

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

October 9, 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 October 9, 2008 from 7:30pm to 8:15 pm. Vice Chairman Keith Silverman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES** – The September 4, 2008 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Copy of a letter from John Hauss to Middlebush Fire Chief Greg Phillips – Re: Fire Alarms at 380 DeMott Lane.

Letter from Mayor Levine to the Fire Districts – Re: Fire Truck purchases in New Jersey

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

John Hauss gave a report on false alarms, and specifically spoke about the problems at 380 DeMott Lane and what action the Department has taken.

**TRUST FUND** – \$5,149.57 balance.

Keith Silverman asked if all districts are contributing to the Trust Fund. John Hauss reported that the donations have been sporadic; Keith requested a print out to review.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** – John reported that he discussed the items with the Manager and will be making the necessary changes to the agreement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**Trunked Radios** – Brian reported that tests were conducted with Motorola on the radios and it appears the garbled communications are from operator error – when making radio transmissions on the trunked system it is important while speaking into the microphone to keep the microphone 1-2 inches from your mouth. Brian stated they are waiting on copies of the transmissions and a presentation for the Chiefs.

**GIS – Remote Access – Preplans** – Keith Silverman reported on the status of the computer system for Fire District #1. Discussion on the Township GIS layers and when a new orthophotography would be done. John reported that Engineering hopes to have it done in the next few years but that would

partially depend on obtaining the necessary funding. John reported it is estimated at \$160,000. Keith suggested possibly a joint purchase between the Township and Fire Districts.

***NEW BUSINESS –***

Discussion on the State report for fire trucks purchases.

***ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –***

It was noted that a number of fire companies are holding open house in observation of fire prevention week including – Griggstown 10/10, Somerset 10/11, Kingston 10/12 and Franklin Park 10/18. Millstone Valley is also holding a pasta night on 10/11.

***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, November 13, 2008 at 7:30 PM  
Main Conference Room  
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director of Fire Prevention