

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

September 12th, 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: Barz, Cobane, J Mihalko, M Mihalko & Hansch

Absent: None

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. Cobane made a motion to accept last month's minutes, with a few corrections that will be made. The move was seconded by Comm. Barz and it was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. Cobane moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Barz seconded the move and it was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - July 31, 2011	\$114,613.82
August Checks	(\$58,632.81)

Deposits for the Month of August 2011

Registration Fees	Registration Fees	\$150.00
State of New Jersey	Uniform Fire Safety Act	\$12,135.16
GE Aviation	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
GE Aviation	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Emulistone Company	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Suburban Propane	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	False alarms	\$100.00
Interest - July	TD Bank	\$20.34
Interest - August	TD Bank	\$11.54

<u>Balance on Hand, August 31, 2011</u>	<u>\$69,021.05</u>
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TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand August 31, 2011 **\$2,827.49**

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand August 31, 2011 **\$747.41**

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand August 31, 2011 **\$705,644.25**

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting \$74,133.28

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. 6 of 7 lengths have failed and will be sent back to Firefighters.
- Supplies were purchased from Home Depot.
- Minerva Cleaners cleaned 3 sets of gear. They repaired one set and condemned 2 sets.
- FireFighters repaired, serviced and tested 2 SCBA packs.
- Equipment was purchased from Firefighter One.

Apparatus

- Window on engine 83 has been replaced.

Training

- Training drills for the month will be extrication and stand pipe operations.

Purchases

- Fire Prevention material for the school children. The price reflected below is from a single source provider:

1. Alert All \$1342.50

- I would like to replace 2 computers this year. The laptops are 5 years old and we need to start to replace them. The laptops will still be used for inspection purposes.

1. Micromax Computers \$490.00 each \$ 980.00
2. Staples \$735.00 each \$ 1,470.00

Fire Prevention

- (22) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$84.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- (28) calls were answered last month.

Fire

- (31) calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- One plan review was completed.
- The water main on Eden land has been replaced and new hydrants added. They are currently working on Ford Hill Rd.
- The Boy Scouts from troop 155 and their families were a tremendous help with the flood preparations and also with the cleanup after the flood and also helping with the cleaning of the apparatus. I would like to get them a plaque showing our appreciation and also wither a pizza night or BBQ for them. They have weekly meetings at the Legion on Monday evenings.
- Once again, thank you to Randy polo and tom Rebyak for taking care of the Inspection Day breakfast.
- The Township Fire Prevention Ordinance was changed slightly to reflect clearly that tenants need to pay the Non LHU fee. This is a result of Attorney Brian Curley arguing that the ordinance was not clear. Under the advice of John Dorsey and Joe Giorgio, we changed the ordinance.
- Attached are various reports from the hurricane.

CHIEF'S UPDATE:

- 2 requests for purchases – kid's materials and computers.
- Thank you to everyone for their efforts during the flood. The Swift Water team was "Awesome". The whole department shined. We went to 6 different towns for Mutual Aid, did at least 30 pump outs, 5 Rescues, and 30-40 evacuations. Also, 1 Search in Dover.
- The Waterfall rescue of 2 kids and also 2 other people from route 10 while stuck on their vehicles roofs. Both were difficult rescues.

At this time, Chairman Hansch praised the members of the Swift Water rescue Team (The Turtles) and presented them with plaques and medals for their lifesaving efforts.

These were presented to: Josh Makowski, Tom Cobane, Ian Bell and Rob Cobane.

Ian Bell responded by saying that the Team couldn't have done it without the team on the riverbanks supporting them. He thanked the Commissioners also for the funds given them to do the training and get the certification and equipment. It prevented 4 deaths that day.

Ian Bell also thanked Boonton for their help. They got there very quickly and were instrumental in helping in the rescue. He'd like to see both teams get together to meet and discuss what happened. Also good to know the other guys in the event that we have to work together again with them.

Henry mentioned that the Swift water Team, not only worked on those Mutual Aid water rescues, but when they got back, also attended a full house fire in Parsippany.

George Coppola then thanked everyone also for what they did. All the departments in town banded together and did a great job.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letters are enclosed in these minutes from the different towns – regarding the flood.
- We got an e-mail from George Coppola thanking the Fire Company for their participation in the Two Kids Foundation event. Even with 2 rain dates, they had a pretty good turnout.
- Letter from Boonton (attached)
- Letter from OEM summarizing the flood events (attached).
- One of our members hurt himself and we received a letter from our attorney saying there will be a lawsuit coming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Medals were presented to the Swift water team for their heroic efforts last week.

Building: Fire personnel have moved over here temporarily until Firehouse is habitable again. The carpets over here will be cleaned. Freddie wants permission to use this building for the company meeting tomorrow.

Apparatus: 83 - broken window fixed. After flood, going to check over the small vehicles (Brunner's) and the large ones (Foer).

Insurance: Nothing at this time

Dinner: In progress.

Mementos: Nothing at this time.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 28 calls this month.

LIASIONS:

Cedar Knolls: Henry and Ron will be sitting down with Tom Quirk & Commissioner Pilipie and will be trying to locate a company that will combine us into 1 Fire District. Just looking at it now and seeing whether it's feasible to do it for tax money and anything else. They'll want to talk with the town too.

Township: George Coppola responded that the town, by law, cannot get involved because we are separate entities and vote on our own budgets, officials, and such.

George reported that the township lost 2 police vehicles during the flood.

FEMA is going to put something together for the seniors, especially those that don't use computers. He will present it at their next meeting.

Sam Moreale got a violation notice for the condition the property he owns is in. He was upset, but George said he's got to get out of limbo – stop procrastinating and do something.

George also mentioned a blog criticizing the dispatch. He feels this is not necessary. They were busy too and everyone did their best.

FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING

Fred Brunner did receive a document back from Sam Moreale. It looks good and they are finalizing the review of it. Henry winters explained that if it is good for both parties, Sam has 120 days to do the site work. That is 120 from the agreement actually being executed.

George questioned whether we would have to rebid or not. We're still not sure because the bid was technically never awarded, but there are only so many times you can extend also. If we do, it will cost about another \$20,000 for the rebid and the bids will be higher not lower.

Congratulations to the Fire Company at the Boonton Inspection Day parade. They took First place in Rescue, Color Guard and Marching.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to approve the chief's request to purchase Fire Prevention materials for the school kids in town. The motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Barz. It was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made to approve the Chief's request to purchase 2 new computers from Micromax. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made to allow the fire Company to use this building for their Company meeting this month. The motion was made by Commissioner M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Thank yous were made to CA Winkler for the use of their equipment during the flood, to the Boy Scouts who helped fill sandbags, & clean the apparatus, and to Boonton for their help with the waterfall water rescue.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

There were 8 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: Barz, Cobane, J Mihalko, M. Mihalko & Hansch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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	Operating Materials & Supplies	-119.75
08/05/2011	4981	Brunners Garage	Car 202	-59.75
08/05/2011	4982	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-284.50
08/15/2011	4983	PSE&G	Utilities	-214.58
08/15/2011	4984	Fail Safe, Inc.	Hose	-1,985.00
08/15/2011	4985	Firefighter One, LLC	Meters	-137.00
08/15/2011	4986	R & J Control, Inc.	Generator	-1,369.00
08/15/2011	4987	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-1,361.00
08/15/2011	4988	Rios' Engraving	Engraving	-20.00
08/15/2011	4989	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-7,160.79
08/15/2011	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,145.35
08/15/2011	4990	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-123.47
08/15/2011	4991	Oxford Health Plan	Medical Benefits	-7,511.79
08/15/2011	4992	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	SCBA Repair	-124.78
08/15/2011	4993	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-493.40
08/15/2011	4994	Morristown Lumber	Operating Materials & Supplies	-59.58
08/15/2011	4995	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,260.92
08/15/2011	4996	Tim Kelly	Training and Education	-72.00
08/15/2011	4997	CF Services	Special Services-80	-218.53
08/15/2011	4998	Joseph Cortright	Operating Materials & Supplies	-146.73
08/15/2011	4999	ACE Com	Pager Repair	-25.00
08/23/2011	5000	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,630.80
08/23/2011	5001	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ	Dental	-447.30
08/23/2011	5002	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-357.41
08/23/2011	5003	Office Equipment Finance Services	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
08/23/2011	5004	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-618.74
08/23/2011	5005	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-287.00
08/23/2011	5006	ACS Firehouse Software	Computers	-1,735.00
08/23/2011	5007	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-300.00
08/30/2011	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	13,712.84
09/01/2011	5008	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-88.00
09/01/2011	5009	New Jersey Division of Fire Safety	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-240.00
09/01/2011	5010	Cablevision	Utilities	-244.02
09/01/2011	5011	J C P & L	Utilities	-154.81
09/01/2011	5012	Firefighter One, LLC	RIC	-329.00
09/06/2011	5014	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	SCBA	-284.56
09/06/2011	5013	Bloomingtondale Cornet Band	Promotion	-1,100.00
09/06/2011	5015	Tom Rebyak	Operating Materials & Supplies	-130.68
09/06/2011	5016	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-704.58
09/06/2011	5017	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-25.99
09/06/2011	5018	Lakeland Divers	Other	-285.00
09/06/2011	5019	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-210.74
09/06/2011	5020	CDW Government	Operating Materials & Supplies	-285.96
09/06/2011	5021	Randy Polo	Operating Materials & Supplies	-154.34
09/06/2011	5022	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-6.50
09/06/2011	5023	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-56.58
09/06/2011	5024	New Jersey Labor Law Poster	Operating Materials & Supplies	-105.50

09/06/2011	5025	State of New Jersey	Pension Expense	-7.50
09/06/2011	5026	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-36.98
09/09/2011	5027	Lil' Dan's Pizza	Operating Materials & Supplies	-145.00
09/09/2011	5028	PSE&G	Utilities	-446.00
09/09/2011	5029	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-216.29
09/12/2011	5030	Rios' Engraving	Engraving	-40.00
09/12/2011	5031	Fail Safe, Inc.	Hose	-110.00
09/12/2011	5032	Garden State Vinyl Designs	Hoses	-99.00
09/12/2011	5033	Josh Makowski	Medical Benefits	-65.00
09/12/2011	5034	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-111.98
09/12/2011	5035	Firefighter One, LLC	Turnout Gear	-8,450.00
09/12/2011	5036	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,301.46
09/12/2011	5037	Morristown Memorial	Medical	<u>-65.00</u>
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Comm. Cobane commented that all the guys did a beautiful job this week and he was very proud of the whole Company.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant