

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

June 12, 2008

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 June 12, 2008 from 7:35pm to 8:15 pm. Chairman Inzano called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

**ATTENDANCE**

<u>  X  </u> Teresa Danile	<u>    </u> Brian Levin	Township Council
<u>    </u> Brian Farrar	<u>    </u> Phil Rizzo	Manager/Police Dept.
<u>  X  </u> John Hauss	<u>  X  </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>    </u> Tim Szymborski	<u>  X  </u> Louie Hajdu-Nemeth	Fire District No. 1
<u>  X  </u> William Kleiber	<u>    </u> Roy Mondì	Fire District No. 2
<u>  X  </u> Vincent Inzano	<u>    </u> Alfred Pinnella	Fire District No. 3
<u>  X  </u> Patti Shennard	<u>    </u> Dennis Shennard	Fire District No. 4
<u>  X  </u> Steve Berardo	<u>    </u> Keith Silverman	Fire Chief's Association

**MINUTES** – The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with a correction to the County Communications section. This section should read “ Request for attention was received from Elizabeth Avenue Deputy Chief Lipman for a CO call on April 20 at 472 Crossfield Lane. Roy Gunzelman investigated the call and found the caller reported her smoke alarms were going off with no signs of smoke or fire. The caller did not advise the dispatcher the CO alarm was going off and that someone was ill.”

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Copy of Council Resolution # 08-241 – NIMS designation for incidents in Franklin Township.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT** – The May activity and FAAR reports were reviewed.

John Hauss gave a report on the replacement for the Fire Investigation Unit. The bid opening was on this date and one bid was received from Odyssey Automotive. The basic price with trade in was \$140,168.00. The Purchasing agent is reviewing the bid and a recommendation will be forwarded to Council for action at the June meeting.

**TRUST FUND** – \$5,149.57 balance – no activity.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** – Bill Kleiber reported Fire District # 2 received a letter from their attorney outlining concerns regarding the Interlocal Agreement and he would forward the letter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**County Communications** – Request for attention was received from Elizabeth Avenue Deputy Chief Lipman for a call at the High School. The call was for a bomb threat and the fire companies were not put on standby. John Hauss reported he received a response from Roy Gunzelman and the County was not requested to dispatch the fire companies. John reported he spoke to Lt. Vornlocker and they are investigating the matter, but he added that there were some extenuating circumstances on this particular call.

**Franklin Township Life Insurance** – John Hauss reported that the Township Council approved the benefit amounts to - age 70 and under \$7,000 / age 71 – 79 - \$3,500 / age 80 and above \$2,500. A question was raised about when the new benefit amounts take effect and Teresa Danile stated they became effective when passed by the Council on 6/10/08. John reported that he would be sending new policies to all members and that he will be contacting the Chiefs to review the list for those members that can be ‘hand delivered’ to save money on postage.

**Pre-Emptive Devices** – John Hauss reminded District # 1 about the traffic lights being installed on Amwell Road and the fact that now would be a good opportunity to have the pre-emptive devices installed on those lights.

***NEW BUSINESS*** –

Vinny Inzano asked about fire department notification of the water problem at Amwell Road and Cedar Grove Lane. He also asked about whether the Reverse 9-1-1 system was used. John Hauss reported that he knows the Police tried to use the dialogic system, but the system went down during the process and not all residents were notified. The Police and IT departments worked on the system and have since fixed the problem. John also stated that he thought the fire companies were notified, Vinny stated that the problem effected most of the Township and only District # 1 was notified; he had to request District # 3 be notified.

***ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY*** –

None

***PUBLIC SESSION*** - In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act the meeting was open for comments from the public. No comments were received and the public session was closed.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Thursday, July 10, 2008  
7:00 PM dinner / 7:30 PM meeting  
At Somerset Fire & Rescue  
14 Hollywood Avenue, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director of Fire Prevention