

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

April 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset on April 9, 2015 from 7:35 pm to 8:35 pm. Chairman William Kleiber called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

A moment of silence was held for all members who passed especially noting the April 11th anniversary of firefighter Kevin Appuzio.

ATTENDANCE

<u> X </u> Brian Regan	<u> X </u> Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u> </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> </u>	<u> X </u> Tim Szymbroski	Fire District No. 1
<u> X </u> Darrell Myers	<u> X </u> William Kleiber	Fire District No. 2
<u> X </u> Sherrod Middleton	<u> X </u> John Byrne	Fire District No. 3
<u> X </u> Christina Klam	<u> </u> Ernst DeHaas	Fire District No. 4
<u> </u> Vince Inzano	<u> </u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The March 12, 2015 meeting minutes were not available.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The March 2014 Activity, FAAR and Fire Response reports were reviewed.

John Hauss went over the reports for Councilman Phil Kramer.

John reported that Thomas Abraham resigned for a position in Raritan Township. The position was posted and James Pelech, who was working part time, will start full time on April 14, 2015. John reported that the Township will be posting the part time position.

John reported that the vehicle has been ordered and should be delivered next month.

TRUST FUND – \$ 2,565.32

John reported that he had sent out a request for all the districts to submit their 2015 donations as soon as possible because they needed to purchase new turn out gear. Since that time John said that they had discovered that Jim Pelech could fit into gear they already had; they only needed to change the name which would save a lot of funds.

John also reported that they had spoken to Rick Agin and he agreed to do the truss sign stickers for the cost of the material, which is estimated at \$200, another large savings. John reviewed the stickers because some members were not present at the last meeting. Tim Szymborski suggested making the yellow brighter.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John reported that some issues still need to be reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Kleiber talked about ipads out on the field for inspections, said he heard the Building Department was going to be trying it out. John reported that the software

did not have a mobile program for the fire prevention module as of this date. John reported that he would like to use ipads or some other for the preplans.

NEW BUSINESS – John Hauss reported that Brian Farrar handed out proposals from Motorola at the Chief's meeting that provided budget pricing for the radio software upgrades that are necessary. The cost is about \$800.00 per radio.

Chairman Kleiber opened the floor to nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Tim Szymborski nominated William Kleiber for Chairman and nominated Christina Klam as Vice Chairperson. All agreed.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

Sherrod Middleton reported that the new aerial truck for District # 3 should be in next week. Chairman Kleiber asked Sherrod Middleton what they are going to do with the old ladder truck. Sherrod said the Board is researching some possibilities, including keeping it as a reserve. The problem is getting parts if something should break. John Byrne reported that District # 3 is also looking into a bus to make into a rehab bus. Phil Kramer asked if District # 3 would consider donating the ladder truck to Sierra Leone.

Chairman Kleiber reported on the Inter-District meeting.

Tim Szymborski reported that District # 1 is still working on filling the vacant commissioner's spot.

PUBLIC SESSION - In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act the meeting was open for comments from the public.

Don Bell from Middlebush Fire Company asked about the butane explosion at the Double Tree. John Hauss explained what had happened.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Main Conference Room,
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

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