

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

March 8, 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 March 8, 2012 from 7:30pm to 8:25 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>   </u> Brian Regan	<u>   </u> Brian Levin	Township Council
<u>   </u> Donna Vieiro		Twp. Manager
<u>   </u> Brian Farrar	<u>   </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u>  X</u> John Hauss	<u>  X</u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>   </u> Don Bell	<u>   </u> Tim Szymborski	Fire District No. 1
<u>  X</u> William Kleiber	<u>  X</u> Henry Lasch	Fire District No. 2
<u>   </u> Lewis Pinnella	<u>   </u> Alfred Pinnella	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** – The January and February meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – no correspondence.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT** – The February 2012 activity and FAAR reports were reviewed.

**TRUST FUND** – \$562.82

John reported that the two thermal imaging cameras had been ordered at a cost of \$8,909.77 and the annual software maintenance for ESP in the amount of \$1,130.00 had been paid.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

County Communications – February 28, 2012 from Franklin Park Fire Company for a mis-dispatch for a call on Route 27, south of Bennetts Lane. This was the third call since January 1<sup>st</sup> that was mis-dispatched. County Communications indicated that the calls have been given as “Route 27 & Bennetts Lane” and that intersection is zoned as Fire District # 3. The dispatchers were reminded of the boundary and will try to get better information. Andrew Berardo pointed out that the call on 2/28 was dispatched as “south of Bennetts Lane” and should have been dispatched as Fire District # 2.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

John reported that the Department is working on a Junior Fire Academy to be held for high school students. The academy will run for 3-days in August. More details will follow.

**ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY** –

Bill Kleiber reported on some matters discussed at the State Association meeting. In light of the lawsuit in the Tinton Falls power line incident, VFIS is developing guidelines for response to these types of incidents. Other items discussed were the fire district election date and collection of taxes.

There is still a push to move the fire district election date to November and there was a discussion about unpaid taxes and how it may affect the funding for the districts. Currently the districts get there full funding regardless of unpaid taxes; there was discussion about the districts having to budget for unpaid taxes.

***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, April 12, 2012 at 7:30 PM  
Main Conference Room  
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director, Fire Prevention Department