

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION
June 14, 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	___ Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>X</u> Rich Hibbard	___ Jim Wickman	Fire District No. 1
<u>X</u> Darrell Myers	___ Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
___ 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 May 10, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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

John Hauss announced the new 2015 Fire Code will go into effect on July 1, 2018. Right now Fire Prevention is working off of the 2006 Fire Code.

A business owner complained to the Township about a Life Hazard Use fee from a previous occupant; John Hauss explained that the LHU fees remain with the business/property; similar to property taxes. John explained that a new buyer/operator of a business should put in an OPRA request, prior to taking control of a business. The new buyer/operator assumes all of the code issues, including any fees and penalties once they take over a property. The time to address these issues is before they take control of the property.

John Hauss advised that the State Division of Fire Safety issued a memorandum to all Townships requiring all commercial farms be inspected. John advised that he is requesting a meeting with the Township Agricultural Committee prior to setting up the inspections

Vincent Inzano asked if the Carbon Monoxide Law is in effect yet. John Hauss confirmed that it is in effect and being enforced.

TRUST FUND – \$4,386.32 + 682.51 (turn out gear) = \$5,068.83

No action at this time.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John Hauss advised that the funds for the Shared Services Agreement are due by June 30th.

Vincent Inzano advised that District 3 Commissioners received a copy of the Agreement and they are reviewing it with their attorney.

JOINT BOARD – COMMISSIONERS & FIRE CHIEFS – Christina Klam reached out to the Township for available dates for the Council Chambers; we are probably looking at a September date.

Rich Hibbard suggested we have a booth at Franklin Day; everyone agreed. John Hauss will contact the Committee and request space. John advised that Community and Elizabeth Ave have advised that they are bringing apparatus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Rich Hibbard had discussions with Chuck Maria about flashing Fire Prevention's radios. Currently Fire Prevention cannot communicate on the County system. Rich got a quote from Motorola to flash the portables for \$9,700.00. Christina Klam made a motion and Rich Hibbard seconded it. Brian Farrar recommended that the mobiles and portables be done; he advised the mobile radios are less than the portables and it would be best to do both. Brian and Rich to meet and discuss the proposal with Motorola. Rich will then sent out the proposal to Commissioners.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY - Township Fireworks are scheduled for July 3rd with a rain date of July 6th.

Darrell Myers mentioned Station 35 is having a new Engine dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 16th.

PUBLIC SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Dupree, Administrative Aide, Fire Prevention Department