

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 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. At Mr. Coppola's request, one change was made in the wording. 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: M Mihalko, Barz, J Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. M. Mihalko moved that it be accepted as submitted. Comm. Barz 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 - July 31, 2010	\$133,182.12
August Checks	(\$70,035.87)

Deposits for the Month of August 2010

M Vaccaro	Record request	\$8.00
Minerva Cleaners	Duplicate payment	\$121.00
State of NJ	4th Qtr/Uniform Fire Safety Act	\$10,567.36
Township of Hanover	False Alarms - July	\$450.00
Breeze-eastern	Permits & Fees	\$84.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$203,362.50
Suburban Propane	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Voided Check # 4375		\$4,417.00
Interest - July	TD Bank	\$23.33

Balance on Hand, August 31, 2010

\$282,221.44

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand August 31, 2010

\$2,823.09

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand August 31, 2010

\$746.21

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand August 31, 2010

\$778,496.84

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting

\$89,707.78

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Fire Fighters sent out 2 pair of boots to be repaired and I purchased one pair of boots.
- Ace Com repaired 3 pagers.
- Minerva Cleaners cleaned and repaired 10 sets of turnout gear.
- Clean Air Company repaired the vehicle exhaust system. (Under warranty)
- Cleaning supplies were purchased from Florham Park Hardware.

Apparatus

- CF Services repaired an air leak on Engine 83.
- Engine 83 was in an accident. All insurance paperwork has been completed up to this point. The engine is at the factory for repairs. They said not to expect the engine back until at least October-November time period. Engine 82 is now second due. We switched all necessary equipment onto that apparatus. All equipment was taken off of E-83 and if it did not go on E-82 it went into the storage trailer at Pioneer freight that they are letting us use.

Training

- Training for the month of August was:
 - Vehicle extrication
- Training for the month of September will be ladders and hazardous materials at the Hanover sewer Plant.
- The Boater Safety Class has been scheduled for Saturday October 16th.

Purchases

I am requesting the following purchases for the month:

- New tires for Unit 201.

1.	Gogel Tire	\$659.97
2.	Atlantic Tire	\$660.00

During last month's Commissioners meeting we were dispatched to a motor vehicle roll over with entrapment on the highway. While operating at the scene I noticed that we were missing an essential part to turn the spreaders into pullers. They are chain and chain adapters. I am requesting to purchase those from State Line Fire for \$862.75.

Quotes are on file in the Chief's Office.

Fire Prevention

- Sixty inspections /re-inspections were conducted last month and \$168.00 dollars in permits were collected.

Other Matters and Announcements

- 1 OPRA Request was completed.
- 1 Plan Review was completed.
- We have 2 new junior members. They are Tim and Jonathon Kelly. Sons of Captain Brian Kelly.
- A new member will be joining on Tuesday evening Glen Molchan.
- Great job by everyone who assisted with the apprehension of the bank robbers, and also finding the gun in the woods while we were assisting the police looking for it.
- On behalf of the members thank you for providing the breakfast and lunch for the Inspection/Boonton Parade.
- Myself, Paul, Chief Davidson and Chad sat down and discussed the Non LHU Registration fee schedule.

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

- A card was received from Trish Olsen thanking the responders that came to a medical emergency there.
- A thank you from George Coppola about the bank robbery.
- A thank you from the Chief of Police about the bank robbery also.
- A notice from Mr. Ferramosca that he will be studying Ridgedale Ave in Cedar Knolls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Julie wants to look at new ways to do reviews. 10 thoughts each.

Building: Light is out. Power was out. AC Daughtry was here and we passed. Doing fine without the cleaning service.

Apparatus: Lost a truck - #83. KME reports that it moves. The wiring harness had to be replaced. The frame and cab have to be aligned and straightened and then the front end aligned. After he gets it back, they'll open up the nose of the truck. It should be back in 3-4 weeks unless they find problems after they open her up. Insurance adjustor has been looking at it also. \$900 bill was submitted to insurance – for flatbed towing from Cedar Knolls to here.

Insurance: In progress

Dinner: Nothing

Mementos: Nothing

First Aid: We had 60 calls this month, up 111 from last year. Not sure where that's leading. Talking with Cedar Knolls about changing their outlook on billing for ambulance calls. There are many problems for both districts.

Liaisons: Cedar Knolls – At our meeting with them, some of the things discussed were the radio frequencies, First Aid Squad, the SAFER grant, and getting ordinances ready for October.

Township: For George Coppola – We are working with Cedar Knolls on First Aid and would like the town's input. We need to discuss billing, talk to different towns and get George's help.

Also, Radios. In the next few years, we may go to a county dispatch. George said: Right now the Police are not using it. Eventually because of what they spent on it, we may be joining but not for now. Chief Gallagher was not that impressed and likes it the way it is now.

If it ever changes, the fire departments want to be included. George will bring a representative from each Fire District to come to the next meeting that takes place.

The Chief mentioned narrow banding – looking for someone to come in to see if our equipment will be compatible.

Lastly, the ordinance – a Non Life Hazard Regulation fee. Facilities that are registered to the State of NJ – like the firehouse.

Looking to create an ordinance that will allow us to bill facilities based on their square footage. It's a 7 tiered system. Not a lot of money to the owner – from \$50-\$200, but with the number of businesses in town, it will add up for us. Right now our Inspectors do it for free. They go back sometimes 2-3 times, there's paperwork, etc.. Many towns already have it. It will offset the costs for us.

The town needs to enact it once it's adopted. The town has 2 meetings in December. We would like to start it January 1st. Henry will e-mail George a PDF of the town's ordinances.

We're looking at call #s. So far,

In 2008 15 % of our calls were to the JCC.

In 2009 15% of our calls were to Arden Courts

In 2010 22% of our calls are to JCC – so far this year.

What does it really cost us? Even if we can't change it, it's good to have the numbers for when the town approves any new buildings.

George: Read aloud the thank you to the witnesses at the bank robbery and to Bob & Rob Cobane for chasing the robbers into the woods.

Relocation: 1. We have an agreement with the attorney working on the property swap.

2. We also have a term sheet with what things Vision equities will contribute.

3. Met with architect and made a few changes. We will see him down in Wildwood and he will be coming up here at the end of Sept. We will be signing off on the plans. Then it goes out to bid.

4. Spoke with Omland. Fee for curb cuts has been waived. Still have to pay for water runoff things.

FIRE COMPANY PART OF THE MEETING

2 new Kellys have joined. Request use of apparatus for the fund drive.

OLD BUSINESS

Daily Record – Jake Remaly – idea of following a 16 year old newbie around a few times during the year. The Kellys are just joining and their Dad would be OK with it.

Ian Bell – We're putting the recruitment brochure right in the fund drive envelope this year.

Henry said that the Facebook site is getting good response. Paypal can now be used for donations.

The Cedar Knolls house fire – Great job by all the guys.

Also great job by the Cobane bank robber catchers, the eyewitnesses, the Parade and Inspection Day group and the 911 Memorial.

Proud of our department.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: A motion was made to change our gas vouchers from Exxon to Shell and to change the amount to a fixed amount instead of a gallon amount. It will be \$10 for the truck checks and \$20 for the percentages. This will become effective Nov. 1st. The motion was made by Comm.. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It passed by the following vote:

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

MOTION: Officers going to Wildwood. This year the deputy Chief is not going so a motion was made to extend that stipend to Tom Rebyak, Asst. Chief. The motion was made by Comm. Hansch and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Comm. Cobane that we accept the Chief's request to purchase school supplies from Alert-All Corporation. The motion was seconded by Comm. Barz and passed by the following votes:

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

MOTION: The Chief discussed the SAFER grant for hiring people. He requested that he be able to go forward with the next step on it. We can always refuse it later. Comm. Barz made a motion that we go forward with the grant. The motion was seconded by Comm. Hansch and was passed by the following vote:

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

MOTION: Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to grant use of the apparatus for the annual Fund Drive. The motion was seconded by Comm. Cobane. It was passed by the following vote:

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

MOTION: A motion was made by M Mihalko to pay for new tires for Vehicle 201. Best price was from Gogel Tire for \$659.97. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. 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 Committeeman, commented that the presentation the Fire Company made to the township went over very well and was very professional. Nice job. He stated that he appreciates all the work everyone does – the Two Kids foundation and now the Miracle for Mark, which the Local union is supporting.

Two kids will be the first Sunday in August next year.

Paul Perrello said that the beefsteak dinner is Oct 23rd and all proceeds will go to the Miracle for Mark foundation.

There were 11 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, Cobane & Hansch
NAYS: None

08/03/2010	4387	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals/Training	-5,800.00
08/03/2010	4388	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies	-196.50
08/03/2010	4389	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group VOID	Workers Compensation	0.00
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	Operating Materials & Supplies	-97.99
08/03/2010	4394	Acad	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	Employee Benefits-Other	-215.64
08/09/2010	4409	Acad	Training and Education	-250.00
08/09/2010	4410	Recorder Community Newspaper	Advertising	-334.05
08/09/2010	4411	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-77.06
08/09/2010	4412	NJ State Assoc of Fire Districts	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-300.00
08/15/2010	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Payroll	13,881.72
08/20/2010	4429	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-4,417.00
08/23/2010	4413	Bloomingtondale Cornet Band	Promotion	-1,100.00
08/23/2010	4414	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,503.68
08/23/2010	4415	ACS Affiliated Computer Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,735.00
08/23/2010	4416	Fire Fighters Equipment Company	Operating Materials & Supplies	-368.00
08/23/2010	4417	Sprint	Utilities	-61.05
08/23/2010	4418	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-937.00
08/23/2010	4419	State of New Jersey	Insurance Premiums	-7.50
08/23/2010	4420	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,525.10
08/23/2010	4421	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	-357.79
08/23/2010	4422	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Repairs & Maintenance	-467.50
08/23/2010	4423	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies	-464.00
08/23/2010	4424	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
08/23/2010	4425	Thomas Braviak	Operating Materials & Supplies	-32.00
08/23/2010	4426	Anthony Cunder	Operating Materials & Supplies	-60.00
08/23/2010	4427	Employment Horizons	Building Maintenance	-65.00
08/23/2010	4428	Johnson, Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, et al	Professional Services	-994.00
08/23/2010	4430	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,850.34
08/30/2010	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	payroll	13,032.38
08/30/2010	4431	Eagle Auto Body	Engine 83	-416.25

08/30/2010	4432	Minerva Cleaners	Operating Materials & Supplies	-838.50
08/30/2010	4433	Exxon Fleet	Operating Materials & Supplies	-978.34
08/30/2010	4434	Cablevision	Utilities	-237.56
08/30/2010	4435	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-142.73
08/30/2010	4436	State of New Jersey - Division of Pension	Pension Expense	-33.42
08/30/2010	4437	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-5,750.40
08/30/2010	4438	GRAINGER	Operating Materials & Supplies	-144.96
09/02/2010	4439	GRAINGER	Operating Materials & Supplies	-79.45
09/02/2010	4440	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-354.75
09/02/2010	4441	Joseph Cortright	Operating Materials & Supplies	-94.22
09/02/2010	4442	Toshiba Business Solutions	Operating Materials & Supplies	-400.00
09/02/2010	4443	CF Services	Engine 83	-377.55
09/08/2010	4444	PSE&G	Utilities	-465.00
09/08/2010	4445	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Employee Benefits-Other	-215.64
09/08/2010	4446	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	11,157.00
09/08/2010	4447	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-342.55
09/08/2010	4448	Educational Productions	Operating Materials & Supplies	-9.99
09/08/2010	4449	Finish Line Car Wash	Operating Materials & Supplies	-6.50
09/08/2010	4450	Rios' Engraving	Operating Materials & Supplies	-40.00
09/08/2010	4451	Tom Rebyak	Promotion	-102.83
09/08/2010	4452	Morristown Lumber	Operating Materials & Supplies	-105.99
09/08/2010	4453	New Jersey Division of Fire Safety	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-240.00
09/13/2010	4454	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-3,740.00
09/13/2010	4455	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,269.79
09/13/2010	4456	Johnson, Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, et al	Professional Services	-98.00
09/13/2010	4457	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Engine 82	-524.65
09/13/2010	4458	Township of Hanover	Operating Materials & Supplies	<u>-48.00</u>
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				89,707.78

A motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Cobane. It was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant