

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

February 9, 2012

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 9, 2012 from 7:30pm to 8:15 pm. Director of Fire Prevention John Hauss called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

ATTENDANCE

<u>X</u> Brian Regan	___ Brian Levin	Township Council
___ Donna Vieiro		Twp. Manager
___ Brian Farrar	___ Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u>X</u> John Hauss	<u>X</u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
___ Jim Wickman	<u>X</u> Don Bell	Fire District No. 1
<u>X</u> William Kleiber	<u>X</u> Henry Lasch	Fire District No. 2
<u>X</u> Tom Canales	___ John Ritterson	Fire District No. 3
<u>X</u> Patti Shennard	<u>X</u> Dennis Shennard	Fire District No. 4
<u>X</u> Vince Inzano	<u>X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – no meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE –None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The January 2012 activity and FAAR reports were reviewed. The Board reviewed the 2011 year activity.

John reported the Annual Report had been submitted to the State.

TRUST FUND – \$10,602.59

Andrew Berardo reported on the thermal imaging cameras. The current model being used by the Department is the Bullard T4 Max which has a price of approximately \$12,700. Andrew also got a price on a more economical model; the Bullard Eclipse which has a price of approximately \$4,300. Andrew advised that the staff had reviewed the two cameras and felt it would be more advantageous to get two or three of the less expensive models, than one of the more expensive models. The expensive models have a number of features that are not necessary for the Departments use. Discussion ensued and the Board approved the purchase of two Bullard Eclipse thermal cameras.

John reported that the Board also needs to approve the annual maintenance for the ESP software in the amount of \$1130. The board approved this expense.

There was a discussion on the amount of money each district should be contributing to the Trust Fund. It was noted that the Board had adopted a policy a few years ago of \$500 per company / per year and paid by June of each year. Not all Districts have been following the policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

Brian Regan stated it was great to be back on the Board as the Council liaison and he looked forward to working with everyone.

Township is planning fireworks for June 29th , with a rain date of July 6th.

PUBLIC SESSION - In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act the meeting was open for comments from the public. No comments.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Main Conference Room
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director, Fire Prevention Department