	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
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Township of Hanover	District Taxes partial 4th qtr	\$109,887.50
Gannett Advertising	rebate	\$53.20
3-M	Grant Revenue	\$500.00
Interest	TD Bank	\$18.43
<b><u>Balance on Hand, October 31, 2012</u></b>		<b><u>\$263,460.26</u></b>

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### **TD Bank Money Market**

Balance on Hand October 31, 2012 **\$2,830.78**

### **Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251**

#### **TD Bank**

Balance on Hand October 31, 2012 **\$748.32**

### **Active Assets Account #615 108684 107**

#### **Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney**

Balance on Hand October 31, 2012 **\$685,569.28**

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting **\$81,911.06**

## **CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT and COMMENTS**

### **Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance**

- Failed hose was repaired and retested with 2 lengths failing again.
- Firefighter One repaired a multi gas meter.
- Six sets of gear were cleaned and repaired by Minerva Cleaners.

### **Apparatus**

- Yearly service will be performed by CF Services.

### **Training**

- Training for the month of November will be going to the Fire Academy. Do to the size of the department we have split the members into two groups. One will attend on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the other on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Purchases**

- No requests for the month.

### **Fire Prevention**

- (19) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$1,701.00 dollars in permits were collected.
- Seven fire prevention classes were taught to 350 students.

### **EMS**

- (33) calls were answered last month and we assisted with 2 transports.

### **Fire**

- (66) calls were answered last month.

### **Other Matters and Announcements**

- Hurricane Sandy (See Attached Report)
- Recommending that Tom Rebyak move up to Deputy Chief for the year 2013 and Brian Kelly to Assistant Chief for the year 2013.

- Ian and I started to put together a plan of what we would charge for CPR/AED Basic First Aid training. Hurricane Sandy set us back a bit and we will have a completed plan for you at next month's meeting.
- Paul and I put together new criteria for being qualified on the apparatus. Most of it follows NFPA standards. This will not only be for newly qualified drivers but every year all drivers will go through a refresher class. I have supplied copies of the program for you.
- I was contacted by Vince Creo from Goryeb Childrens Hospital at Morristown Medical Center. On November 17, 2012 they will be hosting a Family Fun Day at the Community Center. They plan on landing a helicopter on Veterans Field just like they did last year. We have been asked to assist with a stand by for this activity.
- Last month we had a new junior member join Anthony Canillo.
- The Whippany Road Bridge should be finished by December.
- The JP Morgan Chase property at 115 South Jefferson Road has been sold to Vision Equities. They plan on taking down the front building before the end of the year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Nothing at this time

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time.

**Building:** No flood damage from Hurricane Sandy.

**Apparatus:** Service for the year is due on all. Chris Foer will be doing it.

**Insurance:** Nothing new at this time.

**Dinner:** Nothing new at this time.

**First Aid:** It was reported that EMS responded to 33 calls this month, and 2 transports.

**Cedar Knolls:** There is a meeting on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Joint Fire Prevention.

Henry stated that during the storm, we worked hand in hand with Cedar Knolls.

A letter went to them regarding a merger – From Whippany's point of view.

We should attend their meetings more. We enjoy it when Chief Davidson comes here and we should do the same.

## **LIASIONS:**

**Town: George:** Bayer is coming along nicely. So is Quick-Chek. The bridge is later and later. Now should be done by January. There wasn't a lot of damage to the bridge during the storm.

George complimented all the departments working together during the storm and power outages. He is very appreciative.

Tom Quirk did a great job. He was everywhere.

NIXL program – Getting good feedback on it. A lot of people signed up.

Henry Hansch – stated that reverse 911 works too.

## **FIRE COMPANY AND RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING:**

- Last hurdle has been cleared and they're moving forward.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Randy Polo has decided on a badge. Bob Cobane will take care of it.

Mike Mihalko met with the tax man regarding dividing the town. He threw out some ideas. From a Whippany resident's perspective, **redistricting** could be even worse. This could triple or even quadruple Whippany's taxes.

We'd not only lose tax dollars in an area that was redistricted, but also have fewer houses to spread the amount over. Less people to spread it over, makes the amount higher.

Chief – They won't just take a neighborhood and put it in another district. They want a full block. Won't split a block.

Ron – There's no doubt that it's not feasible.

Mike - Silvio talked about Wegman's and Loews. Are we going to do this every year? He answered - no – maybe every 10 years.

Mike told them that we should wait till the dust settles and everything new is in first. Bayer will be here, but Shop Rite and Wegman's will be in Cedar Knolls.

Ron Barz – The First Aid Squad needs to go out on its own – That will make it equal.

Mike Mihalko - With the ambulance money coming in, why does their budget need to go up \$100,000?

Ron – And they're looking to hire more. They have 8 per diems. The issue is no longer who's giving them money – it's there. I haven't gone on one call all year without at least one paid guy along.

Mike – its one thing to pull a ratable away from us, but another thing to pull the housing also. The airport – fine. But to go by block – it just won't work. You'd be lopping off hundreds of homes in Whippany.

George- said perhaps it may be a good idea to wait a little while. Its 2-3 years before all the development is in - then look at it again.

Mike – Then the first aid money should be in and they can put it into their budget. We can address it at the joint meeting and let them know.

He suggested to Silvio that he draw lines on maps and see the dollar amounts. How about we know the amount for each block and we'll do the math ourselves?

We're losing Verizon - \$6,000 lost in Whippany because of that.

**Budget** – VM Associates needs the numbers from the town in order to finish the budget. We'll need to set up a special meeting to read it. The first reading will be Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at our meeting. Second one could be on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – a quick meeting before the Christmas party.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chief recommended that Tom Rebyak be moved up to Deputy Chief and Brian Kelly be moved up to Assistant Chief.

A motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko to accept these recommendations. The motion was seconded by Comm. Barz and passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cobane

## **PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING**

A big Thank You to the boy Scouts, their leaders and their parents for helping during Hurricane Sandy. There were 4 members of the public present.

## **BILLS**

Comm. M. Mihalko 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, Hansch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cobane

10/01/2012	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-7,140.61
10/01/2012	5673	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-117.98
10/01/2012	5674	Drew Scelba	Computers	-195.00
10/01/2012	5675	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Packs	-170.40
10/01/2012	5677	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-455.70
10/01/2012	5678	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-225.00
10/01/2012	5679	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-12.86
10/01/2012	5694	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-13.95
10/05/2012	5680	J C P & L	Utilities	-912.66
10/05/2012	5681	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-6,502.92
10/05/2012	5682	Custom Bandag, Inc.	Engine 83	-3,400.40
10/05/2012	5683	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-440.78
10/05/2012	5684	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-479.06
10/05/2012	5685	J C P & L	Utilities	-52.15
10/05/2012	5686	Whippany Rotary Club	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-224.00
10/05/2012	5687	Do-It-Yourself, Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-104.55
10/05/2012	5688	NRS Rescue	Water	-330.76
10/05/2012	5689	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-700.08
10/05/2012	5690	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Engine 81	-370.00
10/05/2012	5691	Firefighter One, LLC	Turnout Gear	10,267.20
10/05/2012	5693	Lakeland Divers	Marine	-46.00
10/15/2012	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,891.61
10/15/2012	5695	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-174.44
10/15/2012	5696	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-266.89
10/15/2012	5697	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-851.19
10/15/2012	5698	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-307.29
10/15/2012	5699	Rescue Products International	Training and Education	-2,390.00
10/15/2012	5700	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-723.50
10/15/2012	5701	Witmer Associates, Inc	Turnout Gear	-548.57
10/19/2012	5702	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-251.05
10/19/2012	5703	Firefighter One, LLC	Meters	-250.00
10/19/2012	5704	CF Services	Repairs & Maintenance	-810.31
10/19/2012	5705	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-125.00
10/19/2012	5706	PSE&G	Utilities	-10.76
10/19/2012	5707	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,645.90
10/19/2012	5708	PC Mall Gov	Computers	-526.83
10/22/2012	5709	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
10/22/2012	5710	Firefighter One, LLC	Training and Education	-700.00
10/22/2012	5712	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-347.74
10/26/2012	5713	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-354.00
10/26/2012	5714	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-94.00

10/26/2012	5715	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals / Training	-5,800.00
10/26/2012	5716	Lifesavers, Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,135.52
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10/31/2012	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,739.01
10/31/2012	5721	Cablevision	Utilities	-237.82
10/31/2012	5718	GRAINGER	Operating Materials & Supplies	-50.25
10/31/2012	5722	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-71.54
11/08/2012	5723	J C P & L	Utilities	-762.38
			Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-855.00
11/08/2012	5724	NFPA/National Fire Protection Assoc		
11/08/2012	5725	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-9.49
11/08/2012	5726	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-403.99
11/08/2012	5727	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-159.92
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At this time, Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Comm. Hansch and passed by the following vote;

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cobane

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant