

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

November 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset on October 9, 2014 from 7:35 pm to 8:50 pm. Chairman William Kleiber 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 passed.

ATTENDANCE

<u> X </u> Brian Regan	<u> </u> Brian Levin	Township Council
<u> </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> X </u> Andrew Berardo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> Todd Brown	<u> X </u> Tim Szymbroski	Fire Prevention
<u> X </u> William Kleiber	<u> </u> Henry Lasch	Fire District No. 1
<u> X </u> Lewis Pinnella	<u> X </u> Sherrod Middleton	Fire District No. 2
<u> </u> Christina Klam	<u> </u> Ernst DeHaas	Fire District No. 3
<u> X </u> Vince Inzano	<u> X </u> Steve Berardo	Fire District No. 4
		Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The October 9, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The October 2014 activity, FAAR and Fire Response reports were reviewed.

John Hauss reported inspectors are on target and working hard for end of year inspections.

TRUST FUND – \$1,565.32 – no activity

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT –

John Hauss gave out copies of shared service agreement and explained changes. The Agreement was revised to only include Fire Districts # 1, # 2 and # 4. Change on page 2, the Department will send three inspectors to all calls, instead of two. This was previously discussed and is in response to the request from the Districts for the additional cost. John advised that the Department had already started this and it seems to be working. Change on page 3, the revised payment amounts for the Districts. Todd Brown questioned wording of “during the initial term of this agreement.” The Board felt this phrase could be removed. Vince Inzano questioned if District # 3 should be eligible to continue with other Township benefits, i.e. gas usage, if not part of the shared services? Tim Szymbroski felt the gas and shared services are not combined. Brian Regan stated there can be no changes without a request from this Board and a Council Resolution. Chairman Kleiber made a motion to have Brian Regan find out if there is a legal connection between the gas resolution and the shared service agreement. The Board is hoping to have the shared service agreement signed at the January Fire Prevention Meeting, all Commissioners were asked to bring the Agreement back to their respective boards and discuss. John was requested to email the revised Agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Kleiber asked the other Districts about I Pads instead of the laptops in the vehicles. He explained that one of the chiefs would like to use an I Pad instead. Todd

Brown advised they looked at I Pads but felt for the rough use, the toughbooks were better. Chairman Kleiber advised they are considering trying the I Pads for some applications. All the Commissioners noted that they need to replace the toughbooks because of the new software.

Chairman Kleiber advised that he spoke to Ed from Alan Radio and Ed is recommending Communication Specialists in East Brunswick for radio work since Alan Radio is going out of service. Andrew Berardo advised that the Township used 10-75 Emergency Products for some work and they are also very good and will warranty Alan Radio's work.

Lewis Pinnella asked about dates for the January Inter-District meeting – the members agreed on January 15, 2015 at 7:30pm to be held at the Fire District # 3 offices.

NEW BUSINESS – John Hauss raised an issue that had come up at the Chief's meeting; the Board of Education hired a firm to create preplans of all Township public schools. A presentation will be made at the December Chief's meeting. John advised it is nice that this was done, but now we have yet another software package being used in the Township. The Township is using two programs, and each District is using a program and now the Board of Education is using a program. We have six different programs and although we have tried to get them to work together, they do not. John stated we need to pick one system and all use it.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – Brian Regan announced that Mayor Brian Levine and was elected County Freeholder.

Tim Szyborski discussed snow plowing at the firehouses and would like to see better attention paid to them and increase the frequency of plowing during the storm at the firehouses.

PUBLIC SESSION - In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act the meeting was open for comments from the public.

No comments from the public.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Main Conference Room,
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

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