

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2013

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, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

Absent: Barz

Also Present: Chief Cortright & Chief Davidson

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

ABSENT: Barz

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, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: Barz

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - January 31, 2013	\$430,675.09
February Checks	(\$60,237.62)

Deposits for the Month of February 2013

Township of Hanover	False alarms - January	\$450.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes - 1st quarter	\$150,000.00
Hanover Sewerage Authority	Permits & Fees	\$1,036.00
Jersey Mikes	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Uncle Vinny's	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Police & Fire Insurance	Overpayment	\$17.68
Stephen Gould	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Registration Fees		\$7,550.00
Interest	TD Bank	\$15.42

Balance on Hand, February 28, 2013 **\$529,632.57**

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand February 28, 2013

\$2,831.49

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand February 28, 2013

\$748.56

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand February 28, 2013

\$685,592.71

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$75,393.95

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT and COMMENTS

The following Chief's report was submitted for approval.

A motion to accept this report was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Barz

NAYS: None

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Equipment was purchased from the Firestore.com.
- Office supplies were purchased at Staples.

Apparatus

- The Air Dryer on the Rescue was replaced.

Training

- Training topics for the month of March will be metering, water rescue and RIC.
- Training topics for the month of February were pump ops refresher and CEVO

Purchases

- I want to have Fire Fighters upgrade 10 packs with intergraded PASS alarms. \$690.30 for each pack totaling \$6903.00. State Contract Price.

Fire Prevention

- (65) Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$1,204.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- (26) Calls were answered last month and we assisted with 1 transport.

Fire

- (44) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- Joe Mihalko and Ken Jubinski have started firefighter 2 class.
- Dispatch desk upgrade is supposed to start today.
- Bayer should be opening Phase 1 of the project sometime in late April or early May. We are going to do a walk through in April.
- We assisted the high school with their spring musical again this year.
- The radio system upgrading and Narrow Banding is moving forward.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you letter from the Nicastro family on Polhemus Drive along with a donation.
- Thank you letter from family at 10 Woodfield Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Paul Jankewicz – tomorrow night’s meeting, moving up.

Building: No clock.

Apparatus: Nothing at this time.

Insurance: Nothing new at this time.

Dinner: Nothing at this time.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 26 calls this month, and 1 transport. That makes 58 for the year and 3 transports.

Kevin Herbert registered for the EMT course.

We have 10 total EMTs – 3 career and 7 volunteer.

Cedar Knolls: Nothing at this time.

LIASIONS:

TOWN – Voting for proposal to fix HS fields is tomorrow from 7-9 pm

April 13th is Little League opening day.

Hanover Township Day is September 7th

Application for Lowes to go into intersection of Hanover Ave and Ridgedale.

Also received application for Quick-Check gas station on Route 10 and Jefferson.

Application for Wegman’s to go off Route 10 on North side of Ridegdale Ave.

FIRE COMPANY AND RELOCATION:

Meeting tomorrow night – courtesy review with the Planning board.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

*At this time, a motion was made by Comm. Hansch to refund the 2013 registration fee for Final Round Boxing as they are closing their business. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Barz

NAYS: None

ELECTION RESULTS:

Michael Mihalko – 114 votes

Ron Barz – 99 votes

Robert Johnston – 60 votes

The budget with \$900,000.00 being raised by taxation passed with 103 votes for and 35 against.

The Board determined that they would keep the board positions the same.

- A motion was made to act on the Chief's request that we purchase 10 packs with integrated PASS alarms. State contract price is \$6903.00. The motion was made by Comm. Mike Mihalko that we go ahead and purchase these. The motion was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following vote:
- AYES: M. Mihalko, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch
- ABSENT: Barz
- NAYS: None

At this time, the Secretary, Comm. Cobane handed in the resolutions for the coming year. They are attached to these minutes. They were all voted on and accepted, as follows:

A Resolution naming the meeting schedule for the year 2013-2014. Meeting dates will be: April 8, May 13, June 10, July 08, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9 of 2013 and January 13, February 10, and March 10th of 2014.

A Resolution naming the Hanover Eagle and/or the Daily record as the official newspapers of the Board for 2013-2014.

A Resolution naming Vince Montenino as the auditor for the Board for 2013-2014.

A Resolution naming TD Bank as the official depository of the Board for 2013-2014.

A Resolution naming Joseph O'Toole, Counselor-at-Law, for our legal services for the year 2013-2014

If, in the future we decide to switch any of the above, for example, a new attorney or newspaper, it may be done with a motion and vote.

*The motion to accept all the above resolutions was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It passed by the following vote:

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

Chief Davidson shared his legal information - District No. 3 uses Richard Brazlow for their fire needs, Steve Trimboli for labor, and Anthony Bucco, Jr. for other items as needed.

*A motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko to transfer \$330,000 from the main account to the Morgan Stanley account. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

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

*A motion was made to take monies from the Morgan Stanley account and put into 4 separate CDs for \$200,000 each. They would be staggered to come due in 3, 6, 9, & 12 month intervals. When the first one comes due, we reinvest it for a year and thus, always have money at hand. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

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

At this time, Chief Davidson was asked about the rumor that a letter was going out to Whippany residents and that they were going to be balance billed for First Aid services.

He answered that it was true. By law, anyone who doesn't reside and pay taxes to District No. 3 has to pay for ambulance service. The Federal Government DOES allow an exemption for District No. 3 because they pay taxes to that district.

They have to bill Whippany at least 3 times. And if it were to be dropped after that, it would have to be written off at a meeting. Otherwise it is insurance fraud.

By law, they have to accept Medicare and Medicaid also.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

Congratulations to Ron and Mike on their re-election.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

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, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: Barz

NAYS: None

02/01/2013	5909	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-211.90
02/01/2013	5910	Black Meadows Mutual Aid Association	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-100.00
02/01/2013	5911	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-53.01
02/01/2013	5912	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-74.93
02/01/2013	5913	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-5,424.75
02/04/2013	5914	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-13.00
02/04/2013	5915	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-425.00
02/04/2013	5916	Witmer Associates, Inc	Operating Materials & Supplies	-615.43
02/04/2013	5917	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals	-5,300.00
02/04/2013	5918	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-1,425.93
02/04/2013	5919	Witmer Associates, Inc	Hoses	-129.49
02/07/2013	5920	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-470.40
02/07/2013	5921	Lil' Dan's Pizza	Operating Materials & Supplies	-120.00
02/07/2013	5922	J C P & L	Utilities	-710.38
02/07/2013	5923	PSE&G	Utilities	-367.00
02/11/2013	5924	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-376.21
02/11/2013	5925	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-666.88
02/13/2013	5926	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-1,319.00
02/13/2013	5927	PSE&G	Utilities	-202.52
02/13/2013	5928	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-447.00
02/13/2013	5929	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-32.98
02/15/2013	5930	Elizabeth Lori	Elections	-125.00
02/15/2013	5931	Joseph Makowski	Elections	-125.00
02/15/2013	5932	Patricia Cobane	Elections	-125.00
02/15/2013	5933	STEPHEN GOLDBLATT	Elections	-175.00
02/15/2013	5934	Witmer Associates, Inc	Helmets	-328.49
02/15/2013	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	15,109.25
02/15/2013	5946	NJ Career Chiefs Association	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-250.00
02/19/2013	5935	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,751.80
02/19/2013	5936	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-3,516.40
02/19/2013	5937	Parker Publications	Advertising	-71.15

02/19/2013	5938	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-539.52
02/19/2013	5939	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals	-5,000.00
02/19/2013	5940	Robert Cobane	Elections	-22.47
02/19/2013	5941	Harland Clarke	Office Supplies	-43.25
02/19/2013	5942	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
02/22/2013	5943	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-51.99
02/22/2013	5944	Janet Gant-Hammond	Operating Materials & Supplies	-40.00
02/22/2013	5945	Joseph Cortright	Operating Materials & Supplies	-84.80
02/28/2013	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,037.69
02/28/2013	eft	Bank error	Registration Fees	-100.00
03/01/2013	5947	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-99.05
03/01/2013	5948	Cablevision	Utilities	-242.82
03/01/2013	5949	Witmer Associates, Inc	Boots	-446.92
03/01/2013	5950	Chief Supply Corp.	Operating Materials & Supplies Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-256.78
03/01/2013	5951	NJ State Assoc of Fire Districts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-300.00
03/01/2013	5952	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-46.95
03/04/2013	5953	CF Services	Repairs and Maintenance	-3,007.13
03/04/2013	5954	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-113.58
03/04/2013	5955	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-456.03
03/07/2013	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-7,713.71
03/07/2013	5956	Lexis-Nexis	Operating Materials & Supplies	-211.00
03/07/2013	5957	Firefighter One, LLC	Operating Materials & Supplies	-198.00
03/07/2013	5958	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-452.72
03/07/2013	5959	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-402.11
03/07/2013	5960	PSE&G	Utilities	-367.00
03/07/2013	5961	DC Express	Elections	-95.00
03/11/2013	5962	J C P & L	Utilities	-747.53
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Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following vote;

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

ABSNET: Barz

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant Hammond, Board Assistant