

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

June 11th, 2012

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

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, with a revision made to a few comments. Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to accept last month's minutes with the revision in place. 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. 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 - April 30, 2012

\$86,528.70

May checks

(\$29,222.56)

Deposits for the Month of May 2012

Registration Fees	Reg Fees	\$50.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms - April	\$450.00
State of NJ	Fire Safety Act 2nd QTR	\$5,142.15
Emulsitone	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
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J&R tobacco	Permits & Fees	\$42.00

Balance on Hand, May 31, 2012

\$63,074.29

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand April 30, 2012

\$2,829.36

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand April 30, 2012

\$747.96

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand May 31, 2012

\$685,690.60

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$68,724.38

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Grace Industries repaired 4 PASS Alarms.
- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Supplies were purchased from Politi Auto Parts.
- A Storz adapter for the front suction on Engine 81 was purchased from Fire Fighters.
- 12 new radio batteries were purchased from Batteries Plus for the officers and career staff portable radios.

Apparatus

- Unit 202 had the muffler and tail pipe replaced at Brunner's.
- Engine 83 was sent out to have the pump repaired and is now back in service.

Training

- Training for the month of June will be Haz Mat and Water Rescue. We already conducted a walkthrough at GE Aerospace 110 Algonquin Parkway on Tuesday June 5th.
- Training topics for the month of May were:
 - Classroom "Reading Smoke"
 - Live burns at the Fire Academy

Purchases

- No purchase requests for this month.
- The 8 SCBA bottles that we purchased in March have come in and are in service.

Fire Prevention

- (50) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$665.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- (26) calls were answered last month and we assisted with 2 transports.

Fire

- (56) calls and drills were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- I have contacted First Energy to disconnect the power to both sirens.

- I attended 2 meetings regarding the Bayer project. They plan on being operational by April 2013 in one building and then July 2013 in the second building. Both Bayer and the contractors working on the project have been receptive to requests that I have asked for. With this property having no water on site at this time I met with Jack Alderton the Morris County Fire Coordinator and he has put together a Tender Strike Team, in order to bring adequate water onto the property. We will be on our own for the first half hour or so until tenders arrive. They are going to be coming from: New Vernon, Chester, Bernardsville, Roxbury and Mine Hill. There will also be two engines responding with them one from Green Village and the other from Brookside. At this time I am in the process of putting together an Emergency Action Plan.
- Route 10 west between Route 287 and Route 202 will be getting repaved.
- Route 10 east between Harrison Road and the Livingston Circle will be getting repaved beginning in a couple of weeks and the projected finish date is by the end of the year.
- This year Josh will be the led inspector for the fireworks display. I will also be assisting him. I wanted each inspector to have the opportunity to run the fireworks show over the next couple of years. Paul and Ian will run the next two shows.
- Old Engine 81 will be staying at the station over the summer.
- The bridge on Melanie Lane leading into East Hanover will be shut down on July 2, 2012. We will be assisting the East Hanover FD on any report of smoke in the area or smell of smoke in the area on our side of the bridge.
- Inspector Ian Bell has completed the Arson Investigators class that we sent him to.
- I have received plans for the new Red Bulls practice facility on Melanie Lane.
- We had a great showing for the Memorial Day Parade. Almost 45 members participated in the parade.
- Michael Cowley has returned to service following his knee surgery.
- There will be a personnel meeting tomorrow evening. We have a junior member joining his name is Matthew Downey.
- Kevin Herbert passed his FF 1 exam.
- Thursday evening is the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the American Legion.

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

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

NAYS: None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from the NJ Association of Fire Districts - Minutes
- Letter from District #3 requesting use of Engine 82 while the repair an engine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Two new junior members joining.

Building: Nothing at this time.

Apparatus: Trucks have all been repaired. New CAF meter will go on Eng. 81.

Insurance: Nothing at this time.

Dinner: Nothing at this time.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 26 calls this month, and 2 transports.

LIASIONS:

Town: George: There have been issues with break-ins in the Trailwood section of town. The town is reinstating a Neighborhood watch program and increasing police presence up there. The Committee will look into programs that get the public involved. The call at Highland Ave was a resident reporting someone running through her yard. The Police Chief says to always call, even if you're unsure.

What's the worst that can happen? A lot of times, people are arrested because of something else that was small and that's how they get caught.

Road Pavings: The Chiefs have sat down together and discussed the road problems involved with answering calls.

All construction is going well. Honeywell went to Madison. We have nice ratable coming in. This will NOT be a bucket of money, but will minimize any tax increases.

FIRE COMPANY AND RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING:

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There is a meeting on June 14th. The Township Committee will not be present as Mr. Codey is attending their meeting.

George asked the Board about their feelings on the Braslow letter.

Henry Hansch answered that there are still a lot of questions. We want to know what happens to existing Fire Service contracts and Union contracts, etc...

NEW BUSINESS

The Flag Burning is June 14th at dusk at the Legion.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of a new CAFS Meter, when the monies become available to spend. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Barz.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made to allow District #3 to use our Engine #82 while their Engine is out for repairs.

They will pick up the insurance on said truck. The motion was made by Comm. Barz and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

The last 2 pages of the audit were read through and the audit was signed by the Commissioners.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

Nothing at this time.

There were 5 members of the public present.

BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

05/04/2012	5492	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-5,018.00
05/04/2012	5493	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-469.99
05/04/2012	5494	New Jersey Assoc Of Fire Dist	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-300.00

05/04/2012	5495	About Me	Uniforms and Personal Equipment	-420.00
05/04/2012	5496	J C P & L	-SPLIT-	-765.02
05/04/2012	5498	Parker Publications Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Advertising	-32.09
05/04/2012	5497		Training and Education	-125.00
05/07/2012	5499	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-159.54
05/07/2012	5501	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-275.00
05/07/2012	5500	Fire Apparatus	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-30.00
05/14/2012	5502	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-796.23
05/14/2012	5503	Do-It-Yourself, Inc.	Other	-45.00
05/14/2012	5504	MCAAFC	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-25.00
05/14/2012	5505	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-479.00
05/14/2012	5506	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-444.48
05/17/2012	5507	PSE&G	Utilities	-537.38
05/17/2012	5508	J C P & L	Utilities	-6.50
05/17/2012	5510	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-440.78
05/17/2012	5511	NFPA/National Fire Protection Assoc	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-300.00
05/21/2012	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	employee payroll	13,844.87
05/21/2012	5512	Township of Hanover	Utilities	-783.80
05/21/2012	5513	CDW Government	Computers	-135.00
05/21/2012	5514	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
05/21/2012	5515	Microsoft Corp / Technet	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-249.00
05/21/2012	5516	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,661.00
05/29/2012	5517	NJ Career Chiefs Association	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-250.00
05/29/2012	5518	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-311.88
05/29/2012	5519	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Helmets	-366.20
05/29/2012	5520	Brunners Garage	Car 202	-418.98
05/29/2012	5521	Firefighter One, LLC	Training and Education	-40.00
05/29/2012	5522	Cablevision	Utilities	-237.82
06/01/2012	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	employee payroll	15,047.63
06/04/2012	5523	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	13,513.00
06/04/2012	5524	Fire Apparatus	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-30.00
06/04/2012	5525	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-37.99
06/04/2012	5526	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-174.07
06/04/2012	5527	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Bottles	-6,789.60
06/04/2012	5528	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-643.61
06/11/2012	5529	J C P & L	Utilities	-962.19
06/11/2012	5530	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-440.78
06/11/2012	5531	PSE&G	Utilities	-446.00
06/11/2012	5532	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-221.74
06/11/2012	5533	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-787.21
06/11/2012	5534	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-408.00
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				68,724.38

At this time, the Board went into Executive Session to privately discuss some matters.

Notes will be provided to Board members and released to the public at the proper time.

Executive Session ended at 9:14.

Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:15. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant