

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

September 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held at Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, on September 8, 2016 from 7:30 pm to 8:10 pm. Chairperson Christina Klam 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> </u> Shanel Robinson	<u> </u> Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u> X</u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X</u> John Hauss	<u> </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> </u> Jim Wickman	<u> X</u> Tim Szymborski	Fire District No. 1
<u> X</u> Darrell Myers	<u> </u> Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
<u> X</u> John Byrne	<u> X</u> Theodore Ritterson	Fire District No. 3
<u> X</u> Christina Klam	<u> X</u> Keith Chase	Fire District No. 4
<u> </u> Vincent Inzano	<u> X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The June 9, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. The July 2016 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Board reviewed correspondence from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and NJ-PEOSHA regarding notification for firefighter injuries and LODD.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for June, July & August. John talked about the solar panel fire at Trap Rock. Steve Berardo commended the Fire Prevention staff for their response to the solar panel fire. Christina Klam asked if we knew how many houses / buildings have solar? John answered yes and that the list is furnished to the fire companies. In addition, all commercial structures have the Truss Emblem modified with the gold triangle.

John reported that the full-time position has been filled by the part-time inspector, Frank Kunz. The Township posted the part-time position and interviews will be done later this month. John also reported that the part-time clerical position was filled by Sherrie Schneider.

TRUST FUND – \$ 1,086.32

Christina Klam asked why the fund was low. John Hauss reported that Fire District 1 is the only district to contribute in 2016.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – All districts have paid the fees for 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Preplan – John Hauss reported that Todd Brown has trained the Fire Prevention staff and information is starting to be updated. John advised that districts 2, 3 and 4 should budget for the software. The commissioners asked for the amounts and John advised that they should follow up with Jim Wickman.

NEW BUSINESS – John Hauss requested Districts 1, 2 & 4 budget \$4,000 for one set of turn-out gear in 2017. John advised that this is replacement gear that is 10-years old. John broke down the cost

for each district using the Shared Services Agreement formula. District 1 \$2,720.00 - District 2 \$1,280.00 - District 4 \$30. He reminded them that this will be in addition to what is normally given for the year. The Board discussed and thought it would be a good idea to budget for one set of gear each year.

John Hauss advised the Board that the purchase orders for the NJ Supplemental Fire Service funds have been set to each district.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – Keith Chase discussed the hydrants in District # 4 and the marking them. He asked that markers be placed directly on the hydrants. John reported that he agreed that is the best method of marking the hydrants but the Township years ago decided to mark the hydrants with the sign post and blue reflectors and to his knowledge that is all they will do. John advised that the District could purchase the markers that go on the hydrants and obtain permission from American Water to install them. John advised that he had requested the hydrants in District # 4 be marked and he could not answer why it has not yet been done.

Christina Klam talked about the bridge on Route 518 being closed and asked if she could get some statistics that may help their case to get it reopened quicker.

PUBLIC SESSION – Brian Regan thanked John Hauss for asking him to read the names at the 9/11 service. He was grateful to still be thought of since it is something that mean so much to him.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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