

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2023

Chairman John Gethins called the meeting to order on the above-mentioned date at 7:30 pm, at 10 Troy Hills Road, Whippany, NJ

Commissioners present: Ehrich, Cobane, Quinn, Gethins, & Willans

Absent: None

Also Present: Township Liaison Brian Cahill

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.

*At this time, Comm. Cobane made a motion to approve High School Junior Patrick Mulligan’s Eagle Scout project to construct a pitched roof prop for ventilation instruction and training. The motion was seconded by Comm. Willans and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Comm Cobane called for the acceptance of all the minutes from last month with a correction on page 4. <The correction was made>. Comm. Ehrich seconded the move, and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ehrich, Cobane, Gethins, Quinn, & Willans

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

TREASURER’S REPORT: The following Treasurer’s report was submitted.

For the month of June 2023

General Checking Account #: XXXXXX3244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - May 31, 2023		\$778,593.66
June Checks		(\$113,326.56)
Turnout Fire & Safety	Voided & replaced	\$3,737.85

Deposits for the Month of June 2023

case Consulting Labs	permits and fees	\$641.00
Tiffany Fulfillment Center	permits and fees	\$695.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$384,950.00
Whippany Fire Company	May Cell tower	\$12,537.56
Township of Hanover	Bee meadow Pool	\$695.00
Bayer Pharmaceuticals	permits and fees	\$54.00
State of New Jersey	2nd Qtr rebate	\$14,253.23
State of New Jersey	3rd Quarter rebate	\$21,293.05
Registration Fees		\$575.00
Tyler Technologies	permits and fees	\$108.00

Tyler Technologies

Registration Fees

\$250.00

Balance on Hand, June 30, 2023

(matches Quickbooks)

\$1,105,056.79

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting

\$174,116.20

**Business 12 Month CD -x0575
3.15%
Last Interest**

Matures 12-7-23

\$210,790.77

**Business 6 Month CD - TD Bank X9425
Last Interest**

Matures 9-4-23 3.49%

\$208,300.13

**Penalty Checking Account # XXXX3773
TD Bank**

Balance on Hand, May 31, 2023

\$5,014.02

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Comm. Willans. It was seconded by Comm.

Quinn and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ehrich, Cobane, Gethins, Quinn & Willans

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Purchases made from Amazon and Staples

Apparatus

- Repairs were completed on E-81.

Training

- Elevator Rescues
- After action review
- Paratech Struts
- Hose line Deployment

Purchases

- None at this time

Fire Prevention

- **95** Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. **\$ 3,014.00** in fees were billed and being collected. Total of **\$31,479.00** for 2023 so far

EMS

- (76) Calls were answered last month.

Fire

- (51) Calls were answered last month.
127 Total calls answered

Other Matters and Announcements

- Conducted Plan reviews
- Conducted Spec reviews
- DCA Minimum Mandatory Qualifications In process (ongoing)
- Medical Director (in process)
- The following FFs haven't met the 2nd quarter drill requirements are in jeopardy of losing their interior status Cook, M and Kelly, J
- Letter from Sunny field Day Center
- Email sent to board about driving complaint
- Board to form a Building Committee?

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

AYES: Ehrich, Cobane, Gethins, Quinn & Willans

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

COMMUNICATIONS – 2 items

- The attached resolution was read approving the 2022 Audit from Nisivoccia. It was signed and will be uploaded to FAST for the DCA.

*A motion was made by Comm. Cobane to accept the 2022 audit and approve the resolution. It was seconded by Comm. Willans and passed unanimously.

- A letter from Sunnyfields Nursey School asking us to be their Emergency evacuation location for state licensing. Elisa and Jennifer have been at the school since 2009 and had previously used the old firehouse at 440 Route 10 as their location. A discussion followed.

Some of the concerns about allowing the school to use our location were that in case of an emergency like that, our firehouse would be a busy place also. The school has up to 79 children, some in strollers and cribs. They would have to come up the hill and cross the street in order to get to us. This would be happening while we may be trying to respond to the emergency and have vehicles going in and out.

Also, the emergency evacuation would be just till the parents could pick up their children. Now you may have up to 79 parents clogging the driveway while we are responding also.

Comm Cobane asked if when we installed the generator, was the building designed to be used as an evacuation location.

Tom Braviak replied that it was so the building could stay open during emergencies.

Suggestions were made that the schoolchildren look into the dental offices or even Allegro school so the children would not be crossing any streets. Comm Willans is down there a lot and will talk to the owners. He will give them the name of Tom Quirk. The OEM person for assistance, also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Apparatus: Nothing at this time.

Insurance: Nothing at this time.

TOWNSHIP – Brain Cahill thanked the Board for hosting the election.

At this time, the Board questioned Mr. Cahill about the ongoing issue with installing a standpipe in one of the new developments going up, as discussed in last month's minutes.

In the future, can it be put into a town code that they will support the different agencies when it comes to what they require. It would show that the township is supporting us and certainly worth a try.

Chief Perrello – It may have to be done by re-vamping the Fire Ordinance.

Braviak – The plans changed. How did that happen?

Cahill – My understanding from the Building Department is that the State code does not require it (standpipe).

Chief – Other items go above and beyond what the state requires. (Cites the water authority pipe size). And developers are held to that.

Cahill – Can you put a draft together of the number of stories and what you require?

Chief – I did that and wrote a letter. We even made concessions and asked for just the 2nd and 3rd floor. They said No.

Chief DiGiorgio and I offered to sit down with the Board of Adjustments and have them ask us, "Why do you think this is necessary?" Why we're looking for it so we could explain. That never happened once.

It was supposed to be passed after meeting all the other outside agencies' requests. They met all of them, except ours. They show the pipe originally on the plans and then took them out. We were never notified that changes were made. Hate to say it but they pulled a fast one on us.

Gethins – Because it's code – you won't win in court.

Braviak – Why have a planning board then? They look at all the requests from all the outside agencies. There should be a corrective action here. If they agreed to it and then changed their mind, it should be a discussion and they should have to go back to the Planning Board.

Took us forever to get a TCO here – had to jump through hoops.

Usually there are weeks of testimony – how many plants and trees – all the details – or you don't get a TCO. And if one plant is missing....

They are worried about all that kind of stuff, but here's something that affects people's lives and it gets through.

Chief – They claimed that Chief Cortright approved the changes and he did not.

Braviak – They did a bait and switch. That’s fraud and should be investigated. If that can happen, then anything the Planning Board decides can just go away. It sets a precedent for other developers.

Gethins – They have attorneys with deep pockets.

Braviak - Comes down to this – It was IN the Planning Board Resolution and it is NOT in the building. That’s what relevant.

Cahill - I have 2 takeaways from this. One is to see if there was fraud here and two, going forward to see if we can adjust an ordinance or make sure the Resolution passes that the developer agrees to what we say.

Chief – I have the paperwork and emails to back up everything we told you. There are definitely things in the fire ordinance that need changing.

Willans – At least Brain can voice our displeasure – the time it takes the Chief and staff to do these reports and submitting it and then it’s all disregarded anyway – it’s a slap in the face. They just turn around and do what they want.

Chief – they didn’t even have water on their site and claimed they had no road permits. Turns out they did and just didn’t want to pay for it. We helped them out there too. And now we’re stuck with a building where we have to do inspection, etc.

Gethins – they’ll sell it anyway.

FIRE CO: - Dale Cowley asked the Board for permission to build horseshoe pits out back away from the training areas. Comm. Cobane suggested to make it wide enough for the mower to get around easily, and Dale said they would take all that into consideration. Chief also suggested to make it a combination horseshoe bocce pit.

*A motion was made by Comm. Ehrich to approve this; seconded by Comm Cobane and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

Patrick Mulligan starts his eagle project by the end of this month.

Chief updated our problem with the gym. They have a new court date of July 31st as it was postponed so they could get legal counsel.

He informed the Board of the specs and costs for the new engine that was talked about last month. He spoke to Pierce’s representative.

For a new Rescue Pumper that would replace 20 & 23, there are options.

1. A new 2024 Enforcer that takes 28 months to build. It would have a Packard engine available or we can wait for a Cummins engine. Cost would be \$988,000.
2. A Rescue Pumper currently in production at a price of \$944,000.
3. A stock engine with a Cummins motor with a Sabre chassis. Has a 1000 gallon tank. Would be \$760,000. Off the line in December 2023 and others are available.

Chief - The difference is the frame. The Sabre has a 10 ¼” frame and the enforcer can get up to 13”,

A discussion about the different specs took place.

Chief reiterated that this truck would replace two others. When asked about the time in purchasing new vehicles, the ladder would be a 2024. We would have two around the same age instead of the usual 3 or 4.

The emission thing is going to make everything more expensive.

DEF tanks – Is there an override? Sometimes they don't want to work.

They assured us it will work but we can't push it if it needs to re-generate.

Chief said on the stock truck, things can be moved around and changes made. If we order a new one, it's \$950k.

The stock one is \$760k as it rolls off the line in December.

Comm Ehrich asked how much our down payment will be.

We have it covered in the Capital line item. And we may have more money in that line item in a few years time.

Other towns have taken the stock engine and have had no problems with them. Morris Township and Cedar Knolls, to name two. Morris Township' engine is up to 70,000 miles.

FF Joe Mihalko – A chance to get a Cummins engine is a good thing.

Comm Willans said he'd like to look into the \$760k one.

Chief – Don't forget – one is replacing two. We will save on maintenance and insurance.

Willans – Plus we can sell the other 2.

Chief – The police dept is already interested in one of them.

Comm Ehrich – It's not going to get cheaper,

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Medical Director – the contract has been signed and he has been paid.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chief – Would like to request the Commissioners form a Building Committee. They would field issues that come up. It takes away too much of his time to follow up on some of these items.

We get inspections done but do we like the companies? Do they do a good job? Things like the backflow preventer and a tree limb that needs to come down. Quotes on the HVAC, etc.

Comm Willans said the trustees used to do that.

Braviak – The trustees can't spend your money.

Gethins – we can come up with something for that. We want this building to last for 100 years.

Chief – Who is servicing the garage doors? When are they coming? These are the types of things I need. A schedule – just let me know what is scheduled.

Cobane – There should be at least 2 people on the committee – one to investigate prices and do scheduling and one to make sure it gets done and follow up and review.

May be John can get the kind of spreadsheet his company uses to kick start this.

There is new Probie coming on tomorrow night.

Chief will be on vacation July 20-28th.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING 13 members of the public attended.

Mary Beth Cowley asked about the website and had it been updated. Comm Willans spoke to Henry Hansch, our current web director and he is fine with continuing to monitor the website and will keep it up to date.

She also asked if the investigation is finished and will the public be able to get copies of the results.

Comm Willans responded that it was a personnel issue and those types of issue are not to be discussed in public.

Tom Braviak – looking at the Treasurer’s report, said that there should have been a monetary limit placed on the investigation. Is there a limit? Is it over?

For next time, Cap the amount of money that they are to spend. Tell them “You have \$5000 before you can come back to us for any more money”. If he was on the Board and knew it was going to cost \$14,000, he would have said no to doing it.

Contract negotiations are coming up. You should issue a limit to the legal pricing before you use the guy.

With your legal bill, what did you have to sacrifice in your budget in order to do this? What didn’t get done? Something to think about.

BILLS

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

AYES: Ehrich, Cobane, Gethins, Quinn & Willans

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

06/02/2023	12836	Home Depot Credit Services	6012 - Bldg/Grounds Maintenance	-57.86
06/02/2023	12837	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-182.78
06/02/2023	12838	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-263.03
06/02/2023	12839	AC Drywall & Painting, Inc.	6012 - Bldg/Grounds Maintenance	-7,740.00
06/02/2023	12840	IIA Fire Department Testing	8003 - Testing - Hose / Repair	-3,102.30
06/02/2023	12841	CPR Baltimore	9002 Rescue Equip-(non bond)	-587.49
06/02/2023	12842	Morristown Medical Group	8401 Physicals - New Members	-468.00
06/02/2023	12843	Turnout Fire & Safety - Little Falls	8001 Uniforms - Class B	-78.99
06/02/2023	12844	Acrisure - Holmes & McDowell	7001 Vehicle Insurance	-9,384.00
06/02/2023	12845	Lane Biviano, Esq.	5006 Legal Expense	-1,602.00
06/02/2023	12846	Amazon Business	-SPLIT-	-273.58
06/02/2023	12847	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-651.76
06/02/2023	12848	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
06/02/2023	12849	Amtrust North America NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	4009 Workers Comp	-6,552.00
06/05/2023	eft	Health Morris County Public Safety Training	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-13,038.50
06/05/2023	12850	Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-100.00
06/05/2023	12851	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-408.19
06/05/2023	12852	Ciullo, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	0.00
06/05/2023	12853	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12854	Cusmano, Gaetano	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00

06/05/2023	12855	Danus, James	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12856	Desien, Marc	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12857	Dodson, Jake	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12858	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12859	Graziano, Jesse	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12860	Hueg, Kamdin	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12861	Jubinski, Ken	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
06/05/2023	12862	Kelly, Shane	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12863	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12864	LaSota, Matthew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12865	Makowski, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12866	Mihalko, Joseph Jr.	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
06/05/2023	12867	Mihalko, Marianna	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12868	Santini, Anthony	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12869	Santini, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12870	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-75.00
06/05/2023	12871	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/05/2023	12872	Wodynski, William	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
06/05/2023	12873	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
06/09/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits- Pension	4007 Pension	-800.00
06/09/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits- Pension	4007 Pension	-4,000.00
06/12/2023	12874	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-1,463.88
06/12/2023	12875	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-813.00
06/12/2023	12876	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4006 Police & Fire Insurance	-588.26
06/12/2023	12877	Turnout Fire & Safety - Little Falls	8001 Uniforms - Class B	-292.00
06/12/2023	12878	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	5013 Office Supplies 8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-179.33
06/12/2023	12879	ESO	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-246.40
06/12/2023	12880	Finish Line Car Wash	5016 Election	-36.00
06/12/2023	12881	Election Graphics, Inc.	7017 Misc Maintenance Supplies	-1,545.00
06/12/2023	12882	Auto Zone	-SPLIT-	-127.20
06/12/2023	12883	FIS On Site Services, LLC	6008 Bldg - Cleaning Services	-568.75
06/12/2023	12884	Eastern Janitorial	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-605.00
06/12/2023	12885	Ciullo, Michael 1	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
06/15/2023	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	-24,199.55
06/19/2023	12886	Turnout Fire & Safety - Little Falls	8001 Uniforms - Class B	-3,737.85
06/19/2023	12887	SMCMUA 10 Troy	6002 Building - Water/Sewerage	-379.19
06/22/2023	12888	Standard Insurance Co	4003 Life Insurance	-1,825.80
06/22/2023	12889	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-882.26
06/29/2023	12890	Braslow, Richard M. Esq	5006 Legal Expense	-1,080.00
06/29/2023	12891	Ultimate Alphabet	7005 Vehicle Maint. Pumpers/Resc	-630.00
06/30/2023	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners NJ Division of Pension & Benefits- Pension	-SPLIT-	-23,989.57
07/03/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits- Pension	4007 Pension	-4,774.09
07/03/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits- Pension	4007 Pension	-901.43
07/05/2023	12892	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-182.78
07/05/2023	12893	CF Services	24 / OshKosh P-19	-1,226.13
07/05/2023	12894	Lifesavers, Inc.	8202 Training - Supplies	-6.50
07/05/2023	12895	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
07/05/2023	12896	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-263.03

07/05/2023	12897	Home Depot Credit Services Morris County Public Safety Training	-SPLIT-	-313.12
07/05/2023	12898	Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-600.00
07/05/2023	12899	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-412.28
07/05/2023	12900	Morristown Medical Group	8401 Physicals - New Members 8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-468.00
07/05/2023	12901	ESO		-246.40
07/05/2023	12902	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,552.00
07/05/2023	12903	Fire and Safety Services, LTD	21 / 81	-375.00
07/05/2023	12904	Lane Biviano, Esq.	5006 Legal Expense	-1,278.00
07/05/2023	12905	Barker, Gelfand,James & Sarvas	5006 Legal Expense	-14,358.25
07/05/2023	12906	Nisivoccia, LLP	5005 Accounting (Audit)	-5,935.00
07/05/2023	12907	Amazon Business	-SPLIT-	-1,090.06
07/05/2023	12908	Township of Hanover NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	-SPLIT-	-451.17
07/05/2023	eft	Health	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-13,038.50
07/05/2023	12909	Cobane, Rob	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12910	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12911	Cusmano, Gaetano	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
07/05/2023	12912	Danus, James	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12913	Desien, Marc	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12914	Dodson, Jake	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12915	Ryan Falkman	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12916	Gallo, Matt	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12917	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12918	Graziano, Jesse	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12919	Hueg, Kamdin	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12920	Jubinski, Ken	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
07/05/2023	12921	Kelly, Eric	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12922	Kelly, Shane	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12923	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12924	LaSota, Matthew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12925	Makowski, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12926	Mihalko, Joseph Jr.	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12927	Mihalko, Marianna	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12928	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12929	Santini, Anthony	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12930	Santini, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12931	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-75.00
07/05/2023	12932	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
07/05/2023	12933	Van Seggern, Steven	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12934	Wodynski, William	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/05/2023	12935	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
07/10/2023	12936	Matthew Latizia, DO	8207 Professional Services	-3,000.00
07/10/2023	12937	Eastern Janitorial	6008 Bldg - Cleaning Services	-605.00
07/10/2023	12938	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	5013 Office Supplies	-263.89
07/10/2023	12939	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-1,725.25
07/10/2023	12940	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4006 Police & Fire Insurance	-588.26
07/10/2023	12941	New Jersey Division of Fire Safety	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-210.00
07/10/2023	12942	SMCMUA 10 Troy	-SPLIT-	-506.14
07/10/2023	12943	Finish Line Car Wash	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-12.00

8:26 pm Comm Cobane made a motion to go into Closed session. Comm. Gethins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board came out of Closed Session at 9:42

Comm Gethins made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Willans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hammond
Assistant to the Board