

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

November 8, 2007

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 November 8, 2007 from 7:30pm to 9:20 pm. Chairman Inzano called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

**ATTENDANCE**

<u>   </u> Teresa Danile	<u>   </u> Brian Levine	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> Robert Scheer	<u>   </u> Russell Corleto	Fire District No. 1
<u>   </u> William Kleiber	<u>   </u> Edward Carson	Fire District No. 2
<u>  X</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 July and September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. There was no meeting in August and the October meeting was cancelled.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT** – The July, August, September and October activity reports were reviewed. The FAAR report was distributed and reviewed.

The Board discussed the FY08 Budget. John reported that a replacement for the FIU is in the budget. Discussion on storage for the vehicle. John reported that he hopes the vehicle would be able to be stored in the building that replaces the old Animal Shelter.

**TRUST FUND** – \$ 2,649.57 + \$1,500 donation from Fire District # 1 = \$4,149.57 balance.

John requested approval for \$1,000 for Poster Contest – Board approved (BS-PS)

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** – Discussion, waiting to hear from Fire District # 2 on signing agreement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**County Communications** – John needs to send the letter to County and Police to implement change to Daily Radio Test.

**Trunked Radio System** - Brian Farrar gave an update on the Trunked Radio system.

**Franklin Township Life Insurance** – Discussion on status – Steve Berardo to email Ken Daly and request an update on Risk Manager's evaluation.

**Pre-Emptive Devices for Traffic Signals** – Discussion on devices, Bob Scheer reported that he has been in contact with the vendor that installed the siren-activated devices in District # 1. The Council is waiting for a recommendation from the Board – need to wait for all Districts to be present for discussion and vote.

**Route 27 water main** – Patti reported that some hydrants seem to have the covers off – John to follow up with Water Department.

***NEW BUSINESS*** –

**2008 Meeting Schedule** – the 2008 calendar was reviewed and approved.

**Julie Court** - Discussion on the request to close Ari Drive at Julie Court.

**Sprinkler Regulations** - John asked each District and fire company to send in a letter of support for the proposed High Rise sprinkler regulations. This is important legislation that will save the lives of both residents and firefighters. This legislation would require that Harrison Towers be retrofitted with sprinklers.

**Fire Safety Trailer** – one of the roof covers was recently broken. This allowed the inside of the trailer to get wet and the smoke machine appears to have been damaged. Discussion on these repairs and need for casters for trailer. Bob Scheer recommended the District's pay for these repairs and upgrade – approved.

***ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY*** –

ISO – John reported on a class recently attending on the ISO rating schedule – after attending John believes with a few modifications to what and how we report our information to ISO we could improve our insurance rating. John provided the Board with examples. Recommended that in 2008 we set up a training session for the Districts, fire companies and Township. The next review is scheduled for 2012-13.

Bob Scheer reported on the new requirement for 4% budget cap that will affect Fire District budgets.

***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, December 13, 2007  
7:30 PM  
at Franklin Township Municipal Building  
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director of Fire Prevention