

# Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

## FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR DECEMBER, 2022

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 12/14/2022 AT 8:00PM BY CHIEF SALVINI AT COMPANY 3.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE CHIEF SALVINI, ASSISTANT CHIEF MAMO, DEPUTY CHIEF YUSKAITIS, BATTALION CHIEF RINALDO

Co.1 – Capt. Van Handel, Lt. Blair, Josh Samels  
Co.2 – Capt. Zakrzewski, Lt. Palmieri, James Harte  
Co.3 – Capt. Beites, Lt. Baldofsky, Jr., Lt. Baur  
Co.4 – Capt. Healey, Lt. Greco, Lt. Healey, Kyle Tennis

Also in attendance were – Fr. Sam, Councilmember Reinitz, Jeff Greco, Chief Milnes, Doug Sadowski, Scott Osback, Steve Sulcov, Bernie Lyons, Howie Londner, Chris Lyons, Berlando Drake, Tom Carney, Ken Pfeifer, Lou Cicchella, Tom Metzler, Joe Collins, Tiffany Stoute, Mayor Peluso.

### **MINUTES:**

On a motion by 2-0, seconded by 4-0 the minutes of the November Fire Board were approved.

### **MATERIALS RECEIVED:**

Co.1 – (1) pr large gloves, (1) new helmet, helmet name and number decals, chain saw repair, E1 mobile radio installed, (2) Mc Peak wedges.

Co.2 –(5) Streamlight LED handlights, (1) pr large gloves, (24) lithium AA batteries, (2) Mc Peak wedges.

Co.3 – gear repair (Lyons), set badges #204.

Co.4 –(1) AED battery, (60)AA batteries, size 13 boots, (2) sets gear, (2) sets suspenders, (5) sets gloves, bunker coat name plate (Milnes), (2) Mc Peak wedges, extinguisher refill

### **MATERIALS REQUESTED:**

Co.1 – (24) AA batteries

Co.2 –none

Co.3 – Akron portable light battery repair, (36) AA batteries

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Co.4- (1) pr med gloves, (2) Velcro straps.

**BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:**

Good turnout for the holiday parade. Thank you for the turnout at the chiefs' election. Safe holiday and Happy New Year to everyone.

**DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:**

Good job at two small fires. Good stops. Hope to have great 2023. Thank you to outgoing officers.

**ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:**

Thank you to all the officers. Good job on fires, quick knock down.

**CHIEFS REPORT:**

- No more mutual aid notifications need to be made. No need to ask the desk to make them.
- Thank you to Doug and everyone else that helped make the Citizen's Fire Academy happen. We have already gotten two applications and may get a third. Hands down worth every minute.
- Extinguisher training system is in. We have it stored in cold storage right now at the DPW garage. We are working on a permanent place to store it.
- The forcible entry training door has been returned to the Rescue Annex building if you are looking to use it.
- Saturday, December 17 from 12-3 will be the kids Christmas party at Company #4.
- Reminder that Sunday, December 18 is the Santa ride. We will start at 5 PM with the two routes. We have two Santa's, thank you to Lt. Palmieri and soon to be Lt. Samels for that. We should be done in about 90-120 minutes.
- We will be participating in Santa Boone for anyone that can help. They have 10 stops this year so they are looking to be start the briefing at 1700 and the ride at 1715. This is a change from what we originally were told, so please take note. Plan to be at van Riper Ellis Church no later than 1650.
- I really don't want to be the one that sits in between a beefsteak and the people in this room, but there are a few things I do want to say. Perhaps need to say. I want to start by thanking the mayor, the council, the borough manager and all of the borough employees for your tireless support of all we do. We couldn't do it without you. Next, I would like to thank all of the Company 3 members and members from around the department that either

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helped out or reached out to help with all the events we hosted in town this year from mutual aid meetings to fire board. I would like to thank all of the members of the department for all of their help and support throughout the last year. Without all of you I wouldn't even be here. Thank you to all of our committee chair people and staff officers for all the extra time you put in to keep this department running and accomplishing it's goals. Nobody can do this alone, we are a great team. Thank you especially to the officers that know all too well how much we ask of them, so thank you for that support. Thank you for being the heartbeat of this organization and helping us to keep a pulse on what's going on around the department. Thank you to Chief Milnes and the Rescue Squad for your partnership. I love how we have been able to work together so well with one common goal and that's what it's all about. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Chiefs Sulcov and Carney for their guidance and leadership over the last few years. I want to thank Chief's Rinaldo, Yuskaitis and Mamo for all their support, encouragement, ideas, constructive criticism and most of all for being there. We had good times and bad, but in the end, no matter what, we got through it and had fun doing it. We got a lot of laughs out of that bird on Virginia Drive. I want to thank the guy that really runs the department, Russ. Without him, I honestly don't know how much we would get accomplished. He is always there, guiding us, keeping us out of trouble and getting everything done we ask of him and then some. Aside from all the people I got to know better, the one thing I am most thankful for over the last four years is the continuity within the department. From year to year, we have been able to work together with common goals, continue to drive those goals over the finish line and keep improving the department. We haven't focused on undoing what's done in the past, the focus has been on moving forward and I think year over year, we continue to get better, we continue to demand better from ourselves and you can really see the changes in the thought process around the department. It makes me prouder than ever to be a member of this department and stand beside all of our members, past and present. I want to wish everyone and your families a happy and healthy holiday season and happy new year.

**CENTRAL BERGEN MUTUAL AID:**

Scott: 225 incidents YTD.

**FIRE LIAISON REPORT:**

Josh: Thank you for all department does. Volunteer services are great in the Boro. Increased stipend amount in 2023 budget. Large increase in employee health insurance premiums coming in 2023.

Congratulations to 2023 Chiefs. Thank you to all outgoing officers.

Mayor Paluso: Thanks to all for the work you do. \$1.5M increase in State health benefit premium in 2023.

Fair Lawn is in good financial shape.

**FIRE PREVENTION:**

Report attached

**RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:**

Congratulations to 2023 Chiefs and line officers. Thank you to 9-0 for working together in 2022. Capt elect Mike Hazecamp will be drill contact for 2023.

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**TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:**

If companies have anyone that needs FF1 class, let training officer know ASAP.

**COMMITTEES:**

Apparatus:

No report

Accountability:

No report

Awards:

No report

Convention:

No report

Driver Training:

No report

Exempt Assn:

Meeting 12/21/22 Co.#2 8:00pm after Relief meeting.

Funeral:

No report

Gear:

No report

Honor Guard:

No report

Improvement:  
Raffle continuing

Jr. ff's/recruitment:  
No report

LOSAP:  
No report

Ordinance:  
Progress. Meeting held 11/30. Reviewed questions from companies. Meet again in January

Public Information Officer:  
Anyone wants to help PIO next year, let Chief know. Anyone with info for dinner slide show send to Doug.

Pro Phoenix:  
Interface working between ProPhoenix and PD. Move forward shortly. Jan start NFIR reporting.

Radio:  
Orders are in for new radios for Quint, chief's cars, E1.

Relief:  
No report

Long Range planning:  
No report

SOG:  
No report

Training Center:  
Revised plans due end of month.

Uniform:  
Will set up date with Harris to measure for shorts and shirts after holiday.

**COMMUNICATONS:**

None

**APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:**

Mark Sulcov, Badge #18, Co.#1 will be on a four month Medical leave of absence effective 12/18/22.

On a motion by 2-0, seconded by 4-0 the resignation of James Funcheon, 49 Albert Ave, Boro, Badge #36, Co.#2 was regretfully accepted effective 12/14/22.

On a motion by 3-0, seconded by 1-0 Adrian Konopka, 3-23 30<sup>th</sup> St, Boro, Co.#3 was accepted as a regular member effective 12/5/22 and will hold badge #204.

On a motion by 3-0, seconded by 2-0 Jason Dong, 22-21 Rosalie St, Boro, Co.#3 was accepted as a Junior member effective 11/3/22 and will hold badge J4.

On a motion by 4-0, seconded by 2-0 Gabe Ashkenazi, 39-21 Garvey Pl., Boro Co.#4 was accepted as a Probationary member effective 12/5/22 and will hold badge A2.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting turned over to 8-0.

On a motion by 2-0, seconded by 4-0, a \$300 donation will be given to the PBA Toys for Tots program from the Improvement Fund.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by 2-0 seconded by 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Van Ness  
Fire Clerk

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