

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

March 14, 2019

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 March 14, 2019 from 7:30 pm to 8:18 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> Will Galtieri	___ 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	___ 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	<u>X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

**MINUTES** – The February 7, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT** – John Hauss reviewed the February Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports. John reported that the New Chevrolet Pick-up Truck is just about done and will be picking it up soon.

John informed the Board that the council is still reviewing the 2019 budget.

John reported on March 25<sup>th</sup> most of the Fire Prevention staff will be attending a Food Truck Inspection course at Somerset County Fire Academy and between 8:00am – 3:00pm they will only respond to “high hazard calls”. The Board approved.

**TRUST FUND** – \$ 8,886.32

John requested \$200 for poster contest winners – the Board approved. Christina Klam stated that her child’s school wasn’t aware of the contest. Fire Inspector Eric Mickelsen explained that everything has to go through the BOE front office for approval before it can be distributed. There seems to be a breakdown between the front office and the schools. Erik advised that he is going to follow up with the BOE.

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT** –

**JOINT BOARD – COMMISSIONERS & FIRE CHIEFS** – Christina Klam and Richard Hibbard will be working on the banner.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Dave Hammer and Christina Klam met about the firefighting needs of Fire Prevention. Rich Hibbard stated that all Districts need to budget for future Scott bottles, packs and spares. John Hauss gave the breakdown on costs for bottles verses air paks. If Fire Prevention keeps the existing paks, they need spare bottles because the fire district bottles do not match. If new paks are purchased, they would be purchased with the same fittings on bottles and spare bottles are not needed because the apparatus has spare bottles.

informed everyone that for 11 packs it will be \$85,000.00, divided by District 1, 2 & 4.

***NEW BUSINESS –***

***ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –***

Rich Hibbard informed the Board that Patrick Shimalla will be the alternate.

Darrell Myers informed the Board that there are two new Commissioners for District # 2 and budget both questions passed at the elections.

John Hauss reported that a number of very large warehouses are proposed in the Township, including a 1,000,000 square foot warehouse on Veronica Avenue. John suggested that based on the number of building we already have and those proposed, it is time that the fire service consider a large mobile exhaust fan; John advised that this effects Fire District # 1 and # 3, that the Boards might want to consider a joint purchase of a large mobile exhaust fan (estimated at \$90,000); these fans have ratings of 750,000cfm. John explained that a typical PPV fan on an engine is rated at 15,000cfm. John explained that if we needed to vent a 1,000,000 sq. ft. building with fans from an engine; if you used 10 fans it would take 5.5 hours to change the air once. John compared this to 1 hour and 15 minutes for the large mobile fan. The Board discussed the possibly of a County wide purchase.

Christina Klam asked about the school housing that was in the paper. Will Galtieri explained that it is only a concept at this time.

Brian Farr thanked the Fire Prevention Department for helping with disabled vehicles during the last snow storm.

***PUBLIC SESSION – None***

***NEXT MEETING:*** Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM  
Franklin Township Municipal Building  
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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