

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

December 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 December 8, 2016 from 7:35 pm to 8:30 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> X </u> Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u> X </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> X </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> </u> Jim Wickman	<u> </u>	Fire District No. 1
<u> X </u> Darrell Myers	<u> X </u> Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
<u> X </u> John Byrne	<u> </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> </u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The October 13, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Copies of the NJ Emergency Preparedness Association' scholarship information were distributed. This information had previously been sent to all fire chiefs.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for October and November. John Hauss reported that the part-time position will hopefully be filled in early January. John Hauss also reported that the Department has been busy closing out the end of the year and completing all the LHU's inspections.

Andrew Berardo talked about what the Department has been doing for Fire Prevention month. Christina Klam asked if they go to all the schools. Andrew Berardo stated that they go to a majority of them.

TRUST FUND – \$586.32

On 12/8/16, a \$500 donation was received from District 4 for 2016.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John Hauss handed out a draft of a revised Shared Services Agreement and a second copy that shows all of the changes between the existing Agreement and the proposed Agreement. John asked the members to review these documents with their respective Boards. The Board went over all the changes and discussed them. John explained that the Township is requesting beginning in 2018, the funding from the Districts increase. John explained that the funding amounts have been in place since 2009 and since that time, costs for the Township have risen. These include health care costs, salary, uniforms and turn-out gear. Christina Klam stated after we review the draft, we will decide if we need to have a joint meeting. John Hauss said he will email both copies and funding breakdowns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – The Board approved the 2017 meeting calendar. The Board decided the July meeting will be held at the Municipal Building.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – Christina Klam asked about the fire hydrants on Route 27 that are out-of-service. John Hauss explained the history about the fire hydrants being taken out-of-service and also explained that the Township has an agreement with South Brunswick township that if there is a fire on Franklin’s side of Route 27, the Franklin fire companies are permitted to use the South Brunswick hydrants and then Franklin Township will pay a fee to South Brunswick for the water use. John and Mayor Phil Kramer explained what the Township has done and tried to do to fix the water problem and the obstacles that have prevented some of the ideas. Mayor Kramer advised that the matter is a matter the Council wants to resolve.

Keith Chase stated that American Water has given approval for the hydrant flags to be mounted on the fire hydrants in their area and they are going to move forward with those flags.

Dave Hammer stated that all new Knox SentraLocks are needed because of the new radios; current tones are not working.

John Byrne stated that District # 3 had done some of the radio upgrades and there were some issues, but they had been resolved. He asked if Somerset County has been losing dispatchers. Brian Farrar said they are down 12 positions, and a currently training 2 new dispatchers, but it was just from some turn over.

Brian Farrar advised that Franklin- Somerset First Aid Squad is no longer responding to calls. Robert Wood Johnson is and has been covering their response area. Only issue is they are coming from North Brunswick, currently looking for a place inside the Township for them to stay.

John Hauss informed everyone that the pole sirens are being worked on with DPW. DPW has requested PSE&G to have the electric removed from the poles and once that happens, DPW will remove the equipment.

PUBLIC SESSION – Malik A. Lyons, MBA introduced himself. He started an online news business in town.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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