

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 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

A moment of silence was held to commemorate the anniversary and to remember the victims of 9-11-2001

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.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There was one correction to the 8-14 minutes. Comm. Cobane should have been Lieutenant Cobane. That correction has been made. Comm Cobane called for the acceptance of all the minutes from last month Comm. Willans seconded the move, and it was carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

The following Treasurer’s report was submitted.

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

Treasurer's Report - September 11 2023

For the month of August 2023

General Checking Account #: XXXXXX3244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - July 31, 2023	\$1,003,957.53
August Checks	(\$182,998.61)

Deposits for the Month of August 2023

Steohen Gould	permits and fees	\$162.00
The Wheel Rim Group	permits and fees	\$54.00
Whippany Actuation Systems	permits and fees	\$54.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$384,950.00

Double Tap Brewing	permits and fees	\$54.00
Brickyard Concession Stand	permits and fees	\$54.00
Registration Fees		\$600.00
Tyler Technologies	permits and fees	\$54.00
Tyler Technologies	Registration Fees	\$400.00

Balance on Hand, August 31, 2023 **(matches Quickbooks)** **\$1,207,340.92**

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting **\$230,334.27**

Business 12 Month CD -x0575 **Matures 12-7-23** **\$211,901.92**
3.15%
Last Interest

Business 6 Month CD - TD Bank X9425 **Matures 9-4-23** **3.49%** **\$209,516.84**
Last Interest

Penalty Checking Account # XXXX3773
TD Bank

Balance on Hand, August 31, 2023 **\$5,014.02**

It was noted that a number of budget line items are already over budget. Comm. Ehrich stated that he will address those before the next meeting.

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Comm. Cobane. It was seconded by Comm. Willans and passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Purchases made from Amazon and Staples

Apparatus

- Repairs were completed on R-20.

Training

- ICS 200 Class was Conducted @ our station

Purchases

- New Full Set of TNT electric Storm Surge Series Rescue Tools under NJ State Contract Pricing T-0790 (17DPP00100) and trade in old Hydraulic tools \$36,327.75

Fire Prevention

- 129 Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. \$ 2,882.00 in fees were billed and being collected. Total of \$36,230.00 for 2023 so far

EMS

- (64) Calls were answered last month.

Fire

- (46) Calls were answered last month.

110 Total calls answered



Other Matters and Announcements

- Conducted Plan reviews
- Conducted Spec reviews
- DCA Minimum Mandatory Qualifications In process (ongoing)
- Email sent to board and Labor attorney about driving complaint and SOG on POVs
- Board to form a Building Committee?
- New Engine
- Conduct Fire Protection Review Inspections 34 Eden Lane & 440 Rt 10

A motion was made to accept the Chief's report by Comm. Quinn. It was seconded by Comm. Willans and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS –

- An invitation to participate in the Midnight Run Car Show was received. The event will be on October 20th from 8-10 pm at 1 Apollo Drive. They are requesting apparatus to be present. Paul will police this first and make sure the date is right and that the event is actually going forward.
- Regulated rain Sprinkler System would like us to contact them to start the winterization process. A motion was made by Comm. Willans to contact them. It was seconded by Comm. Quinn and passed unanimously.
- FF Ben Bradley noted that on the resolution from Lane Biviano, it should read that the complaint was made by Local 109 and not Ben himself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time

Apparatus: Rescue 20 needs repair. It may be the computer. They are hunting for a test computer before authorizing a large expense.

Insurance: Nothing at this time.

TOWNSHIP – Nothing at this time.

FIRE CO: - Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Chief Perrello has gone to court for Powerhouse Fitness. They have entered a guilty plea by affidavit and will pay their \$12,000 fine over 10 months.

The Chief asked about a Building Committee. Has one been formed? There are many incidents that should be dealt with – leaky faucet, the Sprinkler winterization, the backflow preventer. It will be discussed and addressed next month.

Chief reported that there was an issue with an electric power pack. It costs \$15-20k new and it just stopped working. The chief had asked for money to purchase new ones. John Wittnebert and the Chief were able to get a part for \$22, take it all apart and get it working again. Money has been budgeted in non-bondable equipment. There is \$20,000 in 9005 SCBA, and 16,000 left in 9003 - Fire equipment, and we could also tap into 9002 if needed. The new TNT Storm Surge tools would run about \$36,327. The money is there.

Comm Quinn made a motion that we allow the Chief to purchase these new tools. The motion was seconded by Comm. Ehrich and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Gethins, Quinn, Ehrich

ABSENT: None

NAYS: Willans, Cobane

The Chief again brought up buying a stock engine and customizing it for our needs. They would work with us and bill us separately for the apparatus and then later, the equipment. We would save a big chunk of change if we do it now – almost \$200,000. With the expansion of the town, it would increase our ISO rating also.

Comm Gethins expressed concern that with the ladder truck ordered, we are still replacing them all at the same time. Chief Perrello replied that this would replace 2 engines. One of those is from 1995. New, the truck would be \$899,000 and even now there's a 40 month wait so it's not all at the same time. With the emissions regulations changing, the cost could only go up.

Comm Cobane said that we had just asked the taxpayers for the ladder truck. The Rescue has less mileage than the pumper.

A discussion took place with the Board putting the purchase on hold for now.

The trailer is being shared with the police. It's being kept here for now and they were very appreciative.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chief – 34 Eden Lane is almost ready. They are working with Paul. He needs to set up a walk-through.

Starbucks is almost ready also and they are installing a fire alarm system.

The Chief had a phone conference with Derrick Shearer and attorneys Biviano and Braslow regarding our SOGs and disciplinary processes. He had good takeaways from that.

444 – needs to be looked at further. Why can't we issue our own summonses for false alarms? That needs to be put in the ordinance.

Chief Perrello again requested a copy of the investigative report that was done last month. The Board replied that they would pass that request on to their attorney, who has stated before that it will not be made public.

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

Mary Beth Cowley questioned why the JCPL bill was different amounts and why we were not on a budget plan.

It will be looked into.

BILLS

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

AYES: Gethins, Quinn Ehrich, Cobane & Willans

ABSENT: NONE

NAYS: None

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/01/2023	12950	Witmer Associates, Inc	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-1,362.00
08/01/2023	12951	Amazon Business	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-59.98
08/01/2023	12952	Braslow, Richard M. Esq	5006 Legal Expense	-1,170.00
08/01/2023	12953	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-263.03

08/01/2023	12954	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
08/01/2023	12955	Turnout Fire & Safety - Little Falls	8001 Uniforms - Class B	-99.99
08/01/2023	12956	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-182.79
08/01/2023	12957	VE Ralph & Sons, Inc	7022 Medical Supplies	-342.02
08/01/2023	12958	Bell, Ian	C-1 Chief's Car	-85.45
08/01/2023	12959	Home Depot Credit Services	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-960.91
08/01/2023	12960	Standard Insurance Co	4003 Life Insurance	-1,861.60
08/01/2023	12961	Cobane, Rob	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12962	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12963	Cusmano, Gaetano	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
08/01/2023	12964	Desien, Marc	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12965	Dodson, Jake	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12966	Ryan Falkman	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12967	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12968	Graziano, Jesse	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12969	Hueg, Kamdin	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12970	Jubinski, Ken	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
08/01/2023	12971	Kelly, Eric	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12972	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12973	Eric Krygoski	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12974	LaSota, Matthew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12975	Makowski, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12976	Mihalko, Joseph Jr.	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12977	Mihalko, Marianna	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12978	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
08/01/2023	12979	Santini, Anthony	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12980	Santini, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12981	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-75.00
08/01/2023	12982	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12983	Wodynski, William	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
08/01/2023	12984	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers 8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-40.00
08/03/2023	12985	ESO		-246.40
08/03/2023	12986	Preferred Business Systems	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-12.40
08/04/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-4,000.00
08/04/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-800.00
08/11/2023	12987	Nielsen Ford	C-2 Deputy Chief car	-109.95
08/11/2023	12988	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-2,191.09
08/11/2023	12989	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-813.00
08/11/2023	12990	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	5013 Office Supplies	-353.86
08/11/2023	12991	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-412.28
08/11/2023	12992	JCP&L Fieldstone	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-15.00
08/11/2023	12993	American Trade Mark	9007 Other (non-bondable)	-513.67
08/11/2023	12994	Eastern Janitorial	6008 Bldg - Cleaning Services	-605.00
08/11/2023	12995	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,552.00
08/11/2023	12996	Finish Line Car Wash	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-12.00
08/11/2023	12997	US Bank NA	Fees	-1,250.00
08/11/2023	12998	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4006 Police & Fire Insurance	-588.26
08/11/2023	12999	Castle Fire Protection	6006 Bldg - Sprinkler / Castle	-800.00
08/14/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits Health	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-13,038.50

08/14/2023	13000	ESRI Environmental Systems Research Inst.	8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-100.00
08/14/2023	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	-23,366.85
08/17/2023	eft	US Bank NA	Interest Payment	-83,750.00
08/17/2023	eft	Bank fee	5001 Bank Fees / Wires	-30.00
08/18/2023	13001	TD Bank N. A.	Credit card	-1,037.43
08/25/2023	13002	State of New Jersey	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-12.00
08/25/2023	13003	Township of Hanover	Gas / Diesel	-932.21
08/25/2023	13004	NJ Fire Equipment Co.	Reserve / PPE	-9,161.00
08/25/2023	13005	Standard Insurance Co	4003 Life Insurance	-1,843.70
08/31/2023	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	-23,132.20
09/01/2023	13006	Witmer Associates, Inc	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-483.00
09/01/2023	13007	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-182.79
09/01/2023	13008	Alert-all Corporation	8205 Promotions	-925.00
09/01/2023	13009	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-263.03
09/01/2023	13010	Home Depot Credit Services	Bldg Grounds / Maintenance Supplies	-616.27
09/01/2023	13011	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
09/05/2023	13012	Lane Biviano, Esq.	5006 Legal Expense	-3,348.00
09/05/2023	13013	Electronic Measurement Labs	7014 Equip Maint/ Air Monitorg	-423.23
09/05/2023	13014	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,552.00
09/05/2023	13015	Amazon Business	5013 Office Supplies	-275.19
09/05/2023	13016	Shearer, Derrick	8205 Promotions	-249.75
09/05/2023	13017	ESO	8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-246.40
09/05/2023	13018	Township of Hanover	Gasoline / Diesel	-851.63
09/05/2023	13019	Braslow, Richard M. Esq	5006 Legal Expense	-1,860.00
09/05/2023	13020	Luis Albarran	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13021	Ciullo, Michael 1	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13022	Cobane, Rob	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13023	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13024	Cusmano, Gaetano	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
09/05/2023	13025	Ryan Falkman	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
09/05/2023	13026	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13027	Graziano, Jesse	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13028	Hueg, Kamdin	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13029	Jubinski, Ken	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
09/05/2023	13030	Kelly, Eric	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13031	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13032	Eric Krygoski	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13033	LaSota, Matthew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13034	Makowski, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13035	Mihalko, Marianna	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
09/05/2023	13036	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13037	Santini, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
09/05/2023	13038	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-75.00
09/05/2023	13039	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
09/05/2023	13040	Wodynski, William	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/05/2023	13041	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
09/08/2023	13042	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-2,007.13
09/08/2023	13043	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-813.00

09/08/2023	13044	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-412.28
09/08/2023	13045	FF1 Firefighter One, LLC	7016 Misc Hydraulic Tools	-350.00
09/08/2023	13046	Wittnebert, John	7016 Misc Hydraulic Tools	-22.00
09/11/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-800.00
09/11/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-4,000.00
09/11/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits Health	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-11,928.79
09/11/2023	13047	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,552.00
09/11/2023	13048	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4006 Police & Fire Insurance	-588.26
09/11/2023	13049	Shearer, Derrick	8205 Promotions	-650.36
09/11/2023	13050	Finish Line Car Wash	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-12.00
09/11/2023	13051	Auto Zone	7017 Misc Maintenance Supplies	-36.86
09/11/2023	13052	Wegman's	8205 Promotions	-225.81
09/11/2023	13053	Hanover Sewerage Authority 10 Troy Hills	6002 Building - Water/Sewerage	-1,233.84
09/11/2023	13054	Eastern Janitorial	6008 Bldg - Cleaning Services	-605.00
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				230,334.27

8:17 pm Comm Willans made a motion to go into Closed session. The Executive (closed) session will address Fire Department financial matters. No individual personnel will be addressed. No action will be taken. Comm. Quinn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board came out of Closed Session at 8:35

Comm Cobane made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Quinn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hammond
Assistant to the Board