

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION
July 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held in the Main Conference Room at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset; on June 14, 2018 from 7:30 pm to 8:40 pm. Chairwoman 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>X</u> Shanel Robinson	___ Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u>X</u> Brian Farrar	___	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u>X</u> John Hauss	<u>X</u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>X</u> Rich Hibbard	___ Jim Wickman	Fire District No. 1
<u>X</u> Darrell Myers	<u>X</u> Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
<u>X</u> Sherrod Middleton	___ Kenneth Reid	Fire District No. 3
<u>X</u> Christina Klam	<u>X</u> Keith Chase	Fire District No. 4
<u>X</u> Vincent Inzano	<u>X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The June 14, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for June 2018.

TRUST FUND – \$ 8,886.32

John Hauss thanked the Districts for paying.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John Hauss thanked districts # 1, 2 and 4 for submitting the funds on time. It was asked if District # 3 sent in any paperwork; John replied the Township had not received anything.

JOINT BOARD – COMMISSIONERS & FIRE CHIEFS – John Hauss reported he received two email responses from prospective members; both were for Fire District # 3 and were forwarded to the Chiefs of Station 25 & 27.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS – The Board discussed radios for Fire Prevention. Rich Hibbard advised that he attended the District # 2 Commissioners meeting to try and get support to flash the radios. Dave Hammer advised that some commissioners' fell it might be best to just replace the radios instead of flashing them. Concerns over the amount of funding required for new radios, the ownership and maintenance of the radios. Brian Farrar advised that if the radios were given to the Township, they would maintain the radios. Brian also recommended that any radio purchases should include the 5 year warranty. Christina Klam stated that this will need to be in next year's budget. Brian Farrar said flashing needs to be done ASAP, there is a time line. Rich Hibbard reported District # 1 is researching the First Net AT&T phone based radio system.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

Christina Klam reported on a fire in Kingston on Route 27. The closest fire hydrant on the Franklin side of Route 27 had been damaged in a February traffic accident and had not been replaced at the time of the fire. This caused the fire companies to shut down Route 27 and run hoses across the road. They called American Water and the next day the hydrant was fixed. John reported that the Kingston Chief reported the damaged hydrant to him soon after the accident and the Township made several calls to American Water to try and get the hydrant repaired.

Vincent Inzano stated he mentioned at the Chief's meeting that the Fire Safety House is 15 plus years old. It gets a lot of use and is getting tired. It was donated in 2003 by a developer. The Chief's Association doesn't have the funds to replace the Safety House. Vincent thought that since all 10 companies use the Safety House, may be a good idea would be for the Districts to make a joint purchase of a new one. A new Fire Safety House would be about a \$50,000 purchase.

Richard Hibbard mentioned the Somerset County Fire Police Association meeting is being held at Station 46 in Montgomery on 7/13/18 at 7:30. Rich gave an overview of the Fire Police and the fact that they are always looking for more members.

PUBLIC SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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