

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

**November 13, 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

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**

Comm Willans called for the acceptance of all the minutes from last month Comm. Cobane seconded the move, and it was carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

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

**Treasurer's Report - November 13, 2023  
For the month of October 2023**

**General Checking Account #: XXXXXX3244**

**TD Bank**

Balance On Hand - September 30, 2023	<b>\$1,110,840.95</b>
October Checks	(\$182,527.41)
Transfer - Line Item 3601 to 3002	\$45,000.00
Transfer - From Penalty account to pay Galls Invoice	\$1,776.95

**Deposits for the Month of October 2023**

Township of Hanover	Fire Safety Rebate	\$2,197.00
Township of Hanover	903-905 Donations	\$5,000.00
Whippany Fire Company	September cell tower	\$12,679.26
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$384,950.00
Link Logistics	Permit fees	\$220.00
Double Tap Brewing	per	\$54.00
Registration Fees		\$550.00
Tyler Technologies	permits and fees	\$54.00
Tyler Technologies	Registration Fees	\$50.00

**Balance on Hand, October 31, 2023** (matches Quickbooks) **\$1,380,844.75**

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting **\$214,101.20**

**Business 12 Month CD -x0575** **Matures 12-7-23** **\$213,018.92**  
3.15%

**Business 6 Month CD - TD Bank X9425** **Matures 9-4-23** **3.49%** **\$211,054.73**

**Penalty Checking Account # XXXX3773**  
**TD Bank**

**Balance on Hand, October 31, 2023** **\$3,237.07**

At this time, Comm. Ehrich moved that the following budget items be re-allocated as shown.

AMOUNT:	FROM:	TO:
\$ 411.28	6001 Gas & Electric	6002 Water / Sewer
389.52	7006 Small Engines	6012 Bldg/Grounds
5011.68	7004 Ladder Maintenance	7011 Vehicle Insurance
60.00	7009 Radios / pagers	7005 Vehicle maintenance
327.70	7010 Batteries	7014 Air Monitoring
500.00	7020 TIC Maintenance	8003 Hose Repair
851.65	8202 Training & Supplies	8003 Hose repair
200.00	8601 Admin Codes	8603 Other Subscriptions
1000.00	9006 Computer Equipment	8604 ERS / Power DMS etc.
1.67	9006 Computer Equipment	9007 Other non-bondable
500.00	9006 Computer Equipment	8401 New Members
4800.00	7004 Ladder Maintenance	4003 Life Insurance
1925.00	7004 Ladder Maintenance	4006 Police & Fire Ins.

The Chief is working on the overbudget amount for the generator with the company who provides our inspections. We have a contract with them that should have covered some of what we were last billed for.

\*The motion to reallocate these items was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed unanimously.

At this time, Comm. Ehrich made a resolution that would introduce the proposed 2024 Budget. (Attached to these minutes).

The total budget would be \$2,421,508 with the amount to be raised by taxation to be \$2,196,325. This is a 2% increase from last year. The amount is .091.

For the average homeowner in Whippany, whose home is assessed at \$427,500, the increase would be \$8.55 per year or 72 cents per month.

\*A motion to accept the Resolution of the 2024 proposed budget was made by Comm. Ehrich. It was seconded by Comm. Quinn and passed unanimously.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

### **Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance**

- Purchases made from Amazon and Staples

### **Apparatus**

- Nothing at this time

### **Training**

3 Drills were conducted October

- Hazards involving Commercial sanitation Vehicles
- Hoseline Deployment
- Hoseline Operations

### **Purchases**

- Requesting to use budgeted money for purchase of (6) six sets of new turnout gear Under NJ state Contract Total price \$22,660.00 see attached quote.

### **Fire Prevention**

- **101** Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. **\$ 974.00** in fees were billed and being collected. Total of **\$38,732.00** for 2023 so far

### **EMS**

- (80) Calls were answered last month.

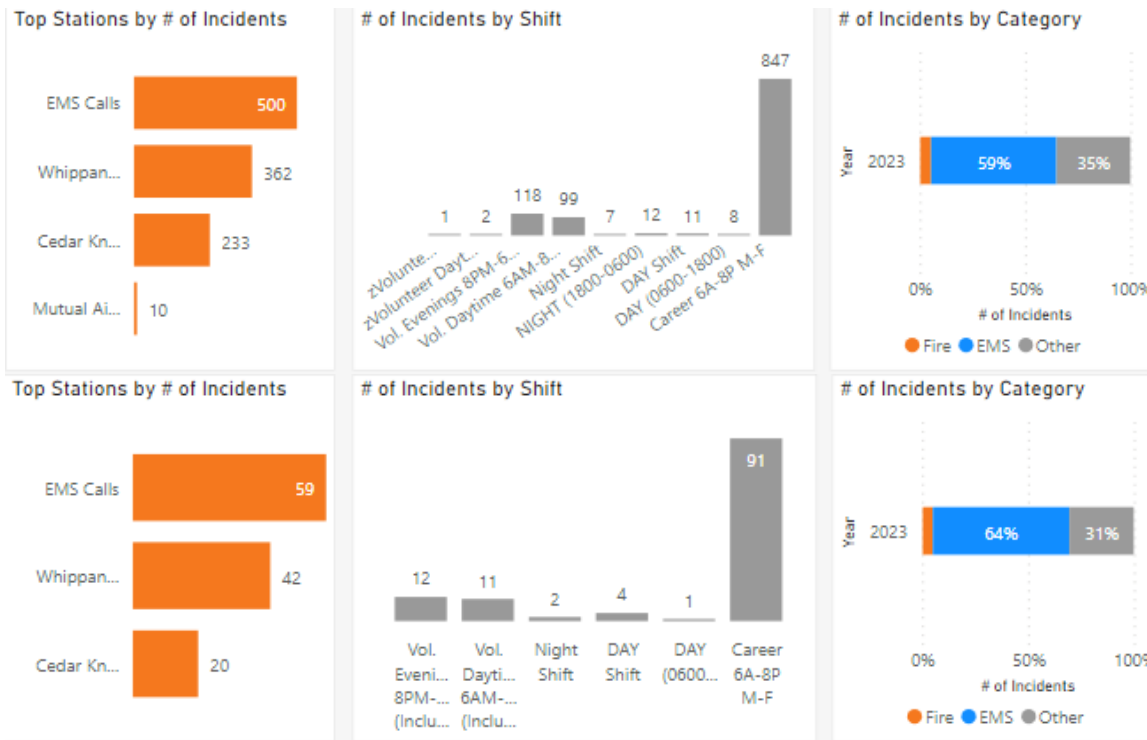
### **Fire**

- (46) Calls were answered last month.

126 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 (on going)
- Conduct Fire Protection Plan Review 712 Rt 10
- Attended meeting for Hanover Towne Center (Old Pine Plaza) Residential Part



The Chief reported that he has found a new manufacturer for Turnout Gear – Lion, that will give us 2 sets of gear in addition to our order with them. It would come to \$22,660. \$21,995 could come out of Budget line item 9004, leaving \$665 to come out of 9002 Rescue equipment.

\*After looking at the budget, a motion was made to approve the purchase of the gear from Lion and to move the budget line items accordingly. The motion was made by Comm. Willans and seconded by Comm. Ehrich. It passed unanimously.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS –

- A letter from VFIS outlining what next year's insurance policy will cover.
- A note from TD Bank stating our maturity date for one of the CVDs.
- A letter from Ben Bradley regarding his RICE notice asking for a public hearing.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Personnel:** Nothing at this time

**Apparatus:** Engine 21 – transmission has been repaired.

**Insurance:** Nothing at this time.

**TOWNSHIP** – Nothing at this time

**FIRE CO:** - President Jesse Graziano asked the Board's permission to borrow Engine 23 & Car 5 for the 2 parades with the usual stipulations and approval from the Chief. They would be taken out of service till the Pancake breakfast, unless needed.

He also reported that the sprinklers have been blown out for winter. Regarding Holiday lights for the Firehouse, they are working on them.

## **OLD BUSINESS – Nothing at this time**

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

Comm. Willans mentioned someone from his church is a psychiatrist and has volunteered to be here if anyone would like to talk about anything confidentially. He wanted to know if we were interested and he would do it maybe 1 night a month for 1 or 2 hours. We do have a Wellness program called CONCERN in place but the Board was open to this also, and Steve will reach out to him. Both programs' availability should be made more widely known to the members.

## **PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING** 16 members of the public attended.

FF Ben Bradley asked about fixing the wording of last month's Resolution. He claims it is a violation of the Whistle Blowers Act to put names of a complainant on a public document. The request was forward to attorney Lane Biviano who says the resolution will not be changed.

Tom Braviak – mentioned that we had to have a discussion about the PPE equipment and were concerned about the cost because of our legal bills. He said we shouldn't be delaying safety equipment because of legal fees and that we should put a limit on how much more legal we are going to allow the attorney to rack up.

Dale Cowley – The CERT program would like to use the room on November 30<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday this month.

Eric Woodruff – He is a cop in town and expressed concerns about calls on nights and weekends. He has seen calls where 2 young firefighters showed up, with not much experience. He cited a call where it took 40 minutes to get a guy off the roof after a coronary incident. Whippany volunteers never showed up. He took the guy off in a basket, which he wasn't supposed to do and the victim later passed away at the hospital. This town is getting bigger and he pointed out that we should pass a budget that will support having 2 guys on a truck at all times.

## **BILLS**

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

AYES: Gethins, Ehrich, Quinn, Cobane & Willans

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

10/02/2023	13068	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-300.00
10/02/2023	13069	Rescue Products International	8201 Training - Classes	-750.00
10/02/2023	13070	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-183.10
10/02/2023	13071	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-263.03
10/02/2023	13072	Braslow, Richard M. Esq	5006 Legal Expense	-2,040.00
10/02/2023	13073	Amazon Business	-SPLIT-	-418.55
10/02/2023	13074	Home Depot Credit Services	5013 Office Supplies	-82.52
10/03/2023	eft1	Cash	3601 Salary Offset wUSFA Revenu	-45,000.00
10/05/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits Health	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-11,928.79
10/06/2023	13075	Stewart & Stevenson Power Products	6011 Bldg - Station Generator	-500.00
10/06/2023	13076	Lane Biviano, Esq.	5006 Legal Expense	-1,386.00

10/06/2023	13077	ESO	8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-246.40
10/06/2023	13078	Electronic Measurement Labs	7014 Equip Maint/ Air Monitorg	-327.70
10/06/2023	13079	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-150.00
10/06/2023	13080	Alert-all Corporation	8205 Promotions	-305.00
10/06/2023	13081	Finish Line Car Wash	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-36.00
10/06/2023	13082	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-414.28
10/06/2023	13083	Witmer Associates, Inc	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-51.00
10/06/2023	13084	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
10/06/2023	13085	Cobane, Rob	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13086	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/06/2023	13087	Cusmano, Gaetano	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
10/06/2023	13088	Danus, James	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13089	Desien, Marc	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
10/06/2023	13090	Dodson, Jake	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13091	Ryan Falkman	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
10/06/2023	13092	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13093	Hueg, Kamdin	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13094	Jubinski, Ken	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
10/06/2023	13095	Kelly, Eric	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13096	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13097	Eric Krygoski	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/06/2023	13098	LaSota, Matthew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/06/2023	13099	Mihalko, Marianna	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/06/2023	13100	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/06/2023	13101	Santini, Anthony	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13102	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-75.00
10/06/2023	13103	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/06/2023	13104	Wodynski, William	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/06/2023	13105	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/09/2023	13106	Zoltan Papp	2011 Permit Fees	-54.00
10/09/2023	13107	SMCMUA 10 Troy	-SPLIT-	-506.14
10/09/2023	13108	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-1,783.19
10/09/2023	13109	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-813.00
10/09/2023	13110	Auto Zone	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-81.56
10/09/2023	13111	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-100.00
10/09/2023	13112	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4006 Police & Fire Insurance	-588.26
10/09/2023	13113	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-1,303.89
10/10/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	3007 Payroll Deductions	-6,315.19
10/10/2023	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	3007 Payroll Deductions	-901.43
10/10/2023	13114	Wodynski, William	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/10/2023	13115	Kruger, Walter	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/10/2023	13116	Cortright, Joseph	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/10/2023	13117	Woytas, Raymond	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/10/2023	13118	Makowski, Joseph	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/10/2023	13119	Cook, Michael	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/15/2023	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	-23,602.40
10/16/2023	13120	Tasc Fire Apparatus, Inc.	8003 - Testing - Hose / Repair	-2,368.00
10/16/2023	13121	Air Group	6012 - Bldg/Grounds Maintenance	-392.36
10/16/2023	13122	Positive Promotions	8205 Promotions	-2,122.80

10/16/2023	13123	Alert-all Corporation	8205 Promotions	-852.00
10/20/2023	13124	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-250.00
10/20/2023	13125	Lifesavers, Inc.	8201 Training - Classes	-6.50
10/30/2023	13126	Standard Insurance Co	4003 Life Insurance	-1,843.70
10/30/2023	13127	State Line Fire & Safety, Inc.	8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-770.00
10/30/2023	13128	Lifesavers, Inc.	8201 Training - Classes	-38.00
10/30/2023	13129	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-263.03
10/30/2023	13130	Witmer Associates, Inc	9007 Other (non-bondable)	-488.00
10/30/2023	13131	Technical Fire Services, Inc	8002 Testing - Pumps	-750.00
10/30/2023	13132	Safeguard Business Systems	5013 Office Supplies	-289.82
10/30/2023	13133	Home Depot Credit Services	5013 Office Supplies	-193.50
10/30/2023	13134	FIS On Site Services, LLC	-SPLIT-	-720.01
10/30/2023	13135	CF Services	-SPLIT-	-6,315.68
10/30/2023	13136	Braslow, Richard M. Esq	5006 Legal Expense	-630.00
10/30/2023	13137	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-1,004.41
10/30/2023	13138	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-335.07
10/30/2023	13139	FFI Firefighter One, LLC	7016 Misc Hydraulic Tools	-36,077.75
10/31/2023	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT- 8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-22,845.31
11/03/2023	13140	ESO	5013 Office Supplies	-498.86
11/03/2023	13141	Amazon Business	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
11/03/2023	13142	Verizon Wireless 884	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/03/2023	13143	Ciullo, Michael 1	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/03/2023	13144	Cobane, Rob	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13145	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/03/2023	13146	Dodson, Jake	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13147	Ryan Falkman	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13148	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13149	Hueg, Kamdin	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13150	Kelly, Eric	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13151	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13152	Eric Krygoski	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
11/03/2023	13153	LaSota, Matthew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13154	Makowski, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/03/2023	13155	Mihalko, Marianna	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13156	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13157	Santini, Anthony	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/03/2023	13158	Santini, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/03/2023	13159	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-75.00
11/03/2023	13160	Wodynski, William	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/03/2023	13161	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,537.00
11/06/2023	EFT	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits Health	4001 Medical/Dental Insurance	-11,928.79
11/10/2023	13162	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4006 Police & Fire Insurance	-588.26
11/10/2023	13163	Castle Fire Protection	6006 Bldg - Sprinkler / Castle	-800.00
11/10/2023	13164	Finish Line Car Wash	7003 Vehicle Maintenance - Cars	-24.00
11/10/2023	13165	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-1,316.37
11/10/2023	13166	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-414.28
11/10/2023	13167	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-813.00
11/10/2023	13168	Matthew Bender & Co.	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-242.55

11/10/2023	13169	JCP&L Fieldstone	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-15.00
11/10/2023	13170	IIA Fire Department Testing	8003 - Testing - Hose / Repair	-381.35
11/10/2023	13171	Getsinger, Cameron	8401 Physicals - New Members	-45.73
11/10/2023	13172	Eastern Janitorial	6008 Bldg - Cleaning Services	-605.00
11/10/2023	13173	New Jersey Labor Law Poster	8603 Other Subscriptions	-192.00
11/10/2023	13174	Hanover Sewerage Authority 10 Troy Hills	6002 Building - Water/Sewerage	-411.28
11/13/2023	13175	Wegman's	8205 Promotions	-236.57
11/13/2023	13176	Continental Fire & Safety	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-350.00
11/13/2023	13177	Stewart & Stevenson Power Products	6011 Bldg - Station Generator	-5,005.68
11/13/2023	13178	Approved Fire Protection	7019 Extinguisher Maintenance	-129.63
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At this time, a phone call was placed to Lane Biviano, our attorney, who proceeded to discuss Ben Bradley's waiver of health insurance to be covered under his wife's State health Benefits Plan. . He waived his insurance and has been given reimbursements. According to the attorney, because his wife is on the State plan also, Ben is not entitled to the waiver benefits. Ben will provide documentation that he is, indeed, entitled to them.

Ben stated that Employees hired prior to 2010 are eligible to buy back some sick time. If hired after 2010, you can't do it till you retire.

At this a motion was made to go into closed session to discuss upcoming contracts. The motion was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. Enrich. It passed unanimously.

Board came out of Closed Session at 10:33

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hammond  
Assistant to the Board