

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION
July 13, 2017

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 July 13, 2017 from 7:30 pm to 8:45 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	<u> </u> Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u> X </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u>	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> </u> Rich Hibbard	<u> </u> Ryan Hunt	Fire District No. 1
<u> X </u> Darrell Myers	<u> X </u> Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
<u> X </u> Sherrod Middleton	<u> </u> Theodore Ritterson	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 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Fire Prevention to Fire Districts # 1, 2 & 4 – Re: Budget Request

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for June. John advised that the part-time Fire Inspector position was filled by John Bassi; who is a Township firefighter with the Elizabeth Avenue Fire Company. He also works part-time in Hillsborough as a fire inspector. John advised that the part-time clerical in Fire Prevention resigned for a full time position. John advised that the position has already been posted and they hope to have it filled soon. John advised that the State of New Jersey has proposed a 29% increase to all Life Hazard Uses and permits fees. If this passes, the Township will have to increase some of its fees to be in compliance with the State regulations. John reviewed the recently adopted fireworks and carbon monoxide regulations for the Board.

TRUST FUND – \$ 1,086.32
 \$ 682.51 – Turnout gear funds
 \$ 1,768.83

John reported that the Township received the Turnout Gear Replacement funds from Fire District # 4 (\$30) and Fire District # 1 (\$2730) during the past month and that a purchase order was generated for one set of replacement gear in the amount of \$3,357.49; leaving a balance in the Turn Out Gear fund of \$682.51

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John reported that the Shared Services Agreement needs to be signed; the Board discussed the matter and agreed that District # 1, 2 and 4 should come to the September meeting prepared to sign the Agreement.

The Board reviewed the request from Fire Prevention to include items in their 2018 Budgets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – Vinni Inzano advised the Board that Station 25 had sent a letter to the Commissioners of Fire District # 3 requesting that the District become part of the Shared Services Agreement and have the fire inspectors respond to District # 3 fire calls. Vinni advised that the Commissioners were not in favor of participating in the Agreement.

PUBLIC SESSION – None

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

No meeting in August and the Board was reminded that the September meeting is moved to first Thursday of the month because of NJ Firefighters Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director, Fire Prevention Department