

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION
September 7, 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 September 7, 2017 from 7:35 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> Shanel Robinson	<u> X </u> Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u> X </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Teddy Cerra	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> X </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> X </u> Rich Hibbard	<u> X </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> X </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 July 13, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Councilwoman Sherman started the meeting by expressing her gratitude about the steps and actions District # 1 is taking to address issues that arose at a fire call on June 11th at 3000 Chesterwood Way. Mayor Phil Kramer recognizes that the Fire Departments in Franklin are volunteer and that everyone wants the best for the township and with that in mind, the response times and manpower at hand need to be looked at and addressed where needed. Chairwoman Christina Klam suggested a joint meeting with the Commissioners, Chiefs and Township to review the issues and come up with a possible plan for now and the future. The Board discussed the dispatch procedures, mutual aid and times of the week and day that are problem areas.

Rich Hibbard mentioned False Alarms and how it needs to be addressed. John Hauss stated that it is the Fire Departments responsibility to fill out the FARR Form and submit it to the Fire Prevention Department so action can be taken. Andrew Berardo explained how the FARR process works.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for July and August. John Hauss advised that the Department interviewing for the part-time clerical position. John gave a report on the recent fatal fire on Gregory Lane in Franklin Park. John advised that sadly an elderly woman was killed in the fire, but that the fire departments did a good job. John stated that it was the 1st fatal fire in the Township in 11 years. John informed the Board that the Carbon Monoxide Regulations have taken effect and the Fire Prevention Department has begun enforcing the regulations. John advised the Board that the emblems from Solar Panels has been proposed and is expected to be approved. John reminded the Board that Franklin already has been identifying the commercial buildings with solar panels by adding a gold triangle to the truss emblems. He advised that Franklin will do both once the solar regulations are passed.

TRUST FUND – \$ 1,086.32 + 682.51 for Turn-out gear
No Activity

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John reported that the Shared Services Agreement still needs to be signed by District #1 & #2; Members from both Districts say they will come in a sign it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – John Hauss advised District # 1 is holding their Annual September 11th Ceremony at St. Matthias on 9/11 at 6:30pm and the Township is holding their Annual September 11th Ceremony on 9/12 at 6:00pm. John also advised that Franklin Fun Day is on 9/23 at 12:00pm – 5:00pm in Colonial Park.

PUBLIC SESSION – Chuck Maria discussed the inter-district meetings are a great idea and should continue in the future. Christina Klam agreed saying that the Commissioners were doing them, but have not recently.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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