

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

February 14, 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 February 14, 2008 from 7:35pm to 8:15 pm. Fire Prevention Director John Hauss 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> X </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Phil Rizzo	Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> X </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> X </u> Russ Corleto	<u> </u>	Fire District No. 1
<u> X </u> William Kleiber	<u> </u> Edward Carson	Fire District No. 2
<u> </u> Vincent Inzano	<u> </u> Joseph Yacone	Fire District No. 3
<u> X </u> Patti Shennard	<u> X </u> Dennis Shennard	Fire District No. 4
<u> </u> Keith Silverman	<u> X </u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – A copy of the letter from Township Manager Kenneth Daly to the LEMPC appointing Orvyl Wilson as the School Liaison was received.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The January activity and FAAR reports were reviewed.

John reported on the proposed changes to the permit fees. The Finance Oversight Committee is reviewing the changes. John is proposing increases in all fees with the exception of the Type 6 fee, which is for businesses under 1000 square feet. John is also proposing new fees for Houses of Worship, Common Areas and vacant buildings. John reported that the Department currently inspects these spaces but does not charge a fee. John reported that surrounding towns do charge fees for these inspections. John reported that the Department is spending a significant amount of time inspecting these properties and should be collecting fees for the inspections.

False alarm enforcement was discussed. One property in particular has received complaints; Heritage Nursing Home on DeMott Lane. John reported that the Department has issued penalties, but is also in negotiations with the management about replacing the entire alarm system.

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

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – no action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

County Communications – no action

Trunked Radio System - Brian Farrar reported that everything is on schedule for the fire departments to change from the VHS system to the trunked system on March 4th. He hopes the change over will take approximately 3-hours to complete.

Franklin Township Life Insurance – Waiting on a review from Township Risk Manager.

Pre-Emptive Devices for Traffic Signals – Bill Klieber asked about the effect of the Board’s recommendation to the Council for siren activated devices and the pre-emptive devices on Route 27, which is a State highway and the fact that the State will not allow the siren activated devices. John reported that the Board’s decision is only for Township and County roads and the Township understands the position of the State DOT.

Fire Safety Trailer – Andrew reported supplies had been received and a bill was given to Fire District # 1.

NEW BUSINESS –

Steve Berardo asked about the status of the Fire Lane in the Somerset Park complex. He stated that the fire companies have had a few calls in the complex and the situation is dangerous and needs to be addressed. John reported the Department would look into. John recalled that the complex was going to be designated Sub Title 1 of Title 39, which would mean the Fire Lanes would not be designated but also that residents could not park except in designated spaces.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

Discussion on the upcoming Fire District elections.

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, March 13, 2008
7:30 PM
at Franklin Township Municipal Building
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director of Fire Prevention