

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2011

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

Also Present: Chief Cortright & Township Committee 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 Hanover Eagle and the Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

First order of business: Julie Mihalko was sworn in for another 3 year term as Fire Commissioner. Congratulations to Julie from everyone here.

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

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. Cobane moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Hansch 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

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| Balance On Hand - January 31, 2010 | \$30,918.73 |
| February Checks | (\$101,845.35) |
| From Money Market Account | \$75,000.00 |

Deposits for the Month of February 2011

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| Verizon | Permits & Fees | \$497.00 |
| Zeris | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| Bagel Brunch | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| Township of Hanover | False Alarms - Jan | \$1,275.00 |
| Matts Fine Jewelry | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| Ukranian Cultural center | Penalty 212 | \$1,000.00 |
| Ukranian Cultural center | Penalty 212-A | \$1,000.00 |
| Registration Fees | | \$10,025.00 |
| Interest - February | TD Bank | \$8.09 |
| Interest - January | TD Bank | \$30.53 |

Balance on Hand, February 28, 2011**\$18,129.29****TD Bank Money Market**

Balance on Hand February 28, 2011

\$2,825.43**Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251****TD Bank**

Balance on Hand February 28, 2011

\$746.93**Active Assets Account #615 108684 107****Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney**

Balance on Hand February 28, 2011

\$705,715.56

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$110,127.91

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters the truck charger for our Pac Tracking system. (Warranty)

Apparatus

- Air leak repaired on Engine 82.

Training

- Training for March will be on the:
 - 15th Equipment Location
 - 22nd Pump Ops refresher
 - 29th Mask Confidence

Purchases

- No purchase requests.
- The drag device that we ordered 2 months ago has been received.

Fire Prevention

- Thirty-eight (38) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$126.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- Forty-nine (49) calls were answered last month.

Fire

- For the month of February we responded to Thirty-nine (39) emergencies.

Other Matters and Announcements

- All Non LHU businesses were sent a second invoice for the 2011 registration.
- Tim Cook is now a probationary member.
- The water authority will be replacing the water mains and hydrants on the following streets in town. Troy Hills Road, Ford Hill Road, and Park Avenue between Whippany Road and Columbia Turnpike.
- As you are all aware 4 of our members assisted the HTPD with the apprehension of the PNC bank robbers. Chief Gallagher and I nominated Bob Cobane, Rob Cobane, Ian Bell and Paul Perrello for a Meritorious Award from the Morris County 200 Club along with officers Paul Weaver and Chris Martino.

They were all chosen to receive the award and will be presented the award at the 200 Club Award Dinner held on April 28, 2011 at the Villa in Mt. Lakes. Congratulations to everyone.

A motion was made to accept the above 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

None at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Building: Light still not working. Woody looking into it.

Apparatus: Nothing at this time.

Insurance: Mike Cowley had some issues, which have been worked out. Working on policies. More discussions to follow.

Dinner: Nothing

Mementos: In progress.

First Aid: Comm. Barz reported that EMS responded to 49 calls this month. With 15 days to go, we still have not heard one word from Cedar Knolls as to how they're handling EMS in the township. We're still sitting tight.

George Coppola reported that on Thursday, March 24th, there is a meeting of the Bureau and they will have to have some answers for us by then.

LIASIONS:

Township: County dispatch. George forwarded Chief Davidson's thoughts on it. Chief Gallagher has someone coming in to look at the system. The guy knows radios and things and will take an unbiased look. Tom Harrington will also be looking at it with them. The County wants everyone – not piecemeal. By 2013 we will be locked out.

Radios – Chief Cortright started the paperwork with the FCC, to re-register our system as of now. If we end up going with the County, we can always drop it. We're being pro-active.

George Coppola also reported that Police Lt. Len O'Laughlin is retiring May 1st. The town is going to ask Brian Pilipie to come back.

The new bank is going in soon.

FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING

The architect has to have another meeting with the Building Dept tomorrow.

We haven't made a decision whether to go with the lowest bid or the second lowest.

There were 14 bids total, ranging from 3.4 to 4.6 million. No decision has been made yet. Copies of the bids are with the lawyers. We should have them back in a week. The agreement between us and Sam is pretty much done. Time to move the rocks

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing right now.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, the Secretary, Comm. Cobane read the attached resolutions aloud. They are attached to these minutes. They were all voted on and accepted with a consent agenda as follows:

A Resolution naming the meeting schedule for the year 2011-2012. Meeting dates will be April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 08, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12 of 2011 and January 9, February 13, and March 13th of 2012.

A Resolution naming the Hanover Eagle and/or the Daily Record as the official newspapers of the Board for 2011-2012.

A Resolution naming Vince Montenino as the auditor for the Board for 2011-2012.

A Resolution naming TD Bank as the official depository of the Board for 2011-2012.

A Resolution naming Joseph O'Toole, Counselor-at-Law, for our legal services for the year 2011-2012.

The motion to accept all the above resolutions on a consent agenda was made by Comm. Hansch and seconded by Comm. Barz. It passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

The Chief and the Board congratulated Rob and Robert Cobane, Ian Bell and Paul Perrello once again for their role in apprehending two bank robbers this year. They will be inducted into the Morris County 200 Club and will be honored on April 28th at a dinner.

Approval was requested for the use of an apparatus at the annual Little League opening Day celebrations. The motion to accept this request was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Barz. It passed by the following vote;

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Julie Mihalko commended the Chief's daughter Amanda on her "My Hero" essay about her father. The essay was read at the Hanover Wind Symphony concert and music played to honor the heroes. Joshua Willans, son of Whippany firefighter Steve Willans, also had his essay selected. His heroes were our military.

The electric bill for the firehouse has quadrupled from this same period last year. The usage – not the rate. Only one month this year was estimated. The rest were actual readings. It needs to be looked into.

It may be the compressors. We can have JCP&L look at the meter and make sure that's not the problem. We'll contact Brian Kelly first.

The Chief reported that a lawyer in town, Mr. Curley, is contesting the registration fee, saying it's against his constitutional rights and he will be filing a lawsuit. His letter was forwarded to the township attorney. So far, he is the only business in town with a complaint. Fees are coming in daily.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

Janet thanked the fire department for the use of the firehouse for the annual Girl Scout cookie delivery. Over 19,000 boxes were delivered this year.

There were 6 members of the public present.

BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

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| 02/03/2011 | 4723 | Domb Lighting & Electrical Supply | Operating Materials & Supplies | -52.02 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4724 | Coffee Lovers | Coffee | -413.83 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4725 | Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc. | repairs & Maintenance | -266.50 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4726 | Johnny's Pizza | Operating Materials & Supplies | -63.02 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4727 | Rios' Engraving | Engraving | -20.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4728 | About Me | Operating Materials & Supplies | -860.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4729 | Drew Scelba | Computers | -150.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4730 | Paul Perrele | Medical Benefits | -5.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4731 | Verizon Wireless | Utilities | -439.67 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4732 | CONFINED SPACE SERVICES | Training and Education | -200.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4733 | Lifesavers, Inc. | Training and Education | -478.91 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4734 | Lakewood Communications | Computers | -269.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4735 | Firefighter One, LLC | Operating Materials & Supplies | -215.20 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4736 | Cablevision | Utilities | -244.02 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4737 | Board of Fire Commissioners District No. | EMS Services | -17,500.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4738 | Florham Park Hardware | Operating Materials & Supplies | -12.98 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4740 | McNeil & Company | Insurance Premiums | -4,825.00 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4739 | Daily Record | Advertising | -41.76 |
| 02/03/2011 | 4741 | Morristown Memorial | Medical Benefits | -826.00 |
| 02/07/2011 | 4742 | Shell Fleet | Fuel Vouchers | -702.22 |
| 02/07/2011 | 4743 | Brunners Garage | Utility 85 | -280.32 |
| 02/07/2011 | 4744 | Finish Line Car Wash | Car Washes | -32.50 |
| 02/07/2011 | 4745 | Politi Auto Parts | Other | -25.69 |
| 02/07/2011 | 4746 | STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | Office Supplies | -720.43 |
| 02/07/2011 | 4747 | Janet Gant-Hammond | Office Supplies | -89.73 |
| 02/08/2011 | 4748 | Robert Cobane | Office Supplies | -9.64 |
| 02/08/2011 | 4749 | Police & Firemen's Insurance Association | Police & Fire Insurance | -216.00 |
| 02/08/2011 | 4750 | PSE&G | utilities | -856.66 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4751 | Firefighter One, LLC | Operating Materials & Supplies | -1,110.18 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4752 | About Me | Operating Materials & Supplies | -199.00 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4753 | J C P & L | utilities | -862.24 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4754 | Police & Firemen's Insurance Association | Police & Fire Insurance | -25,494.00 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4755 | Witmer Associates, Inc | Helmets | -76.00 |

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| 02/14/2011 | 4756 | Parker Publications | Advertising | -169.06 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4757 | Township of Hanover | Operating Materials & Supplies | -650.59 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4758 | Batteries Plus | Batteries | -14.94 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4759 | Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc. | Operating Materials & Supplies | -1,166.07 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4760 | Shell Fleet | Fuel Vouchers | 0.00 |
| 02/14/2011 | 4761 | Do-It-Yourself, Inc. | Engine 83 | -74.39 |
| 02/14/2011 | eft | Board of Fire Commissioners | payroll | -15,115.94 |
| 02/19/2011 | 4762 | STEPHEN GOLDBLATT | Elections | -175.00 |
| 02/19/2011 | 4763 | Elizabeth Lori | Elections | -125.00 |
| 02/19/2011 | 4764 | Patricia Cobane | Elections | -125.00 |
| 02/19/2011 | 4765 | Joseph Makowski | Elections | -125.00 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4766 | Cablevision | Utilities | -244.02 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4767 | Office Equipment Finance Services | Copy Machine lease | -255.00 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4768 | Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ | Dental | -447.30 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4769 | Oxford Health Plan | Medical Benefits | -7,511.79 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4770 | Robert Cobane | Elections | -31.00 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4771 | CF Services | Engine 81 | -120.00 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4772 | Morris Cty Fire Prevention Assoc. Inc. | Membership Dues & Subscriptions | -210.00 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4773 | D & R Car Tops | Engine 83 | -100.00 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4774 | Parker Publications | Advertising | -125.34 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4775 | Shell Fleet | Fuel Vouchers | -695.36 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4776 | Township of Hanover | Diesel | -107.09 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4777 | GRAINGER | Operating Materials & Supplies | -484.22 |
| 02/23/2011 | 4778 | Standard Insurance Co | Life Insurance | -1,510.00 |
| 02/28/2011 | eft | Board of Fire Commissioners | payroll | -14,145.05 |
| 02/28/2011 | 4779 | Ian Bell | Boots | -10.43 |
| 02/28/2011 | 4780 | Batteries Plus | Batteries | -55.95 |
| 02/28/2011 | 4781 | MCAAFC | Membership Dues & Subscriptions | -25.00 |
| 02/28/2011 | 4782 | Parker Publications | Advertising | 0.00 |
| 02/28/2011 | 4783 | Election Graphics, Inc. | Elections | -375.00 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4784 | NJ Press / Media Solutions | Advertising | -53.20 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4785 | Culligan | Water | -12.40 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4786 | STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | Office Supplies | -90.96 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4787 | Finish Line Car Wash | Car Washes | -32.50 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4788 | Florham Park Hardware | Operating Materials & Supplies | -34.05 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4789 | Verizon Wireless | Utilities | -437.25 |
| 03/07/2011 | 4790 | POSTMASTER | Office Supplies | -88.00 |
| 03/09/2011 | 4791 | J C P & L | Utilities | -800.12 |
| 03/09/2011 | 4792 | PSE&G | Utilities | -570.00 |
| 03/09/2011 | 4793 | Liberty Mutual Insurance Group | Workers Compensation | -3,746.00 |
| 03/09/2011 | 4794 | Township of Hanover | Gasoline | -539.28 |
| 03/09/2011 | 4795 | Police & Firemen's Insurance Association | Police & Fire Insurance | -216.29 |
| 03/09/2011 | 4796 | Same Day Transportation Specialists | Elections | -95.00 |
| 03/14/2011 | 4797 | Shell Fleet | Fuel Vouchers | -678.41 |
| 03/14/2011 | 4798 | Continental Fire & Safety | Operating Materials & Supplies | -102.00 |
| 03/14/2011 | 4799 | PSE&G | Utilities | -207.65 |
| 03/14/2011 | 4800 | Township of Hanover | Diesel | -236.75 |
| 03/14/2011 | 4801 | All Jersey Garage Doors | Building Maintenance | -150.00 |
| 03/14/2011 | 4802 | CF Services | Engine 82 | -261.00 |

Comm. Cobane made a motion to .adjourn. It was seconded by Comm. M. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant