

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

August 8th, 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: Cobane, J Mihalko, M Mihalko & Hansch

Absent: R. Barz

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 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: Cobane, J Mihalko, M Mihalko, & Hansch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

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: Cobane, J Mihalko, M Mihalko, & Hansch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

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| Balance On Hand - June 30, 2011 | \$170,056.64 |
| July Checks | (\$64,920.38) |

Deposits for the Month of July 2011

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| Township of Hanover | False alarms - May | \$250.00 |
| Steris | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| Datamotion | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| Paulie G's | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| State of NJ - Uniform fire safety act | 3rd Quarter rebate | \$8,706.74 |
| J&R Tobacco | Permits & Fees | \$42.00 |
| Registration Fees | Regist. Fees | \$175.00 |
| Township of Hanover | False alarms - June | \$150.00 |
| Interest | TD Bank | \$27.87 |
| Adjustment | | (\$0.05) |

Balance on Hand, July 31, 2011 **\$114,613.82**

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand July 31, 2011 **\$2,827.57**

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand June 30, 2011 **\$747.31**

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand July 31, 2011 **\$705,937.30**

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting \$67,780.18

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters repaired our hose that failed. It will be retested on August 25th.
- Fire Fighters flow tested 10 SCBA bottles.
- Supplies were purchased from Florham Park Hardware.
- Supplies were purchased from Home Depot.
- Engine 83's ladder has been repaired and is back in service.

Apparatus

- While responding to an emergency last Wednesday E-83 hit a low hanging tree branch on Kearney Avenue. A police report was made a new window was ordered and Al Latanzio was notified. I also spoke to Joe Giorgio regarding the incident and the DPW went out and trimmed the tree.
- Last month I reported that the air compressor on Engine 81 for the CAFS System was stuck in the engaged position. At this time it has disengaged itself and the system is working properly.

Training

- We used the Hansch property last Thursday evening for training prior to it being knocked down this week.
- No further training drills for this month maintenance drills for Inspection Day will start on Tuesday August 23rd and continue until all work has been completed.

Purchases

- No requests at this time.

Fire Prevention

- (57) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$581.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- (34) calls were answered last month.

Fire

- (52) calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- One plan review was completed.
- The new water main on Troy Hills Road is in operation. Once this project is complete they are moving over to Eden Lane to replace that water main.
- In speaking with Joe Giorgio regarding our incident with E 83 hitting a tree branch Joe spoke with a representative from the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) the representative stated that the Fire District is eligible to join the JIF and would probably see a significant savings on our insurance premiums. The JIF does not offer health insurance. I am waiting to hear back from Joe Giorgio regarding Workers Comp. insurance.
- The contract for the Bloomingdale Band has been taken care of. Also Randy Polo and Tom Rebyak will once again this year take care of the Inspection Day breakfast and lunch.
- The Hydra Ram that was approved two months ago has been received. We are still waiting on the gear to be delivered.
- We will be getting 2 new members tomorrow evening, one junior and one probationary member. Also one member will be going from a junior to probationary member.
- Jonathon and Tim Kelly completed Junior Firefighting class in July.
- Tim Cook starts Firefighter 1 class August 23rd.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

CHIEF'S UPDATE:

- Tree branch – (see above) It was a residential tree, not a town tree, but Giorgio asked the DPW to go out and trim it anyway. Window will be ordered for the truck.
- Giorgio said that the Fire dept is eligible to join the JIF insurance program. Mike said we had looked at it, but didn't like it. Benefits big groups a lot more than smaller ones.

A motion was made to accept the above Chief's update. This motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and was seconded by Comm. Cobane. It was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Township of Hanover – Joe Giorgio asking for our support in the matter of going to County Dispatch. We are going to send a letter endorsing the town's position – whatever they decide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: 2 new members.

Building: Nothing at this time

Apparatus: 83 has a broken window

Insurance: Nothing at this time

Dinner: Nothing at this time.

Mementos: Nothing at this time.

First Aid / District #3: It was reported that EMS responded to 34 calls this month. 344 for year. Per Diems seem to be working fine so far. Not as busy as it's been – Summer is a little quieter. Our guys are responding just to Whippany now.

LIASIONS:

Cedar Knolls: Have contacted us to see if we can work together as a committee to see if it's feasible to merge and have a joint fire department. Comm. Barz & Hansch will get together with them soon.

Township: George Coppola reported: Just what we spoke about earlier – the County Dispatch. Henry heard a rumor that they signed Parsippany, but not sure.

George is not happy with how Route 10 is looking and Sam Moreale is going to hear about it.

FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING

Fred Brunner – Status Quo

OLD BUSINESS

Arson class – Due to our financial situation, we are going to push that off for now, until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Firehouse issue – George concerned about the developer.

Fred - Our architect is speaking to Joe Giorgio regarding state statutes and bidding laws. We never technically awarded the bid. We had a verbal extension of 60 days and then a second one of 60 days. How many extensions can we do? We're way over 120 days since we bid it out so Fred is thinking we'll probably have to rebid.

Maybe since we didn't bid it technically, we may not have to but... It's cost between 10 and \$20,000

Need trucks for the parade and Two Kids. A motion was made to allow the apparatus for the events. Motion was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

A motion was made to draft a letter to the town endorsing their decision about going up to the County Dispatch. District No. 2 will back whatever decision they arrive at.

The motion to send this letter was made by Comm. Hansch and seconded by Comm. M. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, J Mihalko, & Hansch

NAYS: Cobane

ABSENT: Barz

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

There were 6 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: Cobane, J Mihalko, M. Mihalko & Hansch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

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| 07/05/2011 | 4930 | Politi Auto Parts | Operating Materials & Supplies | -3.87 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4931 | Cablevision | Utilities | -244.02 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4932 | Witmer Associates, Inc | Gloves | -344.70 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4933 | Paul Perrello | Medical Benefits | -55.00 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4934 | Home Depot Credit Services | Operating Materials & Supplies | -244.30 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4935 | Verizon Wireless | Utilities | -1,877.17 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4936 | STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | Office Supplies | -343.63 |
| 07/05/2011 | 4937 | Township of Hanover | Diesel | -148.85 |
| 07/07/2011 | 4938 | PERS | Pension Expense | 10,133.31 |
| 07/15/2011 | | Board of Fire Commissioners | -SPLIT- | 13,943.28 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4939 | J C P & L | -SPLIT- | -1,220.83 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4940 | Township of Hanover Morris County Public Safety Training | Gasoline | -373.94 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4941 | Acad | Training and Education | -75.00 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4942 | Police & Firemen's Insurance Association | Police & Fire Insurance | -216.29 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4943 | R & J Control, Inc. | Generator | -337.50 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4944 | Batteries Plus | Batteries | -36.96 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4945 | Safeguard Business Systems | Office Supplies | -177.18 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4946 | Aluminum Ladder Company | Ladders | -73.51 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4947 | Morristown Memorial | Medical | -481.00 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4948 | PSE&G | Utilities | -10.52 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4949 | Liberty Mutual Insurance Group | Workers Compensation | -2,999.00 |
| 07/18/2011 | 4950 | US Postal Service | Office Supplies | -96.00 |
| 07/20/2011 | 4951 | Shell Fleet | Fuel Vouchers | -599.49 |
| 07/20/2011 | 4952 | Liberty Mutual Insurance Group | Workers Compensation | -3,466.00 |
| 07/20/2011 | 4953 | American Testing Center | Ladder Membership Dues & Subscriptions | -407.00 |
| 07/20/2011 | 4954 | Whippany Rotary Club | | -238.00 |
| 07/20/2011 | 4955 | Oxford Health Plan | Medical Benefits | -7,173.24 |
| 07/20/2011 | 4956 | Batteries Plus | Batteries | -29.97 |

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| 07/20/2011 | 4957 | Brunners Garage | Car 201 | -57.75 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4958 | Standard Insurance Co | Life Insurance | -1,570.40 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4959 | Bloomingtondale Cornet Band | Promotion | -1,100.00 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4960 | Turnout Fire & Safety | Boots | -100.33 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4961 | Rios' Engraving | Engraving | -40.00 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4962 | Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc. | Hoses | -438.00 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4963 | AC Daughtry, Ic. | Station | -255.00 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4964 | Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ | Dental | -447.30 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4965 | Firefighter One, LLC | -SPLIT- | -1,684.04 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4966 | Drew Scelba | Computers | -125.00 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4967 | Township of Hanover | Diesel | -197.43 |
| 07/26/2011 | 4968 | Batteries Plus | Batteries | -34.17 |
| 07/29/2011 | eft | Board of Fire Commissioners | -SPLIT- | 13,521.40 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4969 | ACE Com | Pager Repair | -158.00 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4970 | Township of Hanover | Gasoline | -659.47 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4971 | Parker Publications | Advertising | -89.75 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4972 | Cablevision | Utilities | -244.02 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4973 | Florham Park Hardware | Operating Materials & Supplies | -28.34 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4974 | Office Equipment Finance Services | Copy Machine lease | -255.00 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4975 | Politi Auto Parts | Operating Materials & Supplies | -33.07 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4976 | PIP Printing | Office Supplies | -415.39 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4977 | Verizon Wireless | Utilities | -437.03 |
| 08/02/2011 | 4978 | Home Depot Credit Services | Operating Materials & Supplies | -72.48 |
| 08/05/2011 | 4979 | J C P & L | Utilities | -3.25 |
| 08/05/2011 | 4980 | ACE Com | -SPLIT- | -119.75 |
| 08/05/2011 | 4981 | Brunners Garage | Car 202 | -59.75 |
| 08/05/2011 | 4982 | Minerva Cleaners | Gear Cleaning | -284.50 |
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| | | | | 67,780.18 |

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barz

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant