

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

May 14, 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 May 14, 2015 from 7:40 pm to 8:15 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 have passed.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES** – The March 12, 2015 and April 9, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT** – The April 2014 Activity, FAAR and Fire Response reports were reviewed. John Hauss discussed a number of fires and significant calls that had occurred during the past month.

The new pickup truck is being lettered and should be delivered soon.

The part-time inspector is posted and interviews will be set up.

**TRUST FUND** – \$ 2,565.32

A voucher for Fire District #1 in the amount of \$2,000 was signed and sent it back.

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT** –John reported that funds are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Kleiber requested invoices be sent out.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Discussion on the preplan software - John Hauss reported that he was waiting for the committee to report on what they found at FDIC.

Chairman Kleiber stated he spoke with Motorola about the cost of the radio upgrades; they advised to make both upgrades, Township and County, the commissioners should budget \$1,000 per radio.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Chairman Kleiber gave an update on proposals for aerial truck testing and annual standby generator service. Chairman Kleiber asked that Board members discuss these matters with their respective Boards so they are aware what is being done. If a Board does not want to participate that is fine, just make the other members aware, so we can get prices.

***ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –***

John Byrne reported that the new aerial truck for District # 3 was delivered and they are looking to sell the old truck.

Steve Berardo reported that the Chief's Association is looking into holding some training courses.

James Wickman brought up a discussion on when heavy equipment is needed at fire scenes. Chairman Kleiber stated that Fire District # 2 had an agreement with Del Casale Excavating, but that Gary Howarth advised him it was not needed and the OEM can provide the equipment. John Hauss reported that Fire Prevention has used Del Casale in the past and he has to get approval for an emergency expenditure and has paid for it out of the penalty account. John reported that they have used the Township DPW also. The Township doesn't have the same type of equipment as Del Casale and the Township equipment has rubber tires. John felt all the Districts should have some money available in case a contractor is needed. He also advised prior to using any heavy equipment, Fire Prevention should be on scene so the investigation is not compromised. James Wickman asked who is responsible / liable if we tear a house down. John advised that he has not seen an issue in the past and the OIC and Fire Prevention would need to make sure only what is necessary is done.

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

***NEXT MEETING:*** Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM  
Franklin Township Municipal Building  
Main Conference Room,  
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

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