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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2017

Chairman Polo called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 7:00 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

Commissioners present: Commissioners; Kitchell, Kraley, Polo, Shearer & Mihalko

Absent: None

Also Present: George Coppola, Liaison from the Township Committee

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 Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

JOINT Board Meeting has been reschedule to the Whippany July Commissioners meeting due to a conflict with high School Awards Night. Date will be 10th of July.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman called for the acceptance of the pre-meeting minutes and the regular minutes, from last month. Comm. Shearer made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The move was seconded by Comm. Kitchell and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kitchell, Kraley, Polo, Mihalko, Shearer

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Commissioner Shearer made a motion to accept the report. Comm. Kitchell seconded the move and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kitchell, Kraley, Polo, Mihalko, Shearer

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - May 31, 2017 **\$87,574.78**

April Checks (\$80,620.06)

Deposits for the Month of May 2017

Registration Fees \$325.00

State of NJ Law & Public Safety Permits and Fees \$42.00

From Morgan Stanley Transfer \$10,000.00

Void Check # 7997 - Continental Fire & Safety \$5,586.06

Balance on Hand, May 31, 2017 **\$22,907.78**

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107
Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand May 31, 2017

\$504,365.56

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting

\$96,803.94

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT and COMMENTS

The following Chief's report was submitted for approval.

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Supplies were purchased from Home Depot.
- Supplies and tools were purchased from Auto Zone.
- Equipment was purchased from FF1
- Supplies were purchased from Politi Auto Parts

Apparatus

- The computer on 88 has been repaired and front brakes were replaced at Brunner's Garage.
- Engine 83 had the front brakes replaced by CF Services. It will need rear brakes by the end of the year.

Training

- Trainings for the month of May were:
 - Hoseline advancements
 - Extrication
- Class A Burn at the Fire Academy
- Training for the month of June will be:
 - SCBA Refresher – we will be playing dodge ball again this year at MJS and we invited Cedar Knolls to join us.
 - Water Rescue boat operations.

Purchases

- No purchase requests this month.
- We had to replace one of the Piston Intake Valves. This was purchased from FF1.

Fire Prevention

- (32) Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. \$42.00 in permit fees was collected.

EMS

- (31) Calls were answered last month with 0 transport assist.

Fire

- (43) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- We held an Apparatus Committee meeting on May 17th. On May 19th, Ken Jubinski, Rich Allocco and I went to the Harrisburg Fire Expo Show and looked at apparatus and spoke with manufacturers. We also had a demo from E-One here at the station.
- There was an Officer's Meeting last month.
- On Wednesday we will be standing by at the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the American Legion.
- Our Home Depot account was hacked. We contacted Home Depot regarding this and contested the charges. A new account was created for us and a police report was made with HTPD.
- Rich Allocco started his internship here with us. This is for his Fire Science Degree.
- Tomorrow is the After The Fire program at Whippany Park HS.
- Tim Gallo and Eric Kelly will be starting Junior Fire 1 this month at the Fire Academy.
- The Public Safety Academy will begin on Monday June 26th. This is a 2 week Academy.
- Fireworks are scheduled for Thursday June 29th with a rain date of Friday June 30th.
- Jack Koba was injured at the Fire Academy while we were there on May 30th. He had a tooth knocked out along with chipping 2 others. A workers Comp. claim was started and he has been to his dentist for repairs.

A motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Comm. Shearer and seconded by Comm. Kralej. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kitchell, Kralej, Polo, Mihalko, Shearer

ABSENT: None

DISCUSSION ABOUT CHIEF'S REPORT / VEHICLES

Chief informed the Chairman that 88 has been fixed after the discussion about replacing the computer. Fred at Brunner's was able to do that. The brakes on 83 were replaced this week. Chief said that the Apparatus committee met and had some samples come down. They also went to Harrisburg to look at a truck. They are still putting together wish lists and ideas and will hopefully be presenting something in the near future so we can start the process of replacing 81.

Derrick – Imagine that we will have to have a special election towards the end of the year just to get that on the calendar for next year. Otherwise, we'll be another year behind.

Chief also said that they will be doing the presentation "After the Fire" at the high school tomorrow.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Nothing at this meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Good things were said about the fitness program - May need insurance for it.

Apparatus: PCN in 88 was replaced with a re-manufactured one. Brakes still have to get done. 83 does need the rear brakes done before the end of the year. Apparatus Committee – looked at the Ferrara. Next thing is a trip to Dover and Wharton to see recently purchased apparatus. The E-1 was good – was fast but had no water in it. No matter what, we're going to have to get the headphones with the intercoms. Super Loud. Derrick updated the Board on what he liked about the trucks he saw. Also, some possible configurations / ladder storage, etc... Paul Perrello also contributed to the discussion.

Insurance: Just had Worker's Comp Audit. One for Liability is due. Looking good.

Dinner: Nothing at this time.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 31 calls this month and 0 transports.

FIRE COMPANY– On the town end, they passed approval to change this to light industrial so someone could manufacture here – like for a brewery. The prospective purchasers were in the audience that night also so that was good to see. They are still interested. They were down here again the other day. Still no offer yet, but they know they can do what they want to do.

George Coppola mentioned that the zone was changed but they still have to come up to the Planning Board for approvals. Parking seemed to be the only issue but it looks solvable.

RELOCATION - Mike reported that the Builder is doing the bare minimum that keeps them from being thrown off the site. We asked him to fix the sewer drains. He wouldn't. We did it ourselves and gave him the bill and told him we were taking that amount off of what we owe you. Relocation is going to start taking that posture – where they will do things and take them off the bill. Mike would personally like to see them do more of that. The builder is not cooperating and doing the bare minimum to not be declared abandoned.

There was also a letter to him saying we were attacking the performance bond. The next step is lawsuits. But that could take a year or 2 more. There is a punch list for the TCO. The builder never got town inspections and claims he got private inspections, but has never provided proof of that. He

cut trusses in the ceiling, which you're not supposed to do. He was supposed to get that certified that it's good. He said No. It's not that it's unsafe but it needs to be certified to that affect. We're not sure what else we should do at this point. We're between a rock and a hard place.

Brueche did the manholes. He would do more but we're limited on what we can do.

We have to send a letter first saying we need this done, then there's a time limit for him to respond, etc..

Our newest lawyer is taking a more aggressive stance. Says – This is your property so you CAN do things on it – but you'll be fighting him at the end because he is contracted to do it.

Derrick – says sue them all. Architect, builder, private inspectors,

Mike - That should have been done last year. We kept thinking he was going to do the things and play nice. And then he strings us along again. Now it's a long drawn out process.

Barz – Did you ever think about starting over – hire a contractor who knows what he's doing and how to fix things. Somebody who knows what he's doing and not all different people who don't even see each other.

Mike – That's a company issue – should be brought up at their meeting.

George recommended Sal.

Township: George reported that the 2 new officers will be done with their training towards the end of the month. Things are kind of quiet right now, except for the bank robbery.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, The Board read and presented Julie Mihalko with her plaque and gold badge.

James Kraley – What about the Police Dept asking people to join the Rescue Task Force?

Derrick said he knows of at least one person who is interested. He then explained the Task force to the rest of the Board. Mainly for things like Active Shooter incidents where people would go in and rescue while the police do other duties. There was money put aside for this. Haven't heard much else about it recently.

NEW BUSINESS

Food for tomorrow's meeting will be done by Randy.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

7 members of the public attended.

No comments made.

BILLS

Comm. Shearer moved that the following bills be paid. The move was seconded by Comm. Kitchell and was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kitchell, Kraley, Polo, Shearer & Mihalko

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

05/01/2017	8130	Home Depot Credit Services	Shop Supplies	-890.84
05/01/2017	8131	Emergency Reporting	Computers	-159.91
05/01/2017	8132	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-609.51
05/01/2017	8133	Coffee Lovers	Coffee	-510.50

05/01/2017	8134	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-150.00
05/01/2017	8135	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-478.47
05/01/2017	8136	FF1 Professional Safety Services Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Operating Materials & Supplies	-525.75
05/01/2017	8137	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	Training and Education	-75.00
05/01/2017	8138	Optimum	Utilities	-276.35
05/01/2017	8139	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-403.88
05/01/2017	8140	Technology Insurance Company	Workers Compensation	10,890.50
05/01/2017	8141	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-152.04
05/01/2017	8142	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-116.94
05/03/2017	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-9,648.43
05/03/2017	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Pension Expense	-3,000.00
05/03/2017	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Pension Expense	-625.00
05/05/2017	8144	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-88.86
05/05/2017	8145	Optimum	Utilities	-237.91
05/05/2017	8146	Lifesavers, Inc.	CPR Training Expense	-5.00
05/05/2017	8147	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-7,700.25
05/08/2017	8148	J C P & L	-SPLIT-	-491.42
05/08/2017	8149	PSE&G	Utilities	-79.06
05/08/2017	8150	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-68.97
05/08/2017	8151	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-456.18
05/11/2017	8152	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-15.96
05/11/2017	8153	J C P & L	Utilities	-182.73
05/11/2017	8154	J C P & L	Utilities	-12.00
05/15/2017	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	15,262.65
05/15/2017	8156	PSE&G	-SPLIT-	-473.29
05/15/2017	8157	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
05/16/2017	8155	Continental Fire & Safety	Operating Materials & Supplies	-5,586.06
05/16/2017	eft	Stop Payment	Bank Charges	-30.00
05/22/2017	8158	Witmer Associates, Inc	Uniforms and Personal Equipment	-139.50
05/22/2017	8159	FF1 Professional Safety Services	-SPLIT-	-893.00
05/22/2017	8160	Nielsen	Car 88	-250.00
05/22/2017	8161	Joseph Cortright	Reimbursements	-60.02
05/22/2017	8162	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-2,076.40
05/24/2017	8163	Eagle Adjusting Services	Car 88	-85.00
05/24/2017	8164	James Kralej	Reimbursements	-98.17
05/24/2017	8165	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-104.00
05/24/2017	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	15,507.10
05/31/2017	8166	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-752.11
05/31/2017	8167	Optimum	Utilities	-276.35
05/31/2017	8168	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-152.04
05/31/2017	8169	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-608.00
05/31/2017	8170	Emergency Reporting	Computers	-159.91
06/01/2017	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Pension Expense	-3,000.00
06/01/2017	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Pension Expense	-625.00
06/01/2017	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-9,648.43
06/01/2017	8171	Home Depot Credit Services	Shop Supplies	-122.62
06/05/2017	8172	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-105.92
06/05/2017	8173	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-68.82

06/05/2017	8174	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-264.79
06/05/2017	8175	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-456.18
06/05/2017	8176	PSE&G	Utilities	-17.82
06/05/2017	8177	Optimum	Utilities	-237.91
06/05/2017	8178	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-16.90
06/05/2017	8179	Politi Auto Parts	Auto Parts	-62.65
06/05/2017	8180	FF1 Professional Safety Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	<u>-1,556.84</u>
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				96,803.94

At this time, Comm. Polo made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Comm. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kitchell, Kralely, Polo, Shearer & Mihalko

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Gant Hammond, Board Assistant