

## MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2010

Chairman Hansch called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 8:03 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

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

Absent: None

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 newspaper: The Hanover Eagle and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The chairman then called for the acceptance of the minutes & pre-minutes of the last regular meeting. Comm. Cobane made a motion to accept last month's minutes. The move was seconded by Comm. J Mihalko and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

M Mihalko - AYE, Barz – AYE, J Mihalko, - AYE , Cobane – AYE, Hansch – AYE

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. J Mihalko moved that it be accepted as submitted. Comm. Cobane seconded the move and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

M Mihalko - AYE, Barz – AYE, J Mihalko, - AYE , Cobane – AYE, Hansch – AYE

### **General Checking Account #7859643244**

#### **TD Bank**

Balance On Hand - February 28, 2010	<b>\$56,682.13</b>
March checks	(\$22,332.15)
To Payroll account	(\$1,000.00)
To Payroll account	(\$16,000.00)
Check printing charge	(\$34.75)

#### **Deposits for the Month of February 2010**

Police & Fire Insurance	refund	\$1.44
Dasco	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
One Source Communications	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Bischoff cabinets	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Police & Fire Insurance	Refund	\$81.10
Matts Fine Jewelry	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms	\$825.00
Staples	Rebate	\$2.00
Staples	Rebate	\$6.00
Schwarz realty	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
United Metrowest / JCC	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Vornado Realty	Insurance payment	\$1,178.09
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$203,362.50

**Balance on Hand, March 31, 2010**

**\$223,023.36**

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**TD Bank Money Market**

Balance on Hand March 31, 2010

**\$2,820.25**

**Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251**

**TD Bank**

Balance on Hand March 31, 2010

**\$1,374.90**

**Active Assets Account #615 108684 107**

**Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney**

Balance on Hand March 31, 2010

**\$776,398.61**

**Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting**

**\$52,539.47**

**CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT**

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters repaired two SCBA packs; hydro tested 10 bottles, and recharged 2 extinguishers.
- Minerva Cleaners cleaned 2 sets of turnout gear and repaired 3 pouches for the Bail Out Systems.
- Three dry suits were sent out to Lakeland Divers for repairs. We rented 2 suits for the storm that came in on March 30.

Apparatus

- The pumps were serviced on the 3 engines by James B. Hunt.
- The radio in 201 was repaired by Jonach Electronics.
- Unit 86 and 84 were serviced at Brunner's. Unit 84 had all brakes replaced.

Training

- Training for the month of March was:
  - Hazmat decon set up.
  - Equipment location.
  - Pump Ops refresher.
- Training for April will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> Hazmat dress out in the suits, on the 27<sup>th</sup> Forcible Entry.

Purchases

- The purchases approved from last month have been ordered.

Fire Prevention

- Forty seven inspections /re-inspections were conducted last month and \$210.00 dollars in permits were collected.

Other Matters

- On March 12<sup>th</sup> we responded to a chimney fire on Bee Meadow Parkway. A great job was done by all. This was called in by the sanitation workers who were on their route. (see attached letter)
- Nor' Easter report from the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> :
  - We pumped out 13 basements.
  - The Swift Water Team was deployed to Pequannock to assist with evacuations of residents.

- On March 15<sup>th</sup> the Whippany and Cedar Knolls Fire Departments at the request of Jack Alderton staffed one of our engines and stood by in Pequannock for 8 hours to answer emergencies in the town.
  - On March 15<sup>th</sup> we were requested to Hacklebarney State Park for a swift Water Rescue of a kayak in the river. It was found to be empty.
  - On March 16<sup>th</sup> we were requested back to Hacklebarney State Park for another kayak in the river. We were cancelled in route.
- Two plan reviews were done.
  - One Opra Request was done.
  - The township committee passed a resolution from the Nor' Easter (attached)
  - The Hanover Township Bd. of Ed. gave us the use of their new garage at Memorial School in case we had to retreat to higher ground from flooding. ( attached is a thank you letter)
  - I attended a grant seminar in Middlesex regarding this year's AFG Grant.
  - Ben Bradley has taken a 6 month leave of absence.
  - I handed out 3 applications last month.
  - We have a new junior member Jack Koba and also a new probationary member Blair Mussara.
  - I have printed a report on Narrow banding for the radio system.
  - On Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> Ian and I went to Blackbrook Park and wash out the snack bar so it could be painted. Commissioner Barz was contacted by Ace Gallagher asking for our assistance.
  - It was discussed at our officers meeting last week to implement a Mentoring Program in the department. Michael Cowley and Michael Goldberg will be doing this project.
  - Member who are signed up for upcoming training classes at the Fire Academy:
    1. I-200: John Graziano and Nick Tseles
    2. Engine Company Ops: Mike Goldberg and Jason Brault
    3. FF2: Nick Tseles
    4. FF1: Derrick Schearer
    5. Junior FF: Tim Langdon and AJ Cunder.

Chairman Hansch read a letter from the Pequannock Chief thanking our company for their hard work, and professionalism. Chairman Hansch also thanked the Chief on behalf of the board for all their work during the floods.

A motion was made to accept the 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 roll call vote:

M Mihalko - AYE, Barz – AYE, J Mihalko, - AYE , Cobane – AYE, Hansch – AYE

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A letter from Ken Schliefer making known who made the percentages this year. Only a few didn't make it. There are 11 guys left on the roster.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel:** Julie said that we have 1 new junior member and 1 probie. The Chief said they're coming along fine.

**Building:** Some siding blew off during the storm. Julie will call Henry to fix it.

**Apparatus:** All maintenance on small vehicles is complete.

**Insurance:** Mike Mihalko will be looking into saving costs and maintaining quality.

**Activities:** Nothing at this time.

**Liaisons:**

**Township:** Nothing at this time

**First Aid Squad / Cedar Knolls:** Ron Barz - report is in Chief's report. He went through lots of scenarios and ideas with Cedar Knolls. He wants to sit down with the planning board and enlighten them as to problems that we encounter with places like 901-903, etc... They take away all our resources and manpower. 903 wants to build 2 more units. George Coppola said he would like to see x amount of contributions or something. Something has to be in place before anything gets approved.

**Fire Company:** Nothing at this time

**FIRE COMPANY PART OF THE MEETING**

Freddie said we're progressing and working with the Commissioners on relocation. School Street is up in the air - waiting for correspondence back from developer on that.

We are officially out of the running for the grant.

We can register and see where our application was rated. Only 2% of all applicants got any money.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Henry reported that according to Roberts Rules of Order, a Chairman CAN make motions, especially in smaller groups like ours. He should stay neutral in larger settings.

He also read that a roll call vote is not always needed. A Yea or Nay vote is acceptable unless someone calls for a roll call vote specially.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Mihalko would like to change our payroll company from Balance Point to Paymedia in East Hanover. This will save us 50%. Comm. Cobane made a motion to approve the switch. It was seconded by J. Mihalko and passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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**PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING**

Frank DeMaio – happy to see the EMTs going to full town response. Much appreciated.

Judy Iradi, Township Committeeperson; If you're thinking of asking developers on a new building to contribute, please pass that by your lawyers first. We can't say that a new facility HAS to pay or contribute. It's not legal if other facilities are exempt and DON'T have to pay. They may even agree up front and then renege and say it's not a legal request and not do it anyway.

George Coppola, Township Committeeman; You can work with them in the spirit of cooperation and maybe they can provide something.

Tom Braviak: It's illegal. Never in New Jersey has one of those agreements passed. But, it's important to communicate our concerns to those making decisions. It influences how people are thinking over there. We know we're going to go whenever 911 is dialed, but they drain us and contribute nothing back.

Judy Iradi – believes they are maxed out. You can pay taxes or PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). But PILOT money goes right to the town –none of it would get to police and fire.

Henry Hansch – Any low and moderate income housing where firefighters would get any preferences on rent or availability? This would keep the personnel in town and make them more likely to volunteer more.

Judy – No new housing is being built right now. And you just put your name on a list. Not even local residents get priority. It's a big list open to anyone.

If a law is ever passed where First responders should live in their towns, it may be able to be looked at, but right now – no.

Judy – Some towns have passed an ordinance where First responders get a reduced fee on things like Building permits and such. We can't do it as a tax break – that would be illegal, but maybe things like the town pool, etc... Right now it applies to seniors, and veterans and non-profits get half off. She would like to add volunteers to that list.

School Street – George Coppola – waiting for response from Fire Company.

Fred Brunner – We got the access easement and sent it down to our attorney who made changes and notes and sent it back.

Applebaum (developer's attorney?) called our attorney and didn't like the changes our guy made. In the worst case, we get half of School Street. Legally, it would be a 50/50 split. Either Sam executes the agreement that our attorney made with the changes, or we have no agreement.

School Street will be used as a cut through to the traffic light.

George Coppola will speak to Joe Giorgio about what can be done. The safest thing would be to make it one way IN only. AND it needs to be widened.

There is no acceleration lane there – there will be accidents by people coming out into traffic.

The developer told George that all he was doing for us was the site work and that was plenty.

The Chief handed in a 2009 Assets report, a report on narrow banding, and a projected spending report to the Commissioners.

The Chief made a request for the guys to use an engine for the Little League parade this Saturday. Commissioner Cobane made a motion to allow the company to use an apparatus for the Little League parade on Saturday. The motion was seconded by Comm. Mihalko and passed.

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

NAYS: None

There were 12 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

03/01/2010	4180	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-323.47
03/01/2010	4181	James B. Hunt MFG. Co.	Engine 83	-342.00
03/01/2010	4182	Firefighters Equipment Company, Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-306.00
03/01/2010	4183	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-98.71
03/01/2010	4184	CDW Government	Operating Materials & Supplies	-745.00
03/08/2010	4185	Cablevision	Utilities	-241.50
03/08/2010	4186	Morristown Memorial	Professional Services Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-766.00
03/08/2010	4187	MCAAFC		-25.00
03/08/2010	4188	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-10.00
03/08/2010	4189	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Employee Benefits-Other	-211.64
03/08/2010	4190	Finish Line Car Wash	Operating Materials & Supplies	-6.50
03/08/2010	4191	PSE&G	Utilities	-460.00
03/08/2010	4192	Morristown Lumber	Operating Materials & Supplies	-408.72
03/08/2010	4193	Robert Johnston	Operating Materials & Supplies	-50.00
03/08/2010	4194	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-171.73
03/08/2010	4195	Batteries Plus	Operating Materials & Supplies	-47.84
03/08/2010	4196	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-72.12
03/08/2010	4197	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-4.98
03/08/2010	4198	Coffee Lovers	Operating Materials & Supplies	-239.25
03/08/2010	4199	Fire Fighters Equipment Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-540.25
03/08/2010	4200	Morris Sign Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-34.00
03/08/2010	4201	Galls Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-256.93
03/15/2010	4202	DC Express	Elections	-95.00
03/15/2010	4203	Election Graphics, Inc.	Elections	-375.00
03/15/2010	4204	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-482.64
03/15/2010	4205	Employment Horizons	Building Maintenance	-130.00
03/15/2010	4206	Joseph Cortright	Operating Materials & Supplies	-55.46
03/15/2010	4207	Lil' Dan's Pizza	Operating Materials & Supplies	-80.00
03/15/2010	4208	Whippany Diner	Operating Materials & Supplies	-276.72
03/15/2010	4209	Do-It-Yourself, Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-40.00
03/15/2010	4210	J C P & L	Utilities	-805.36
03/15/2010	4211	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies	-121.00
03/31/2010	4212	J C P & L	Utilities	-17.49
03/31/2010	4213	Warnock Fleet & Leasing	Operating Materials & Supplies	-12.00
03/31/2010	4214	PSE&G	Utilities	-303.02
03/31/2010	4215	Fire Fighters Equipment Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-459.00
03/31/2010	4216	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-321.36
03/31/2010	4217	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,449.60
03/31/2010	4218	Sprint	Utilities	-61.05

03/31/2010	4219	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,850.34
03/31/2010	4220	Exxon Fleet	Operating Materials & Supplies	-927.44
03/31/2010	4221	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-440.41
03/31/2010	4222	Brunners Garage	Repairs & Maintenance	-900.96
03/31/2010	4223	PIP Printing	Office Supplies	-83.88
03/31/2010	4224	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies	-219.50
03/31/2010	4225	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
03/31/2010	4226	CONFINED SPACE SERVICES	Operating Materials & Supplies	-156.00
03/31/2010	4227	Guard Line Fire and Safety	Operating Materials & Supplies	-153.00
03/31/2010	4228	SMCMUA	Utilities	-67.38
03/31/2010	4229	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-25.00
03/31/2010	4230	Galls Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-256.93
03/31/2010	4231	Daily Record	Advertising	-53.20
03/31/2010	4232	SMCMUA	Utilities	-29.03
03/31/2010	4233	Cablevision	Utilities	-241.50
03/31/2010	4234	Batteries Plus	Operating Materials & Supplies	-33.94
04/05/2010	4235	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals/Training	-5,800.00
04/05/2010	4236	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-103.93
04/05/2010	4237	Johnson, Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, et al	Professional Services	-957.37
04/12/2010	4238	Fire Fighters Equipment Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-561.00
04/12/2010	4239	PSE&G	Utilities	-600.15
04/12/2010	4240	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Employee Benefits-Other	-211.64
04/12/2010	4241	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-29.00
04/12/2010	4242	Concern	Professional Services	-450.00
04/12/2010	4243	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-42.91
04/12/2010	4244	Finish Line Car Wash	Operating Materials & Supplies	-6.50
04/12/2010	4245	James B. Hunt MFG. Co.	Repairs & Maintenance	-1,100.00
04/12/2010	4246	Board of Fire Commissoenrs Fire District	EMS Services	18,750.00
04/12/2010	4247	NBIMC	Training and Education	-450.00
04/12/2010	4248	Morris County Police & Fire Training Acad	Training and Education	-100.00
04/12/2010	4249	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-88.00
04/12/2010	4250	Brunners Garage	Repairs & Maintenance	-354.82
04/12/2010	4251	Johnson, Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, et al	Professional Services	<u>-602.00</u>
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				52,539.47

A motion was made to set up a new bank account for investment purposes when we have extra money in the operating account. This motion was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. J Mihalko. It was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

At this time Henry Hansch made a motion to close the public meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

The motion was seconded by Comm. Barz and passed.

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

NAYS: None

The public left at 8:48.

A personnel matter was discussed by the Board.

Comm. Hansch made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Comm. Barz and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant