

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 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, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

Absent: None

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. The date of last month's minutes will be changed from 7-11 to 7-10. 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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Treasurer Mike Mihalko informed the Board that the first CD has rolled over for the year. Each CD invested will come due every 3 months. Comm. Hansch moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Cobane seconded the move and it was carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - May 31, 2013	\$114,486.34
June Checks	(\$60,372.57)
Check Image Fee	(\$2.00)

Deposits for the Month of June 2013

Cobra Auto	Permits & Fees	\$331.00
AAA Auto Wreckers	Permits & Fees	\$331.00
Township of Hanover	JCC Donation	\$5,000.00
Steris	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$150,000.00
Township of Hanover	Permits & Fees	\$539.00
Township of Hanover	Training Income	\$406.00
Registration Fees		\$825.00
Interest - May	TD Bank	\$12.42

Interest - June

TD Bank

\$1.69

Balance on Hand, June 30, 2013

\$211,599.88

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand June 30, 2013

\$2,833.46

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand June 30, 2013

\$747.75

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand June 30, 2013

\$1,015,441.57

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$64,169.54

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, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Supplies were purchased from Politi Auto Parts.
- Fire Fighters repaired one SCBA.
- Yearly testing was completed on all SCBA packs.

Apparatus

- First Priority has been here a few times working on an alarm on the foam system.

Training

- Training topic for the month of June was standpipe/pumping operations. The ventilation drill was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Training topics for the month of July will be vehicle extrication. The first class will be a classroom session while the second will be a practical exercise.

Purchases

- No purchase requests.
- Five sets of gear have been ordered.

Fire Prevention

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

EMS

- (22) Calls were answered last month and we assisted with 0 transport assists.

Fire

- (46) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- Joe Mihalko and Ken Jubinski completed and passed FF2.
- Matt Downey has started FF1.
- We will have 3 juniors starting the Junior Firefighting program on July 22, 2013.
- The Flag Retirement Ceremony was held on Monday June 17, 2013.
- The fireworks display took place on Tuesday July 2nd without any incidents. We had 30 members attend for the stand by.
- We received the final report from ISO a copy has been supplied to Chairman Hansch. We went from a Class 5 to a Class 4 fire department.
- Bayer employees began moving into the facility on July 1, 2013. We will conduct another walk through of the facility once they get settled.
- The Red Bulls facility is now open we will be doing a walk through within the next month or so.
- We conducted CPR/AED recertification for the HTPD.
- I spoke to the Warranty Department from KME regarding Engine 81 expressing our displeasure with the letter that we received from them regarding the cracked frame and not being covered under warranty. They asked us for a letter outlining our concerns and they will discuss it further at the factory. I advised them that we had a truck repair company take a look at the frame and it was stated in a letter from them that the frame was not cracked form rust. They also asked for a copy of that letter.
- Bloomingdale Band contacted me regarding the Boonton Parade. Do we want to hire them again for this year same price as last year. \$1,100.00

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Ken Schleifer – A list of guys who were active firemen for 2012.
- Convention Letter – How much each person from Morris County will get for going to Wildwood. With lodging, member will receive \$636. Commute only, - \$322.00 and No Caucus - \$536.00. Wildwood is September 13th.
- ISO Report on insurance arrived.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nick Siino – New junior member starting tomorrow.

Building: The Air conditioning works.

Apparatus: Engine 81 – Letter to go to KME by certified mail. Board will go over letter at the end of this meeting.

Insurance: Firefighters Shearer and Wodynski are looking at a fitness program for the guys. Mostly to be done outside in the parking lot. The Chief spoke to our insurance agent, Al Latanzio and he said that if it's not a sponsored event, you're on your own for insurance. If we wanted to sponsor it, we'd need a rider on our policy.

Comm. Barz – Makes no sense. The guys want to work out and be in better shape to do their job better and it's not covered? We're not the fittest firehouse in the world.

Chief – The rider would be \$500 to \$1000 per year. They're trying to get guys down here – more social and fitness oriented.

Hansch – Do they need to sign a waiver?

Cobane – First, see how many are interested.

Chief – They will bring it up tomorrow night at the meeting and see how many are interested.

M. Mihalko – If enough people want to – I could see paying the rider.

Hansch – Maybe it will start off with their own insurance and then if it sustains, we can sponsor it.

Chief Davidson – We started a “Biggest Loser” program over there. It was 10 weeks with a \$500 prize. A nutritionist came in and spoke to the guys. Collectively, they lost about 300 lbs. Certain people will take advantage of it. Dr. Manis put together a presentation and checked everyone out before they participated.

Dinner: Looks great and the mementos are beautiful.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 25 calls this month, and 3 transports.

FIRE COMPANY AND RELOCATION:

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Cedar Knolls Joint Fire Prevention meeting dates will rotate back and forth. Those dates are as follows:

Sept. 19th – Cedar Knolls
December 9th – Whippany
March 4th – Cedar Knolls
March 20th – Cedar Knolls

Survey – Comm. Hansch will go over the survey with the chief and then give it to anyone with email. Copies will be provided for those without also.

Cobane - Is FF DeMaio an active member? Saw it listed as such in the paper. Get Out Safe donated oxygen masks for animals to both departments.

Chief will include a brief training on them when they do the regular mask trainings.

Hanover Township Day is Sept. 7th. Do we want to buy any promotional items?

NEW BUSINESS

The Chief submitted a Training Calendar for the rest of the year. He cautioned that it is subject to change.

*At this time a motion was made to give \$5000 to the Joint Fire Prevention account. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko.

It passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

*A motion was made to have a construction account at Provident bank. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It passed by the following vote;

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

*A motion was made to send an apparatus with the Chief's approval, to the Labor Day parade. The motion 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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

*A motion was made to pay for the Bloomingdale Coronet Band again this year for the Boonton Parade. The cost is \$1100. That motion was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It passed by the following vote;

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

*A motion was made to purchase the Inspection Day food as usual – Breakfast here and sandwiches later. That motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It passed by the following vote;

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Comm. Hansch mentioned that CPR is not taught at our High Schools. We could work with Cedar knolls and Mr. Manning, (principal of the HS), and maybe teach it in Health Class. They have classes that range from 20 min., 1 ½ hours, and up. Even if a student is doing it slightly wrong, they would be doing something, and in a lot of cases, it saves someone's life.

Chief Davidson also suggested that if the High School rejects it, we could teach the 8th grade.

Whippany Park will have to also go to Hanover Park as it's the same Board of Ed. We could do it jointly with East Hanover also.

Mr. Lori has requested steps for the trucks - # 84 & 85. They used to have side rails to get in and out. We had them; they rotted off and were never replaced.

Chief – The truck is 13 or 14 years old.

Barz – The brackets to hold the side rails are probably gone by now also.

Suggestion was tabled for now. The brackets underneath will be checked. Also, the cost of the rails and whether or not they can be put on.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

BILLS

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

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

06/03/2013	6056	Whippany Fire Company	Other Rentals	-5,000.00
06/03/2013	6057	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-16.54
06/03/2013	6058	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-114.03
06/03/2013	6059	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-36.72
06/03/2013	6060	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-732.00
06/03/2013	6061	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-248.13
06/07/2013	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-7,713.71
06/07/2013	6062	J C P & L	Utilities	-813.20
06/07/2013	6063	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-302.57
06/07/2013	6064	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-8.99
06/10/2013	6065	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-404.37
06/10/2013	6066	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Packs	-1,817.50
06/10/2013	6067	J C P & L	Utilities	-3.25
06/10/2013	6068	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-4,520.03
06/13/2013	6069	Atlantic Training Center	Training and Education	-1,500.00
06/13/2013	6070	VM Associates, Inc.	Professional Services	-5,600.00
06/15/2013	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Payroll	13,928.21
06/18/2013	6071	CDW Government	Computers	-135.00

06/25/2013	6072	PSE&G	Utilities	-395.93
06/25/2013	6073	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,751.60
06/25/2013	6074	Firefighter One, LLC	Operating Materials & Supplies	-48.00
06/25/2013	6075	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-75.00
06/25/2013	6076	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-452.72
06/25/2013	6077	SMCMUA	Utilities	-97.05
06/25/2013	6078	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
06/25/2013	6079	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-215.47
06/25/2013	6080	Cablevision	Utilities	-242.82
06/28/2013	6081	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-810.00
06/30/2013	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Payroll	13,134.73
07/01/2013	6082	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-22.99
07/01/2013	6083	Lifesavers, Inc.	Training Income	-340.98
07/01/2013	6084	Galls Inc.	Uniforms and Personal Equipment	-149.98
07/01/2013	6085	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-85.94
07/06/2013	6086	Township of Hanover	gasoline / Diesel	-392.46
07/06/2013	6087	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-161.27
07/06/2013	6088	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	SCBA	-119.26
07/06/2013	6089	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-114.03
07/06/2013	6090	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-110.06
07/06/2013	6091	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals / Training	<u>-5,300.00</u>
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				67,169.54

8:36 - At this time the Board went into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:12. At this time, Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn.

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

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant Hammond, Board Assistant

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 7-8-13

KME letter was discussed.

It's been 3 months. We need to move on this. Once they send someone out, it will be summer.

Hansch – Do we reach out to our lawyer now or wait for their response?

Barz and The Chief – Call lawyer now.

Chief - Also think about using the Insurance Company as a last resort.

M. Mihalko – Is O'Toole the lawyer for us? Who specializes in this type of issue?

Chief – Bob Newell may have someone he uses – familiar with vehicle issues.

Conclusion – We send letter to KME – certified. Also, look for lawyer and clue him in on subject.

First Aid – was discussed

Barz – reach out to other districts and investigate the costs.

Hansch – Do we want to pursue this in the interest of Whippany residents and set up a contract or do we go to Cedar Knolls and ask them why they charge us what they do?

Barz – That's why we're doing this. We may be getting a bargain from Cedar Knolls, but I doubt it. They had that resolution from the town naming them the one and only first Aid Squad for the town. But they've broken that already.

M. Mihalko – We should at least talk to them afterwards and see where we stand.

2/3 of the runs every year are in our town. We should get the number of runs – how many calls to Cedar Knolls and how many to Whippany.

Barz – If they run 1200 calls / year and we have 2/3, we'd be able to compare. It may work for us and it may not. An Ambulance on site and paid operators would be better than what we get from Cedar Knolls.

Chief – Plus it shows them that we're moving in a different direction.

Barz – They will be defensive right away.

Hansch – We just want to chat....

They discussed Parsippany and other options. Atlantic and St. Clare's. We should ask them if they would prefer to come visit us or just send us sample contracts from other towns.

What about the contract with the town? WHAT contract? The town never shopped around.

Conclusion – We start looking into other options.