

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

June 11, 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 June 11, 2015 from 7:40 pm to 8:20 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
<u>X</u> 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
___ Darrell Myers	<u>X</u> William Kleiber	Fire District No. 2
___ Sherrod Middleton	___ John Byrne	Fire District No. 3
___ Christina Klam	<u>X</u> Ernst DeHaas	Fire District No. 4
<u>X</u> Vince Inzano	<u>X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The May 14, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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

John Hauss reported the new pickup truck is going to 10-75 for cabinets and emergency lights. John reported that the part-time inspector interviews were complete and they are planning on making a recommendation next week. There were 12 candidates interviewed. Chairman Kleiber asked if any were from in town. John advised some were in town firefighters.

TRUST FUND – \$ 4,365.32

There was a request for a bill for the Trust Fund money; John Hauss will send out.

The stickers to modify the truss emblems have been ordered, once they are received, the inspectors will start to install them.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John Hauss reported that the Township is still looking at the request for additional services. James Wickman asked where it is at now and John Hauss reported that he has to go to the insurance company for review; the Township doesn't believe driving apparatus that is not owned by the Township will be approved by the insurance company and also the districts insurance companies may have issue with it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Discussion on the preplan software and tough books – James Wickman reported that he was waiting for costs and specifications; the committee is also looking at the possibility of replacing tough books with tough books or tough tablets. Brian Farrar advised based on the Police Department experience, the tough tablets won't work; the 3G won't be enough. James Wickman said they had heard that and are confirming before they go forward. He is also meeting with

Jim Brown. He said by next month we should have more information. John Hauss asked if the software will stay the same. James Wickman said it appears that way.

James Wickman – asked about the radio conversions and stated the pricing is all different. Brian Farrar advised that two months ago he handed out sheets to the chiefs and those are the pricing that should be used. Franklin fire is unique in that we operate on both the County and Franklin systems. The price for the portable radio is going to be around \$800 not including labor per radio. Mobile is going to be slightly less. Franklin’s system is already digital; the County system is changing from analog to digital. Each radio needs to get flashed and reprogrammed and this process is going to take a lot of time. Brian suggested if you have any money, to start the processes, don’t wait until the last minute.

NEW BUSINESS –

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

John Hauss reported that two staff members, Rachel & Eric, will be participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Brian Farrar emailed District 3 about the information with the radios. Vince asked isn’t Bob Cuddy the representative for the fire companies? Chairman Kleiber said no, he is just for District 1. Brian Farrar said this change will also affect mutual aid companies and their access is through the County system.

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Somerset Fire & Rescue Co. No. 1
14 Hollywood Ave.
Somerset, NJ 08873

Respectfully submitted,

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