

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

November 11, 2024

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

Commissioners present: Gethins, Cobane, Brunner, Ehrich, Quinn

Absent: None

At this time Commissioner Gethins 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 Quinn called for the acceptance of the minutes from last meeting. Comm. Cobane seconded the move, and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Cobane, Brunner, Ehrich, Gethins, Quinn

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The following Treasurer's report was submitted.

Treasurer's Report - November 11, 2024

For the month of October 2024

General Checking Account #: XXXXXX3244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - September 30, 2024	\$1,327,289.83
October checks	(\$105,482.98)

Deposits for the Month of October 2024

Registration Fees - Checks & Cash	Acct 2008 - Registration fees	\$1,525.00
Permits & Fees - Checks & Cash	Acct 2011 - Permits & fees	\$324.00
Whippany Fire Company	Acct 5004 Reimburse lumber	\$254.12
Hanover Marriott	2009 – Stand-By	\$280.00
Township of Hanover	Acct 2002 Fire Safety Rebate	\$2,197.00
Township of Hanover	Acct 2003 Donations	\$5,000.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$357,549.20
Whippany Fire Company	August cell tower	\$12,967.10
Whippany Fire Company	3rd Qtr Utilities	\$2,796.70
Tyler Payments	Registration Fees	\$1,133.00
Tyler payments	Permits / Fees	\$54.00

<u>Balance on Hand, October 31, 2024</u>	<u>(matches Quickbooks)</u>	<u>\$1,605,886.97</u>
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Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting	<u>\$144,875.41</u>
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Business 12 Month CD -x0575	Matures 12-7-24	%	<u>\$222,596.93</u>
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Business 6 Month CD - TD Bank X9425	Matures -24	%	<u>\$222,106.09</u>
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Penalty Checking Account # XXXX3773 TD Bank
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<u>Balance on Hand, October 31, 2024</u>	<u>\$8,037.07</u>
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A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Comm. Quinn. It was seconded by Comm. Ehrich and passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

To BE SUBMITTED

COMMUNICATIONS - Comm. Quinn spoke to Mr. Hark from District 3 about the fundraisers for Molly Mack, a local HS student involved in a serious accident, and Michael Spiaggia, a student battling illness. There are fundraisers on 14th and the 22nd this month. They were looking for firefighters to help out at these events in any way needed. Comm. Quinn presented this to all at the meeting and it was noted that many members will help with whatever they can at these events.

There was also a thank you for allowing the rabies clinic to be held at the firehouse again this year. They treated 139 pets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building: Fred has contacted the Water Authority 3 times about the letter regarding lead pipes. He has not heard back from them but has been assured that we are OK here as it is a newer building. It looks like the form only needs to be filled out if you have lead pipes and refuse to have them repaired.

*There is a quote attached to the Chief's Report regarding the furnace. The condensation line was clogged and there was water on the floor. This was fixed with no charge as it was covered under our contract with them. However, the whole thing has been installed incorrectly. There is rusting starting

on the condensation line. It will be \$890 to re-install it correctly. The cost will come out of Account HVAC -6009.

A motion was made by Comm. Brunner that we go ahead with the repair by Air Group. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ehrich – AYE; Quinn – AYE; Gethins – AYE; Cobane – AYE; Brunner – AYE

The Chief will call for the repair.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Apparatus: The rescue “Check Engine” light is on. We are waiting on Fire And Safety to check it out. Also, the rescue was involved in a minor accident and the door rubs now.

Insurance: Two checks were received due to the removal of the old pickup from our policies.

TOWNSHIP – Nothing at this time.

***FIRE CO:** - President Graziano asked the Board’s permission to take 23 out of service for now to decorate it for the upcoming Pancake Breakfast and town ride-around. It will be back in service on the 16th of December.

Comm. Cobane made a motion that 23 be taken out of service at the Chief’s discretion and put back in, if needed. The motion was seconded by Comm. Brunner and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

The Chief heard back from Joe Giorgio, Township Administrator about the Fire Service Agreement. The town had 2 sticking points.

1. Fire alarm certifications. They make money off that and want to keep it for now. Soon, it will be required that a certified inspector do it but for now, it stays with the town.
2. The plan reviews. We were trying to charge for them as there many each month that have to be looked at. They took that out also.

Chief reported that the ladder truck is coming along and pictures will be coming soon.

There may be a new member – a 22 year old landscaper that the Chief is speaking with.

NEW BUSINESS –

Comm. Cobane brought up that we need to order a plaque / badge for Comm. Willans. Chief said he would do the badge.

*A motion was made to order the badge and plaque for Steve. The motion was made by Comm. Gethins and seconded by Comm. Cobane. It passed by the following roll call vote:

Ehrich – AYE; Quinn – AYE; Gethins – AYE; Cobane – AYE; Brunner – AYE

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING 12 Members of the public attended.

Mary Beth Cowley – resident – asked, (as a taxpayer), if the position vacated by FF Wittnebert was going to be filled.

The Board answered that it is under review.

Tom Braviak mentioned to the Board that it is budget time and there needs to be open meetings for the public to comment on the budget. He asked when these meetings were and if dates have been set. In the past, he said that there were always several meetings where the Board worked through the budget, looking at what was over and what was under and discussing. Is there a strategy or a plan? You need to have an idea of what 2025 will look like as a district. We need to sit down and prioritize things

and how we will fund that. There is a budget calendar that has to be followed – certain dates that we have to submit to the State.

Comm. Ehrich said that he will get together with the Chief and put something together.

BILLS

Comm. Quinn moved that the following bills be paid. The move was seconded by Comm. Brunner and a roll call vote was taken.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

ABSTAINS: Gethins: Check No: 13758 & 13820, Brunner 13791 & 13794 and Cobane: 13817
Ehrich – AYE; Quinn – AYE; Gethins – AYE; Cobane – AYE; Brunner – AYE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/01/2024	13746	Witmer Associates, Inc	8001 Uniforms - Class B	-339.00
10/01/2024	13747	Alert-all Corporation	8205 Promotions	-1,152.00
10/01/2024	13748	Amazon Business	5013 Office Supplies	-450.13
10/01/2024	13749	Home Depot Credit Services	7017 Misc Maintenance Supplies	-17.94
10/01/2024	13750	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-112.19
10/01/2024	13751	Preferred Business Systems	5013 Office Supplies	-541.11
10/01/2024	13752	State of NJ / Dept of Labor	Medical Benefits	-12.00
10/01/2024	13753	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-267.66
10/01/2024	13754	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
10/01/2024	13755	Buy Wise	7005 Vehile Maint. Pumpers/Resc	-373.59
10/01/2024	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-742.40
10/01/2024	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-6,653.77
10/01/2024	13756	Ciullo, Michael 1	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/01/2024	13757	Danus, James	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
10/01/2024	13758	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/01/2024	13759	Kelly, Shane	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/01/2024	13760	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/01/2024	13761	LaSota, Mathew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/01/2024	13762	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
10/01/2024	13763	Santini, Joseph	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
10/01/2024	13764	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-50.00
10/01/2024	13765	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/01/2024	13766	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
10/04/2024	13767	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,738.00
10/04/2024	13768	County of Union	8201 Training - Classes	-100.00
10/04/2024	13769	NJ Fire Equipment Co.	9003 Fire Equipment (non bond)	-6,300.00
10/04/2024	13770	FFI Firefighter One, LLC	7014 Equip Maint/ Air Monitorg 8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-1,650.00
10/04/2024	13771	ESO		-246.40
10/04/2024	13772	Ciullo, Michael 1	8201 Training - Classes	-100.00
10/04/2024	13773	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	-SPLIT-	-850.00
10/04/2024	13774	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-414.63
10/07/2024	13775	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-1,811.78
10/07/2024	13776	Morristown Lumber	5004 Clothing Allowance / Reim	-254.14
10/07/2024	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits Health	4001 Medical Insurance	-11,586.79

10/11/2024	13777	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4010 Police & Fire Insurance	-590.16
10/11/2024	13778	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-598.35
10/11/2024	13779	SMCMUA 10 Troy	-SPLIT-	-561.81
10/11/2024	13780	Eastern Janitorial	6008 Bldg - Cleaning Services	-605.00
10/11/2024	13781	Witmer Associates, Inc	8001 Uniforms - Class B	0.00
10/11/2024	13782	Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC	5006 Legal Expense	-676.50
10/11/2024	13783	Shearer, Derrick	5004 Clothing Allowance / Reim	-235.29
10/11/2024	13784	Janet Hammond	5013 Office Supplies	-148.55
10/14/2024	13785	Wodynski, William	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/14/2024	13786	Kruger, Walter	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/14/2024	13787	Cortright, Joseph	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/14/2024	13788	Woytas, Raymond	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/14/2024	13789	Makowski, Joseph	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/14/2024	13790	Cook, Michael	8205 Promotions	-458.00
10/14/2024	13791	Brunner, Fred	8205 Promotions	-358.00
10/14/2024	13792	Northeast Communications, Inc.	7009 Equip Maint /Radios/Pagers	-220.00
10/14/2024	13793	Morris Co. Alliance of Active Fire Chiefs	8603 Other Subscriptions	-25.00
10/14/2024	13794	Brunner, Fred	8205 Promotions	-100.00
10/15/2024	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	-22,750.32
10/21/2024	13795	Amazon Business	5013 Office Supplies	-254.10
10/21/2024	13796	Air Group 1	6009 Bldg - HVAC	-324.90
10/21/2024	13797	CF Services	-SPLIT-	-2,893.08
10/25/2024	13798	Heiman Fire Equipment	8201 Training - Classes	-1,710.00
10/25/2024	13799	Buy Wise	7005 Vehile Maint. Pumpers/Resc	-47.97
10/25/2024	13800	Lifesavers, Inc.	8201 Training - Classes	-182.00
10/25/2024	13801	Matthew Bender & Co.	8603 Other Subscriptions	-242.55
10/25/2024	13802	Standard Insurance Co	4003 Life Insurance	-1,772.10
10/28/2024	13803	Witmer Associates, Inc	9004 PPE (non bondable)	-792.00
10/28/2024	13804	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-636.95
10/30/2024	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	-SPLIT-	-25,804.78
11/01/2024	13805	CPR Baltimore	7022 Medical Supplies	-528.43
11/01/2024	13806	Verizon Wireless 884	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-152.04
11/01/2024	13807	US Bank Equipment Finance	5012 OfficeEqpt Rental (copier)	-267.66
11/01/2024	13808	Amazon Business	-SPLIT-	-760.26
11/01/2024	13809	New Jersey Labor Law Poster	8603 Other Subscriptions	-192.00
11/01/2024	13811	Verizon 838	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-112.83
11/01/2024	13812	Morris County Public Safety Training Acad	8201 Training - Classes	-100.00
11/04/2024	13813	Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC	5006 Legal Expense	-615.00
11/04/2024	13814	Optimum 10 Troy	6013 Bldg - Cable /VOIP/Verizon	-414.63
11/04/2024	13815	Township of Hanover	-SPLIT-	-649.14
11/04/2024	13816	NJ Fire Equipment Co.	9004 PPE (non bondable)	-8,786.64
11/04/2024	13817	Cobane, Rob	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/04/2024	13818	Cowley, Dale	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
11/04/2024	13819	Desien, Marc	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
11/04/2024	13820	Gethins, John, JR	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/04/2024	13821	Koba, Jack	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-40.00
11/04/2024	13822	LaSota, Mathew	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/04/2024	13823	Monahan, Michael	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-15.00
11/04/2024	13824	Shearer, Derrick	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-50.00

11/04/2024	13825	Tursi, Frank	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/04/2024	13826	Ziccarello, Ricky	4012 Fuel Vouchers	-25.00
11/05/2024	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-4,000.00
11/05/2024	eft	NJ Division of Pension & Benefits-Pension	4007 Pension	-800.00
11/05/2024	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits Health	4001 Medical Insurance	-11,586.79
11/11/2024	13827	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	4010 Police & Fire Insurance	-590.16
11/11/2024	13828	JCP&L 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-1,435.45
11/11/2024	13829	Wegman's	8205 Promotions	-100.00
11/11/2024	13830	PSE&G 10 Troy	6001 Building - Gas & Electric	-590.00
11/11/2024	13831	Amtrust North America	4009 Workers Comp	-6,738.00
11/11/2024	13832	Finish Line Car Wash	7005 Vehile Maint. Pumpers/Resc	-70.00
11/11/2024	13833	ESO	8604 ERS /Power DMS/Mobile EYES	-246.40
11/11/2024	13834	Whippany Fire Company	2008 Local Registration Fees	-100.00
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At 7:52, Comm. Gethins moved that the Board enter closed session to discuss contracts. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed unanimously by all board members present.

At 9:45, the Board came out of closed session.

A motion was made to approve sick time payouts for Inspectors Makowski and Bell. The motions was made by Comm. Ehrich and seconded by Comm. Quinn. It was approved by the following roll call vote:

Ehrich – AYE; Quinn – AYE; Gethins – AYE; Cobane – AYE; Brunner – AYE

The Chief's sick time payout is till under review.

At 9:47, Comm Cobane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Comm. Ehrich and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hammond, Assistant to the Board