

## MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2010

Chairman Hansch called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 8:02 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 following newspapers: 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 called for the acceptance of the pre-meeting minutes and the regular minutes from last month. 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 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 it be accepted as submitted. Comm. J. Mihalko 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 - June 30, 2010	<b>\$192,837.31</b>
July Checks	(\$74,956.77)

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

FTR Electrical	Penalty 212	\$125.00
FTR Electrical	Penalty 212-A	\$125.00
Emulistone	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
GE Aviation	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
GE Aviation	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
State of NJ	Uniform Fire Safety Act	\$11,601.19
Abundant Life	Penalty 212	\$250.00
Abundant Life	Penalty 212- A	\$250.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms - June	\$100.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes - Suplmnt	\$2,197.50
Interest - May	TD Bank	\$33.32
Interest - June	TD Bank	\$38.57

**Balance on Hand, July 31, 2010**

**\$133,182.12**

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## **TD Bank Money Market**

Balance on Hand July 31, 2010

**\$2,822.13**

## **Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251**

### **TD Bank**

Balance on Hand July 31, 2010

**\$745.96**

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

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

Balance on Hand July 31, 2010

**\$778,399.78**

**Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting**

**\$88,081.12**

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

### Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Fire Fighters repaired one SCBA bottle and one SCBA pack.
- Imperial Copy Products repaired the big copier in the station. No Charge.
- Jonach Electronics repaired 2 pagers.
- Fire Fighters Equipment completed the yearly test on all of the extinguishers for the buildings and apparatus.
- Minerva Cleaners cleaned and repaired 5 sets of turnout gear.

### Apparatus

- Brunner's Garage replaced the battery in Unit 84 and the front brakes on Unit 202.

### Training

- Training for the month of July were:
  - Pumping Drill
  - Water Rescue Drill
- Training for the month of August will be extrication.

### Purchases

I am requesting the following purchases for the month:

- 5 sets of turnout gear
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|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. Fire Dex                     | \$1,690.00 each | \$8,450.00  |
| 2. State of New Jersey Contract | \$2,291.25 each | \$11,456.25 |
- 5 SCBA packs to have the integrated pass alarms installed. Work to be conducted by Fire Fighters Equipment under NJ State Contract (T0790). \$4,230.00.
  - A backup and recovery system for our computers. This is for 5 separate licenses.
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|----------------|---------------|----------|
| 1. PC Mall.gov | \$110.54 each | \$552.70 |
| 2. CDW         | \$120.00 each | \$600.00 |
- I want to schedule a Boater Safety Class to be held within the next few months. It would cost \$60.00 per person. The class would be held on a Saturday morning and only be open to

emergency responders. The Florham Park PD would also like to join the class.

Quotes are on file in the Chief's Office.

#### Fire Prevention

- Forty nine inspections /re-inspections were conducted last month and \$623.00 dollars in permits were collected, and \$500.00 in fines was collected.

#### Other Matters and Announcements

- 1 OPRA Request was completed.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks were a success. Thank you to everyone who came out and assisted that evening.
- AJ Cunder and Tim Langdon completed and passed the Junior FF 1 class. Both will become probationary members in September.
- Randy and I attended the Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony for FF1. We had AJ Cunder, Tim Langdon, and Joe Mihalko graduating.
- Derrick Schearer has started FF 1 training tonight.
- We will have 2 new junior members joining on Tuesday evening. They are Tim and Jonathon Kelly. Sons of Captain Brian Kelly.
- I have given you a copy of the MOU for the 2009 Regional Grant for your review and comments. We need to have this in place before any equipment is purchased and distributed.
- We responded twice to East Hanover on Mutual Aid calls in July. One for a propane leak at Do It Yourself and as the RIC Team for a residential garage fire.
- The diesel pump at the DPW Garage was backed over by a garbage truck last week. We have been getting our diesel fuel at the East Hanover DPW.
- I would like to recommend that we switch our gas account from the Exxon to the Shell Station located on the Route 10 West. Their prices are cheaper and they are willing to work with us and continue to operate as we have done in the past. I have filled out the application.
- Attached is the 2010 Clothing Allowance Report up to July 31, 2010. Do you want to make any changes as to how we distribute the clothing allowance? If so we need to let the members know so they can be prepared for it between now and November 30, 2010 which is when we end our year for the clothing allowance.
- I would like to pursue the concept of billing businesses for Non-LHU inspections. I have attached some sample ordinances from other towns in the area. This could be a way to offset some costs.
- We attended the National Night Out at town hall last week. We had the Rescue there and were giving away stuff to the kids.
- What do you want to do for Inspection Day/Boonton Parade? (Breakfast, lunch, band) Let me know so I can make arrangements.
- We need permission to bring the apparatus to the parade on September 4, 2010 in Boonton.

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

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

NAYS: None

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- State Association of Fire Districts – There will be a meeting in Wildwood on 9-17-10 at 7:45

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time.

**Building:** Nothing at this time.

**Apparatus:** Nothing at this time.

**Insurance:** Mike reported that things are improving. Bringing in another quote. Liability due 9-1-10.

At this time, Commissioner Cobane made a motion that if a favorable quote came in before the next meeting – that Mike could call 3 Board members and get verbal approval to go ahead with the new proposal. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

**Dinner:** Nothing

**Mementos:** Nothing

**First Aid:** We had 60 calls this month, up 80 from the first year. We have 10 certified EMTs now and are working hard to try to supplement Cedar Knolls EMTs with drivers as soon as they qualify.

**Liaisons: Township:** Tomorrow night meeting with company will determine what happens at Thursday's meeting with the town.

**Company:** Nothing at this time

**Cedar Knolls:** Nothing at this time.

**Relocation:** In Progress.

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

Fred Brunner requested that the Girl Scouts be able to use the firehouse for their nut and magazine sale delivery like they do for the cookies. He will get the chairwoman to send a request in writing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Chief is looking at numbers on what types of calls they've been answering. Certain locations are still a problem. He needs to get the call list from Chief Davidson and combine them into one report to give to the town.

Bernardsville proposal – it's not ready yet. Mr. Ferramosca is still looking into it.

Is it legal? Can you be fined if the service is abused? Possibility of requiring nursing facilities to have their own ambulances or 24-hour care to determine emergencies. Police could give a ticket right there if it's determined that it's an abuse of the system.

Nursing homes are not taxpayers, so they would NOT be paying twice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Comm. Cobane – complimented the company on the great job they did at National Night Out and at the Two Kids Event. Thank you from all of us.

The Diesel pump at the town is still not fixed yet. Another week or more. We're using East Hanover now. One of theirs is down also.

The Chief wants to use Shell, instead of Exxon. They can do it even cheaper and are willing to work with us.

**MOTION:** Boonton Inspection Day: that we provide a Continental breakfast and a sandwich lunch for the men and the band. Motion was made by Comm. Barz and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

MOTION: President Brunner requested use of the apparatus for the Boonton Parade. A motion to approve this request was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

The Commissioners discussed the **Scope and Guidelines** for us to pay for training and schooling. The company should get involved with this issue also.

Criteria:

- Have to have a percentage of 25% of calls. Comm. M. Mihalko asked if that was for a 3 month period. 6 months? Needs to be determined – not just the month before a class.
- Leave of absence for school- they have 0% calls. But if they were in good standing when they left, and they take up where they left off, it's ok.
- The Chief will approve and maintain this since he's the representative for this board to the company.

MOTION: Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion that we accept the above criteria as the Scope and Guideline for when members want to enroll in a class. With the provision that we can fine tune it if need be and adjustments made to it if necessary. The motion was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following votes:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

Comm Hansch will make a copy and Fred Brunner will give it to Mr. Cook.

MOTION: From the Chief's report – The Chief is requesting 5 sets of turnout gear from the same company we got it from last time – FireDex – for \$8450. Comm. M. Mihalko made a motion that we approve the request. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and was passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

MOTION; The Chief also requested 5 SCBA packs – the NJ contract by FireFighters Equipment Co comes to \$4,230.00. The motion to accept this purchase was made by Comm. M Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

The Chief's request for a Computer backup and recovery system was discussed and put on the back burner.

Chief's Report mentioned a Boater Safety Class. How many people would attend?  
Chief said around 20. The entire Swift Water Team, the officers and the regulars. Usually its \$75 per person and it's being offered to us for \$60. It's mandatory for us to have it and it will be conducted here. Florham Park is also sending guys to this class.  
Chief agreed to cap it at 15 guys.

MOTION: A motion was made by M Mihalko to pay for the Boater Safety Class with a cap of 15 guys. The motion was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

Chief: Received MOU (Memo of Understanding). Henry Hansch explained the 2009 regional grant. We already paid our percentage so we just need approval to move forward on this.

Comm. Hansch made a motion that we approve going forward with this regional grant. It was seconded by Comm. Barz and passed by the following vote;

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

Ian's pension needed more salary paperwork but it's moving forward.

Discussed Non-LHU fees. Inspection fee schedule - Some towns base it on square footage. The new CVS would be free. It should be \$140 per year according to this chart.

M Mihalko – We should keep it simple.

We would need the town to pass an ordinance to change this.

There is a personnel meeting tomorrow night.

Joe checked on 15 gallon fillips at Shell instead of Exxon. Shell would save us around \$2.00.

MOTION: Comm. Cobane made a motion that as of right now, the Commissioners stop getting gas vouchers. It was seconded by Comm. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch  
NAYS: None

## **PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING**

George Coppola, Hanover Township Committee – Thanked the Fire Co for the great job they did yesterday. It was an absolute success. (National Night Out).

For his speaking with our attorneys, we were billed \$14. Mr. Coppola will reimburse us. Fred Brunner requested that the next time – “Just ask US”.

Coppola – Argued that the developer promised a firehouse in return for a zoning change. He has the minutes. He said the firemen showed up at these meetings – Why? Because of that promise. Iradi & Fariello showed support for the Fire Dept and were trying to make sure the Dept got what they were promised. That's why we voted for the zone change. He must have promised something.

He went on to say that he is the liaison to this Board and if he's not doing something right – to just let him know.

M Mihalko: Everyone knows we need a new firehouse. Did the developer promise anything specific?  
Coppola: “He's too smart for that, but statements were made and never refuted.”

The minutes that George had with him were from the beginning – in 2008.

Fred answered that this time period is when we were talking about 4 floors for the developer. Any firehouse he was going to build back then was 4 walls and a floor. This was way before the current design.

Coppola - The site work is not enough.

Brunner – Do you know how much the site worth is worth?

Coppola – I don't know how much.

Brunner – Then how do you know it's not enough?

George was asked what he thinks the amount from the developer should be.  
Maybe 2 million?

The discussion continued in this vein, with Mr. Brunner and Mr. Winters stating that they just don't like Monday morning quarterbacking. They are doing their best and have been all along.

Toward the end of the discussion, Henry Winters asked Mr. Coppola: "So whatever plan the company comes up with – You will trust that it's been looked into and thoroughly researched?" Mr. Coppola answered, "Yes." And everyone was pleased.

There were 7 members of the public present.

## BILLS

Comm. Cobane 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, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

07/07/2010	4350	Coffee Lovers	Operating Materials & Supplies	-287.20
07/07/2010	4351	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-12.58
07/07/2010	4352	AC Daughtry, Ic.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-255.00
07/07/2010	4353	Chief Supply Corp.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-338.99
07/07/2010	4354	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-14.99
07/07/2010	4355	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-363.84
07/07/2010	4356	Cablevision	Utilities	-241.49
07/07/2010	4357	Aluminum Ladder Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-117.13
07/07/2010	4358	Reynolds Deli & Catering	Operating Materials & Supplies	-320.00
07/07/2010	4359	Hanover Twp Fire Dist #3	EMS Services	18,750.00
07/07/2010	4360	Technical Fire Services, Inc	Operating Materials & Supplies	-675.00
07/07/2010	4361	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Engine 83	-663.32
07/07/2010	4362	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-324.70
07/07/2010	4363	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-103.93
07/10/2010	4364	PSE&G	Utilities	-466.46
07/10/2010	4365	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Employee Benefits-Other	-215.64
07/10/2010	4366	Parker Publications	Advertising	-75.80
07/10/2010	4367	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-30.00
07/15/2010	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	13,174.89
07/23/2010	4368	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-92.00
07/23/2010	4369	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Engine 83	-85.00
07/23/2010	4370	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-201.88
07/23/2010	4371	Batteries Plus	Operating Materials & Supplies	-53.97
07/23/2010	4372	Exxon Fleet	Operating Materials & Supplies	-428.92
07/23/2010	4373	Sprint	Utilities	-61.05
07/23/2010	4374	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
07/23/2010	4375	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-4,417.00
07/23/2010	4376	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,525.10
07/23/2010	4377	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,850.34

07/23/2010	4378	ACE Com	Repairs	-420.50
07/23/2010	4379	PSE&G	Utilities	-10.20
07/23/2010	4380	American Testing Center	Operating Materials & Supplies	-350.00
07/23/2010	4381	Morristown Memorial	Professional Services	-65.00
07/23/2010	4382	Employment Horizons	Building Maintenance	-130.00
07/23/2010	4383	Johnson, Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, et al	Professional Services	-854.00
07/23/2010	4384	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-372.50
07/23/2010	4385	Whippany Rotary Club		-238.00
07/23/2010	4386	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,457.72
07/31/2010	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	payroll	13,221.76
07/31/2010	eft	PFRS	Pension Expense	-6,243.57
08/03/2010	4387	Whippany Fire Company	rentals/education	-5,800.00
08/03/2010	4388	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies	-196.50
08/03/2010	4389	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-937.00
08/03/2010	4390	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-281.64
08/03/2010	4391	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-346.20
08/03/2010	4392	Brunners Garage	#84	-79.00
08/03/2010	4393	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Operating Materials & Supplies	-97.99
08/03/2010	4394		Training and Education	-75.00
08/03/2010	4395	Rescue Products International	Training and Education	-1,200.00
08/03/2010	4396	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-23.96
08/03/2010	4397	Cablevision	Utilities	-241.49
08/09/2010	4398	Finish Line Car Wash	Car 202	-6.50
08/09/2010	4399	Morristown Memorial	Professional Services	-838.00
08/09/2010	4400	PSE&G	Utilities	-475.43
08/09/2010	4401	J C P & L	Utilities	-33.94
08/09/2010	4402	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-14.13
08/09/2010	4403	Jonach Electronics	Operating Materials & Supplies	-275.95
08/09/2010	4404	Tim Langdon	Training and Education	-60.00
08/09/2010	4405	Brunners Garage	Car 202	-396.94
08/09/2010	4406	Fire Fighters Equipment Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-349.50
08/09/2010	4407	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-218.43
08/09/2010	4408	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Employee Benefits-Other	-215.64
08/09/2010	4409		Training and Education	-250.00
08/09/2010	4410	Recorder Community Newspaper	Advertising	-334.05
08/09/2010	4411	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-77.06
08/09/2010	4412	NJ State Assoc of Fire Districts		<u>-300.00</u>
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				88,081.12

Julie thanked Paul for his response at her daughter's home. It was nice to see a familiar face.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant