

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2014

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

Absent: None

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - September 30, 2014

\$181,030.25

October Checks

(\$90,229.09)

Deposits for the Month of October 2014

Township of Hanover	False Alarms	\$375.00
McNeil & Company / Claims	Other Income	\$983.55
McNeil & Company / Claims	Other Income	\$15,101.95
Tiffany Customer Fulfillment	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$161,333.33
Tiffany Customer Fulfillment	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Lexis-Nexis	Record request	\$5.00
Tiffany Customer Fulfillment	Permits & Fees	\$42.00

Balance on Hand, October 31, 2014

\$269,180.99

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand October 31, 2014

\$2,833.46

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand October 31, 2014

\$747.75

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand October 31, 2014

\$819,386.30

Provident Bank

Balance on Hand October 31, 2014

\$78,084.85

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting

\$126,518.97

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. M. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Supplies were purchased from Home Depot.
- Supplies were purchased from Staples.
- The Hurst equipment was serviced by State Line Fire and Safety.
- Firefighters repaired 1 SCBA Pack.

Apparatus

- Engine 83 should be completed within the next week.

Training

- Training for the month of October was:
 - Haz Mat Decon set up.
 - Vehicle extrication
- Training for the month of November will be going to the Fire Academy.

Purchases

- I would like to replace the last fiberglass extension ladder that we have with a 24' Aluminum ladder. The cost is \$676.00 plus shipping from Alco-Lite Ladders.

Fire Prevention

- (16) Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. We collected \$623.00 in permit fees.

EMS

- (39) Calls were answered last month with 8 transports.

Fire

- (40) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- On Friday October 24th we assisted with a lighting during their football game.
- On Saturday November 15th Atlantic Health will be holding their Family Fun Day at the Community Center once again this year. They will be landing a helicopter at Veteran's Field and have asked for assistance with this detail.
- No new member's joining the department this month.
- I attended an OEM Meeting at the County Monday October 20th regarding the towns Hazard Mitigation Plan which needs to be updated.
- I attended a functional exercise on Wednesday October 22nd the scenario was a Nuclear Bomb detonation in the Times Square Area of New York City.
- Work has begun on the Troy Hills Rd. property.
- Four members were measured for new gear. Two more will be measured by the end of this month.
- The new pagers have been ordered.
- We received from the police department 4 UHF radios that they took out of service along with a 6 bank charger. All were serviced by Northeast Communications and reprogrammed.
- Year to date LOSAP has been posted.
- We started to use Microsoft 365 and Josh is in the process of creating a department email for all members. We will use these emails for all department emails instead of personal emails.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from the Association of Fire Districts – given to each commissioner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Building: Nothing at this time. Heat set at 50.

Apparatus: Engine 83 should be back by next week. Generator will probably be on us. It will be nice to get it back into service.

Insurance: Nothing at this time.

Dinner: Julie and Bob spoke to a couple of places. They will make a presentation.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 39 calls this month and 8 transports. Year to date: 331 calls and 32 transports. Ian performed CPR on a citizen on Warren Drive and brought him back.

FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION: Mike spoke to Fred Brunner and was told that there is a glitch in the construction. They have found asbestos in the buildings, which given their age was to be expected. It needs remediation before demo can start. Site work should be started within the next month or so.

Township: Mr. Coppola not in attendance tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Pagers on Back order.

Four members have been measured for gear with 4 more scheduled over Thanksgiving break as they are away at college and should return.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to purchase a new 24' aluminum ladder to replace the fiberglass one. Cost will be \$676 from Also-Lite Ladders. The motion was made by Commissioner Hansch and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko.

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

A motion was made to approve payment for the annual officer's dinner out. The motion was made by Comm. Hansch and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko.

It was approved by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

At this time, Commissioner Cobane read the proposed budget for 2015.

A motion was made to approve this budget and send it to the state. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko.

It was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

There will be a public hearing and another reading of the budget on January 12th.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

There were 4 members of the public in attendance. No comments at this time.

BIILLS

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

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

10/01/2014	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-8,311.03
10/01/2014	6743	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-74.68
10/01/2014	6744	Chief Supply Corp.	Uniforms and Personal Equipment	-78.00
10/01/2014	6745	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-302.04
10/01/2014	6746	Brunners Garage	Car 202	-55.25
10/06/2014	6747	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-57.69
10/06/2014	6748	New Jersey Labor Law Poster	Operating Materials & Supplies	-125.50
10/06/2014	6749	J C P & L	Utilities	0.00
10/06/2014	6750	Fastenal Company	Special Services-80	-76.13
10/06/2014	6751	PSE&G	Utilities	-482.16
10/09/2014	6752	Lifesavers, Inc.	CPR training	-647.00

10/09/2014	6753	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-453.24
10/09/2014	6754	FF1 Professional Safety Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-516.00
10/13/2014	6755	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-111.10
10/13/2014	6756	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-152.00
10/15/2014	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee payroll	-14,116.74
10/16/2014	6757	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Employee Benefits-LOSAP	-2,568.00
10/16/2014	6758	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-4,826.45
10/16/2014	6759	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-7.95
10/16/2014	6760	Whippany Diner	Operating Materials & Supplies	-300.00
10/16/2014	6761	Township of Hanover	Gasoline / Diesel	-228.91
10/16/2014	6762	PSE&G	Utilities	-11.33
10/16/2014	6763	J C P & L	Utilities	-805.87
10/20/2014	6764	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	repairs and maintenance	-3,112.84
10/20/2014	6765	Whippany Fire Company	other rentals / training	-24,300.00
10/20/2014	6766	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
10/23/2014	6767	Township of Hanover	Gasoline. Diesel	-349.41
10/23/2014	6768	FF1 Professional Safety Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-109.98
10/23/2014	6769	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,719.40
10/27/2014	6770	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-314.75
10/27/2014	6771	Tasc Fire Apparatus, Inc.	Hoses	-1,329.75
10/27/2014	6772	Cablevision	Utilities	-247.83
10/27/2014	6773	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-388.35
10/30/2014	6774	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-2,059.37
10/30/2014	6775	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-503.52
10/30/2014	6776	Robert F Krygoski	Operating Materials & Supplies	-347.90
10/30/2014	6777	Paul Perrello	Radios	-39.99
10/30/2014	6778	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-77.96
10/30/2014	6779	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-6,156.75
10/30/2014	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee payroll	-14,609.22
11/03/2014	6780	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-152.06
11/03/2014	6781	PSE&G	Utilities	-482.00
11/03/2014	6782	Fail Safe Testing	Hose	-147.00
11/03/2014	6783	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-29.37
11/05/2014	6784	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,703.77
11/05/2014	6785	Northeast Communications, Inc.	Radios	-241.50
11/05/2014	6786	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-217.31
11/05/2014	6787	State Line Fire & Safety, Inc.	Hurst	-554.45
11/10/2014	6788	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-8.99
11/10/2014	6789	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-453.24
11/10/2014	6790	PSE&G	Utilities	-53.86
11/10/2014	6791	Parker Publications	Advertising	-13.02
11/10/2014	6792	J C P & L	Utilities	-9.75
11/10/2014	6793	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc. Morris County Public Safety Training	Operating Materials & Supplies	-118.75
11/10/2014	6794	Acad	Training and Education	-100.00
11/10/2014	6795	Board of Chosen Freeholders	Other Outside Services	-20,400.00
11/10/2014	6796	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-187.36
11/10/2014	6797	Fred Brunner	Wildwood	-679.00
11/10/2014	6798	Walter Kruger	Wildwood	-679.00
11/10/2014	6799	William Dixon	Wildwood	-579.00

11/10/2014	6800	Ken Schleifer	Wildwood	-679.00
11/10/2014	6801	Robert Cobane	Wildwood	-919.00
11/10/2014	6802	Anthony Lori	Wildwood	-679.00
11/10/2014	6803	Joseph Cortright	Wildwood	-679.00
11/10/2014	6804	Julie Mihalko	Wildwood	-340.00
11/10/2014	6805	Raymond Woytas	Wildwood	-679.00
11/10/2014	6806	John V. Keena	Wildwood	-579.00
11/10/2014	6807	ESRI Environmental Systems Research Inst.	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-100.00
11/10/2014	6808	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	<u>-4,826.45</u>
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				126,518.97

At 8:12 the Board went into Executive Session.
They returned at 8:52.

A motion was made to adjourn this meeting by Comm. J. Mihalko. The motion was seconded by Comm. M. Mihalko and passed by the following vote;
 AYES: Barz, M. Mihalko, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch
 ABSENT: None
 NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53.
Respectfully submitted:

Janet Gant Hammond,
Board Assistant

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 11-10-14

Mike Mihalko approached the Board about staying positive and showing a good outlook especially to the other members and the men.

Some Points he made:

- There have been criticisms and comments made about the new firehouse in particular but also about other things. Lots of griping and backbiting around here. The Board should NOT be participating in any of this, but trying to pull everyone together.
- We are committed to the firehouse and to helping the company. That part is a done deal. We have invested money and time and lots of energy into seeing this through. No one wants to see it fail. The sharp comments only make the whole Company look bad as a whole and show us as divided – not united.
- The firehouse is for the next 100 years – not the Taj Mahal. We are doing it without raising taxes too much and not bonding. That is quite an accomplishment and we should be proud of that.
- The Commissioners are at the top and if we have gripes – we should do it amongst ourselves and not in front of the others. They look to us.
- If we are positive to the men and also to the townspeople, we should be able to dismiss any criticisms they show to us with a positive answer. We knew there would be problems – (even the asbestos). All the problems WILL be solved and we are moving forward.

Also discussed were ways the Company can continue to make money. Rent out the upstairs. If we charge \$300 – add an extra \$100 and pay a guy to stay for the whole party, take out the garbage, etc...

Pager/scanners – Davidson had one with him and said they work great. Is it worth the money to go that route?

Some Commissioners felt that the young members sign in but don't stay for the entire call in case they need backup.

The Officers not responding is an even bigger problem. There should be an officer in town on weekends.

Firehouse buildings – Could they have been stripped and some of the parts recycled? Someone may need a toilet. The copper is worth money.

Town workers should be allowed to respond to fires. We should check with town hall. Just to fires – not the little calls.

Board came out of Executive Session at 8:52

