

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2013

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: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

Absent: M. Mihalko

Also Present: Chief Cortright, Chief Davidson & Township 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 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 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. Cobane and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: M. Mihalko

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: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: M. Mihalko

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - December 31, 2012	\$479,498.59
January Checks	(\$61,971.95)

Deposits for the Month of January 2013

Township of Hanover	False alarms	\$625.00
State of New Jersey	Uniform Fire Safety Act - 1	\$9,657.37
Tony's Italian Deli	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Halo Pharmaceuticals	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
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Air Group	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Steris	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
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Matt's Fine Jewelry	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Registration Fees		\$1,625.00
Interest	TD Bank	\$37.08

Balance on Hand, January 31, 2013 **\$430,675.09**

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand January 31, 2013

\$2,831.49

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand January 31, 2013

\$748.50

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand January 31, 2013

\$685,586.52

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$77,413.17

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT and COMMENTS

The following Chief's report was submitted for approval.

A motion to accept this report was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: M. Mihalko

NAYS: None

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Equipment was purchased from the Firestore.com.
- Office supplies were purchased at Staples.

Apparatus

- The turn signal switch in Rescue 80 was replaced.
- 202 had a tune up.
- The steering box on Engine 81 was replaced.

Training

- Training for the month of February will be Ventilation we hired Fire Fighter 1 to come in and teach this class. They have a trailer to be used as a prop with a roof to do actual cutting on. We also will have Randy Polo teach a CEVO III (coaching the emergency vehicle operator) class. This is for all drivers.
- Training for the month of January were Blood Bourne and Hazardous Communications. SCBA refresher. RIC training.

Purchases

- No requests for the month.

Fire Prevention

- (29) Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$1,246.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- (32) Calls were answered last month and we assisted with 2 transports.

Fire

- (49) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- Paul and the guys put together a great drill that we used for our SCBA yearly refresher class. It was an obstacle course that the members had to go through in full turnout gear while on air. The concept was to show the members how much air you actually use while doing tasks.
- The department did a great job at the house fire on Polhemus Terrace. The homeowners were very happy that a lot of their belongings were salvaged and the house can and will be fixed they said.
- We had 8 members who were on standby and stayed overnight at the station this past weekend during the snow storm.
- I would like to go out and purchase some air mattresses for future overnight details at the station.
- Firefighter Matt Downey who is a senior in high school at Morristown Beard has to complete a senior project in May. He will be doing it here at the firehouse. Matt has to fulfill 80 hours to complete this project. He will be doing everything that the guys do during the day here at the station and also go out on inspections and answer calls.
- There was a meeting held last week with the vendor who will be updating the dispatch desk in Cedar Knolls. We got a pretty good idea how the system is going to work for us and what we will be able to do. It is above and beyond the current system that we are currently working with. We are anticipating the new system to be up and running during the summer.
- There will be a personnel meeting tomorrow evening we have a new junior joining Kevin Cortright.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Budget is back and signed.
- Election paperwork is in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: One new Junior member joining: Kevin Cortright.

Building: Nothing at this time.

Apparatus: Turn signal replaced on Rescue 80. 202 had a tune-up. Steering box on Eng 81 was replaced.

Insurance: Nothing new at this time.

Dinner: All ready to go..

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 32 calls this month, and 2 transports.

Cedar Knolls: Nothing at this time.

LIASIONS:

FIRE COMPANY AND RELOCATION:

Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Election is from 2-9 this Saturday. Three men running for 2 positions.

Ron: Kevin Herbert is interested in becoming an EMT. Are we going to fund EMT training?

Henry replied that he believes firefighters should be trained in everything, and he recommended that we pay for it. It's 250 hours. If a guy is willing, it's worth the \$1500.

*At this time Comm. Cobane made a motion that we pay for EMT training and continue to send guys interested in EMT. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: M. Mihalko

NAYS: None

Jon Kelly is joining the First Aid Squad. Cedar Knolls is paying for it.

Brian Kelly – we put him through and now he’s making a career of it. He starts his new job Monday.

NEW BUSINESS

*At this time, a motion was made by Comm. Cobane to allow Derrick Shearer to look for donated air mattresses and if that falls through, that we purchase 8 of them. The motion was seconded by Comm.

J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: M. Mihalko

NAYS: None

Comm. Cobane congratulated the guys on the house fire at 40 Polhemus. Well done.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

George: Election machine will be delivered on Thursday and picked up on Tuesday because of the holiday.

March 12th is the special election – Bee Meadow School, WPHS, and Mountview.

Hanover Township Day has been moved from June to Sept 7th.

There was a 1.8% increase in the town budget – below the cap

The Board of education elected has been moved to November. It costs \$10,000 - \$15,000 to have an election. This will save the town money.

Someone asked if the elections were all being moved to November, will the fire elections be next?

Chief Davidson answered: The Fire district lines don’t match up with the property districts, so he doesn’t think so. Some people would have to vote at Bee Meadow for the school budget and across town for the fire budget.

George said that the senior citizens seem content as long as the budget stays under the 2% cap.

They’re thrilled if they don’t have to come out another time to vote.

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

BILLS

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

AYES: Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: M. Mihalko

NAYS: None

01/07/2013	5861	Concern	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-500.00
01/07/2013	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-7,140.61
01/11/2013	5866	ACE Com	Engine 83	-217.75
01/11/2013	5867	Gann Law Books	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-178.00
01/11/2013	5869	Daily Record	Advertising	-43.58
01/11/2013	5870	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-479.60
01/11/2013	5875	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-470.40
01/11/2013	5876	First Responder Newspaper	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-130.00
01/11/2013	5877	Whippany Rotary Club	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-237.00
01/11/2013	5878	SMCMUA	Utilities	-17.52
01/11/2013	5879	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-112.16
01/11/2013	5880	Cablevision	Utilities	-475.64
01/11/2013	5882	Parker Publications	Advertising	-140.45
01/11/2013	5881	J C P & L	Utilities	-52.49

01/14/2013	5883	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-424.00
01/14/2013	5887	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-369.50
01/14/2013	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical	-575.26
01/15/2013	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,240.20
01/17/2013	5888	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-1,421.65
01/17/2013	5889	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-48.97
01/17/2013	5890	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-132.00
01/23/2013	5892	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
01/23/2013	5891	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,796.90
01/23/2013	5893	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-4,023.36
01/23/2013	5894	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-413.22
01/23/2013	5895	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Special Services-80	-289.15
01/23/2013	5896	Witmer Associates, Inc	Operating Materials & Supplies	-459.97
01/25/2013	5897	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Repairs & Maintenance	-234.50
01/25/2013	5898	Cablevision	Utilities	-242.82
01/25/2013	5899	National Safety Council	Training and Education	-1,027.59
01/25/2013	5900	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-90.00
01/25/2013	5901	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-440.78
01/29/2013	5902	ESRI Environmental Systems Research Inst.	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-100.00
01/29/2013	5903	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	SCBA	-815.80
01/29/2013	5904	Brunners Garage	Car 202	-383.30
01/29/2013	5905	Whippany Diner	Operating Materials & Supplies	-275.00
01/29/2013	5906	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-264.42
01/30/2013	5907	Morris County Police & Fire Training Acad	Training and Education	-75.00
01/30/2013	5908	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-456.03
01/31/2013	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	15,208.62
01/31/2013	eft	State of New Jersey - Division of Pension	Medical	-7,713.71
02/01/2013	5909	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-211.90
02/01/2013	5910	Black Meadows Mutual Aid Association	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-100.00
02/01/2013	5911	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-53.01
02/01/2013	5912	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-74.93
02/01/2013	5913	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-5,424.75
02/04/2013	5914	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-13.00
02/04/2013	5915	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-425.00
02/04/2013	5916	Witmer Associates, Inc	Operating Materials & Supplies	-615.43
02/04/2013	5917	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals / training	-5,300.00
02/04/2013	5918	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-1,425.93
02/04/2013	5919	Witmer Associates, Inc	Hoses	-129.49
02/07/2013	5920	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-470.40
02/07/2013	5921	Lil' Dan's Pizza	Operating Materials & Supplies	-120.00
02/07/2013	5922	J C P & L	Utilities	-710.38
02/07/2013	5923	PSE&G	Utilities	-367.00
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Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn.

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

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

ABSNET: M. Mihalko

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17. Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant