

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

September 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held in the Township Council Chambers at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset; on September 5, 2019 from 7:40pm to 8:25 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	___ Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>X</u> Rich Hibbard	___ Patrick Shimalla	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
___ Vincent Inzano	<u>X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The July 25, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the July & August Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports.

John reported the Department is scheduled to purchase two vehicles in this year's budget. One will be replacing the current utility body pickup truck and the other is replacing the small Chevy pickup truck that had to be taken out of service. For the second vehicle we are considering a Ford Expedition that John will use for both Fire Prevention and Emergency Management.

TRUST FUND – \$ 7,829.56

John Hauss requested \$100 for live burn training at Somerset County Training Academy; the Board approved this request.

John reported that Districts 1, 2 and 4 have paid this year's Trust Fund donation.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John Hauss advised that all participating Districts had paid the 2018-19 invoices.

JOINT BOARD – COMMISSIONERS & FIRE CHIEFS – Christina Klam asked that everyone come back with thoughts on what should be discussed at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The Board discussed Scott bottles for Fire Prevention. Rich Hibbard informed the Board that District 1 has available funds to purchase nine new Scott paks. The quote is in the amount of \$81,396.90, which includes 9 - Air paks with bottles and 9 spare bottles. Rich asked the other Districts if they will agree to the plan. The District 2 & 4 representatives advised that they are in favor of the plan, but would have to get approval at their next meeting.

The MOU for dispatching services between the Fire Districts, the Township and Somerset County was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

The Township 9-11 ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 at the memorial in front of the Library.

Fire District # 1 9-11 ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 at St Matthias Church on JFK Blvd.

Franklin Day Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 12:00-5:00 in Colonial Park. If the recruitment banner is not finished, we will have business cards to hand out.

Keith Chase reported that the traffic signal at Laurel Ave. and Rt. 27 is being redone and should improve traffic flow.

Darrell Myers reported that Franklin Park Fire is replacing Squad 31 with a new one from Seagrave.

PUBLIC SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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