

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

October 11, 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 October 11, 2018 from 7:38 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	___ Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The September 6, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for September 2018. John Hauss advised that the Department is prioritizing all Life Hazard Use inspections to ensure the inspections are completed for the Annual State Report.

TRUST FUND – \$8,886.32

John Hauss asked if District # 2 had approved payment to Wild Heart for the demo work at the fire at 730 South Middlebush Road; Darrell advised that the bill had been paid. John reported that he is trying to get the insurance company to reimburse District # 2 for the cost.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT –

JOINT BOARD – COMMISSIONERS & FIRE CHIEFS – Christina reported on the meeting held on September 27th. She presented a sample design of the banner that was discussed at meeting. The design was approved and she will work on getting formal prices. Everyone was in agreement to use this banner with departments listed at future Township events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS – John Hauss addressed the Board regarding fire department costs and standby fees. He advised that District # 1 has a fee schedule that is similar to FEMA and Branchburg Township. John asked that all the Districts adopt an identical fee schedule so we have the same fee schedule Township wide. John explained that this is important not only for any fire department standby, but also in the event we ever have to issue penalties for fire department costs.

Brian Farrar reported on a meeting with Fire District # 1, Somerset County and FirstNet. A discussion ensued with a number of issues being raised including whether the proposed cell phones can be used for interior firefighting. At this time, neither Somerset County nor Franklin Township has

approved FirstNet to be connected directly to their trunk systems. Fire District # 1 is researching rebroadcasting the transmissions from the trunk system onto a different channel and broadcast on FirstNet.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – None

PUBLIC SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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