

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2014

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Cortright

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - August 31, 2014	\$273,248.58
September Checks	(\$101,072.34)

Deposits for the Month of September 2014

Dosch King	Permits & Fees	\$1,036.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms	\$525.00
Cushman & Wakefield	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Barclays Capital	Permits & Fees	\$497.00
Black Brook Park	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	Donation from JCC	\$5,000.00
Air Group	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Constables Office of NJ	Record request	\$6.00
Write off uncashed checks		\$704.83
Northeast Communications	Refund - double billed	\$504.18

Balance on Hand, September 30, 2014

\$181,030.25

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand September 30, 2014

\$2,833.46

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand September 30, 2014

\$747.75

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand September 30, 2014

\$819,386.30

Provident Bank

Balance on Hand September 30, 2014

\$78,084.85

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. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It was passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Supplies were purchased from Home Depot.
- Bulbs for the light tower on the Rescue were purchase from Batteries Plus
- One battery for a defibrillator unit was purchased from Life Savers.

Apparatus

- Engine 83 is at KME and repairs are under way I don't have a time frame for completion. The insurance company has sent us a check for the repairs and also reimbursed for the two towing bills from Eagle.
- 1st Priority made repairs to Engine 81. The remaining repairs need to be made at their shop.
- The air compressor that keeps the chassis air tanks full on the Rescue needed to be replaced. We chose to install an exterior airline to apparatus. It will Auto Eject from the truck just like the battery charging line does.

Training

- Training for the month of September were:
 - 16th Elevator Emergencies (classroom)
 - 23rd Elevator Emergencies (hands on drill)
 - 30th CPR Class
- Training for the month of October will be Haz Mat and vehicle extrication.

Purchases

- I would like to purchase 6 sets of turnout gear:
 1. FF1 \$10,531.62
 2. NJ State Contract \$12,902.42

- We have been experiencing some paging issues with the VHF system. I spoke to Mike Peoples who is in charge of the County Communications we are the only department using the VHF system. I strongly recommend that we start to migrate over to the UHF paging system. I would like to purchase 40 UHF pagers. This will eliminate any missed pages.
 - Northeast Communications \$16,113.00
 - Ace Com \$16,760.00
- Quotes for both purchases are on file in the Chief's Office.

Fire Prevention

- (38) Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. We collected \$2,141.00 in permit fees.
- We have started Fire Prevention classes with the school children.

EMS

- (35) Calls were answered last month with 2 transports.

Fire

- (42) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- I have all but one voucher signed from Wildwood. I supplied you with the payouts for this year.
- We performed a standby in East Hanover during their wet down 2 weeks ago.
- We participated at Hanover Township Day last month.
- We have been asked to assist the high school on Friday October 24th with lighting during the football game.
- On Saturday November 15th Atlantic Health will be holding their Family Fun Day at the Community Center once again this year. They will be landing a helicopter at Veteran's Field and have asked for assistance with this detail.
- No new member's joining the department this month.
- We were notified that we did not receive a grant from FEMA for the year 2013.
- I will be attending an OEM Meeting at the County next Monday regarding the towns Hazard Mitigation Plan which needs to be updated.
- I will be attending a functional exercise next Wednesday the scenario will be a Nuclear Bomb detonation in the Times Square Area of New York City.
- Do you still want to do an Inspection and also take care of the food for the Fund Drive on October 26th?
- Hose that failed the yearly test was repaired and will be retested this Friday.
- With budget time coming up I would like to recommend that we start thinking about replacing one of the KME Engines. Engine 81 next year will be 17 years old and Engine 83 will be 15 years old. It's not a purchase that will be made tomorrow but, we need to look at the time frame of approving money and building an Engine that will suit our needs. This could be a 2 year process.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Hanover Twp Recreation Dept thanking Fire Dept for participating in Hanover Township Day.
- A Thank you letter from the Home Ec. teacher at the High School, Karen Cocuzza, to Joe and Paul for the Fire Dept visit to her classes.
- A thank you letter from OEM – for the money to buy the radios for the trailer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Building: Nothing at this time.

Apparatus: Engine 83 is in Pennsylvania being worked on from the fire. Fire was traced back to the primer pump. Insurance Company has agreed on what needed to be fixed. The generator may be included. Either way, we're paying for it or insurance is.

First Priority made repairs to Engine 81 – it needs a few more things.
Rescue 80 – Air compressor needs replacing.

Insurance: Nothing at this time.

Dinner: A discussion took place about bringing the dinner back. On one hand, it was a reward for the guys and a nice night out. On the other, we already give them the Christmas party and a dinner dance and we have a lot of expenses coming up. Commissioners talked about getting prices on a catered affair at the Legion to save money. It will be looked into.

Also discussed was bumping gas vouchers \$5 after the prices go back up.

LOSAP discussion – Check with them re: birth year. Can you put more money into it after age 65? Also need to check into the cost of living adjustment. Do you have to start taking it at age 70 ½? Bob Johnston suggested contacting them to find out definitively.

It was also suggest that we send out letters to members informing them of amounts and points needed. It may be an incentive to come down and do a little more to make it.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 38 calls this month and 2 transports.

FIRE COMPANY / RELOCATION: Mike Cook represented the Fire Company and requested the use of the apparatus for the annual Fund Drive's new date– which is October 26th. A motion was made by Commissioner Cobane to allow use of the apparatus. The motion was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Township: Mr. Coppola not in attendance tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to purchase 6 sets of turnout gear from Firefighter One. The motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Hansch. It passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

A motion was made to purchase new pagers in the UHF format from Northeast Communications. The Chief will get a count but is authorized to buy 65 pagers. That motion was made by Comm. M. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was approved by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

There will be a budget meeting with Vince Montenino on November 3rd at 7 pm.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

There were 2 members of the public in attendance. No comments at this time.

BIILLS

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

09/03/2014	6695	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-156.40
09/03/2014	6696	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-367.91
09/03/2014	6697	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-552.70
09/03/2014	6698	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-541.45
09/03/2014	6699	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-1,254.09
09/03/2014	6700	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	SCBA	-304.80
09/03/2014	6701	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-10.90
09/05/2014	6702	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-320.69
09/05/2014	6703	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,320.90
09/08/2014	6704	NRS Rescue	Water	-1,950.00
09/08/2014	6705	J C P & L	Utilities	-34.97
09/10/2014	6706	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	-4,419.88
09/10/2014	6707	Eagle Auto Body	Engine 83	-85.00
09/10/2014	6708	Alert-all Corporation	Operating Materials & Supplies	-1,330.00
09/10/2014	6709	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-210.00
09/10/2014	6710	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-48.00
09/10/2014	6711	Morristown Medical Group	Medical	-350.00
09/10/2014	6712	FF1 Professional Safety Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-16.80
09/15/2014	6713	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-77.75
09/15/2014	6714	Batteries Plus	Batteries	0.00
09/15/2014	6715	Police & Firemen's Retirement System	Pension Expense	-27.52
09/15/2014	6716	Morristown Medical Group	Medical	-65.00
09/15/2014	6717	Minerva Cleaners	Gear Cleaning	-279.75
09/15/2014	6718	PSE&G	Utilities	-482.00
09/15/2014	6719	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-7,367.24
09/15/2014	6720	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-453.24
09/15/2014	6721	CDW Government	Operating Materials & Supplies	-137.60
09/15/2014	EFT	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	-13,729.19
09/19/2014	6722	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-241.15
09/19/2014	6723	SMCMUA	Utilities	-45.70
09/22/2014	6724	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-255.00
09/22/2014	6725	Cascade Subscription Service, Inc.	Utilities	-179.00
09/22/2014	6726	SMCMUA	Utilities	-81.25
09/22/2014	6727	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-302.33
09/22/2014	6728	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,738.50
09/22/2014	6729	Eagle Auto Body	Engine 83	-898.55
09/22/2014	6730	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-83.88
09/23/2014	eft	PERS	Pension Expense	-1,858.19

09/23/2014	eft	PFRS	Pension Expense	-6,461.00
09/25/2014	6731	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-98.00
09/25/2014	6732	Cablevision	Utilities	-247.83
09/25/2014	6733	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-240.00
09/29/2014	6734	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-65.64
09/29/2014	6735	State Line Fire & Safety, Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-265.00
09/29/2014	6736	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-510.00
09/29/2014	6737	Brunners Garage	Car 201	-193.10
09/29/2014	6738	Witmer Associates, Inc	Helmets	-89.99
09/29/2014	6739	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Operating Materials & Supplies	-455.00
09/29/2014	6740	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-215.84
09/29/2014	6741	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Purchase of Radio Equipment	-35,872.80
09/29/2014	6742	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-152.06
09/30/2014	EFT	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	-14,628.75
10/01/2014	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-8,311.03
10/01/2014	6743	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-74.68
10/01/2014	6744	Chief Supply Corp.	Uniforms and Personal Equipment	-78.00
10/01/2014	6745	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-302.04
10/01/2014	6746	Brunners Garage	Car 202	-55.25
10/06/2014	6747	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-57.69
10/06/2014	6748	New Jersey Labor Law Poster	Operating Materials & Supplies	-125.50
10/06/2014	6749	J C P & L	Utilities	-1,849.58
10/06/2014	6750	Fastenal Company	Special Services-80	-76.13
10/06/2014	6751	PSE&G	Utilities	-482.16
10/09/2014	6752	Lifesavers, Inc.	Training and Education	-647.00
10/09/2014	6753	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-453.24
10/09/2014	6754	FF1 Professional Safety Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	<u>-516.00</u>
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A motion was made to adjourn this meeting by Comm. J. Mihalko. The motion was seconded by Comm. Hansch and passed by the following vote;

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Gant Hammond,

Board Assistant