

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

January 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held in the Fire Prevention Department Office at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset; on January 10, 2019 from 7:40 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> </u>		<u> </u>	Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u>X</u>	Brian Farrar	<u> </u>		Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u>X</u>	John Hauss	<u>X</u>	Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>X</u>	Rich Hibbard	<u> </u>	Jim Wickman	Fire District No. 1
<u>X</u>	Darrell Myers	<u>X</u>	Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
<u> </u>	Sherrod Middleton	<u> </u>	Kenneth Reid	Fire District No. 3
<u>X</u>	Christina Klam	<u> </u>	Keith Chase	Fire District No. 4
<u>X</u>	Vincent Inzano	<u> </u>	Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The December 13, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Copies of “Proposed New Rules” from the December 17, 2018 New Jersey Register concerning the Local Finance Board were distributed. John Hauss informed the Board that a number of the proposed new rules effect the Fire Districts.

John also reported on a new requirement taking effect in January concerning “timely payment” of purchases – basically Government entities have 45 days to pay bills from the time the services have been provided and a bill and purchase order have been submitted. After the 45-days, interest can accrue and that interest can be as high as 12%.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – John Hauss reviewed the December Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports. John reported that the New Chevrolet Pick-up Truck came in and went out for lighting and striping, should be done in a few weeks. John advised that he had submitted two capital purchases for 2019, a Utility Truck to replace the current utility truck and Pickup Truck to replace the small pickup truck. John reported that the staff inspected all the LHU’s for the 2018 year.

Andrew Berardo reported on the hydro testing of the air cylinders. 10 are currently being done, 1 more is due in February and 3 are due in April. The hydro testing still does not address the issue of spare bottles because the bottles used by the inspectors are not compatible with the bottles used by the Districts. Richard Hibbard asked if the matter of new bottles was brought up to the Township. John responded that he spoke to the Manager and the Township is not going to purchase equipment for firefighting. New bottles need to be purchased or new paks need to be purchased.

TRUST FUND – \$8,886.32

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – None

JOINT BOARD – COMMISSIONERS & FIRE CHIEFS – Discussion of the banner to be purchased from Agin Signs for \$200.

Christina Klam will schedule next Joint Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Richard Hibbard enquired if the radios are all flashed; John advised that they had been and seem to be working fine.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – The Board discussed the upcoming elections and budgets.

Brian Farrar reminded all the Commissioners to ensure their members do not ‘clone’ any radios; the County and Township will be turning off any radios that are not authorized to be on the system.

PUBLIC SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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