

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
2207 Lawrenceville Road  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648**

***Tuesday, February 8, 2011***

***MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal; Chief Dan Posluszny, Lawrence Township Police; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Michael Oakley, Slackwood Fire Company; Chief Shaun Dlabik, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Chief Ray Nagy, Lawrenceville Fire Company; John Baran, Community Representative; Kyle Collins, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative and Richard MacDuff, Community Representative.***

***MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Puliti, Council Liaison; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; John Gladwell, Community Representative and Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative.***

***Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dale Robbins at 7:30pm.***

***Swearing in of Newly Appointed Members: Due to the absence of Council Liaison, Greg Puliti, this was postponed to the next committee meeting.***

***Chairman/Vice-Chairman Appointment: The meeting was turned over to Municipal Manager, Rich Krawczun, in the absence of Vice Chairman, Jack Oakley for the nominations and election of a Chairman to the committee.***

***Nominations for Chairman were opened and Mike Oakley nominated Dale Robbins to the committee. The motion was seconded by Ray Nagy. There were no other nominations for Chairman, so a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. A poll of the members was taken and all members present were in favor of Dale Robbins to Chair the Public Safety Coordinating Committee for 2011. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman, Dale Robbins for the nomination and election of a Vice-Chairman for the committee.***

**Chairman/Vice-Chairman Appointment (cont'd.)**

***Nominations for Vice-Chairman were opened and Dan Posluszny nominated Jack Oakley for the Vice Chairman's position on the committee. The nomination was seconded by Rich Krawczun. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chairman, so a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. A poll of the members was taken and all members present were in favor of Jack Oakley to be Vice Chairman of the Public Safety Coordinating Committee for 2011.***

***Minutes: The regular monthly meeting minutes for December 14, 2010 was reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Mike Oakley and seconded by William Holmes to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.***

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

***Victor Backunoff of 3760 Lawrenceville Road, (Block 7001, Lot 56) was present at the meeting to address a problem with plans that are being brought before the committee.***

***Mr. Backinoff spoke on the behalf of himself and several neighbors (the Hamill Residence and the Stokely Estate) with regard to the displeasure with the cell tower that is proposed to be constructed as per the plans for:***

***Cellco Partnership (Verizon Wireless)  
3730 Lawrenceville Road  
SP-4/05***

***The cell tower is to be constructed within 118 feet from Mr. Backinoff's house. After a discussion, Municipal Manager, Rich Krawczun offered a meeting with Mr. Backinoff, Rich Krawczun and Brenda Kramer and Jim Parvesse of the township Engineering Office to address the specifics of this matter. Mr. Backinoff agreed to this meeting.***

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**HEALTH REPORT:** Health Officer, Carol Chamberlain reported that there will be Bloodborne Pathogen training on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Slackwood Fire Company and Thursday, February, 10, 2011 at 2:00pm in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Municipal Building. She also distributed copies of the Exposure Control Plan for the Chiefs to familiarize themselves with.

This is mandatory training that is required by all first responders. Carol Chamberlain expressed the need for the active rosters and the copy of the tests for any members not receiving training at the township level. Rich Krawczun addressed Chief Ray Nagy with regard to possibly meeting with him and the PEOSHA representative with regard to whether the documentation of such training is to be duplicated at the township level. The township will have a meeting with the PEOSHA representative to clarify whether there is a need for duplicated training records in the township files.

**EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS:** Slackwood and Lawrenceville Fire Companies reported all apparatus to be in service at this time. Chief Shaun Dlabik reported Engine 22 to be out of service for the primer pump. Chief Dan Posluszny reported all ambulances to be in service at this time for the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES:** Chief Posluszny reported that there are no articles to be posted at this time.

**MUTUAL AID TO TRENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:** There was nothing to report at this time due to the personnel being restored in the City of Trenton.

**NON-EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO C.O. ALARMS BY THE LAWRENCEVILLE FIRE COMPANY:** Chief Ray Nagy reported that this was still a policy for the fire company. There have not been many C.O. alarms in the recent months.

**RABID ANIMALS IN THE TOWNSHIP:** Carol Chamberlain reported that there was one animal that tested positive in the Lawrenceville-Pennington Road area. There have been 3 animals that have tested positive for rabies in the past nine (9) months.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***ISSUES OF CAREER STAFFING OF THE FIRE COMPANIES:*** Chief Ray Nagy spoke on the behalf of the Lawrenceville, Slackwood and Lawrence Road Fire Companies with regard to issues with the newly instituted staffing of the Lawrence Township career firefighters. Chief Nagy explained to the committee members that the four (4) paid drivers have been consolidated to one piece of responding apparatus, which is rotated on a daily basis between the three (3) firehouses. He further commented that the Chiefs did not agree with the institution of this new staffing.

Chief Mike Oakley explained that prior to this placement of all four drivers on one piece of apparatus, the Lawrenceville Fire Company had two (2) paid drivers at their station during working hours, and one (1) paid driver was designated to each of the other fire companies (Slackwood and Lawrence Road) during the same hours. There were statistics that there was a delayed response time while waiting for other members to show up to the firehouses to man the waiting apparatus.

In the past year, on a trial basis, per-diem firefighters were added to allow for the "duty crew" to respond from the designated fire house. But due to the cost of this matter being approximately \$88,000.00 for the year, the economic situation did not allow for this to continue; as well as the remaining problem of calls not being responded to by the other fire companies as supplemental apparatus.

After a lengthy discussion, Municipal Manager, Rich Krawczun explained to the committee the need for this new institution of the paid drivers to respond on one piece of apparatus on a daily rotating basis at each of the fire companies. This guarantees that the first due apparatus will respond accordingly.

Mr. Krawczun also stated that once the budget is passed and the list of certified firefighters is reviewed and processed. The township will be hiring two (2) additional firefighters to be assigned to the fire companies that do not have the duty crew assigned to the station on that given day. He expects the list to be finalized by the Department of Personnel by September/October of 2011.

## **PLAN REVIEWS**

***The following plans were reviewed by the committee during Mr. Backinoff's presentation with the following recommendations from the Lawrence Township Fire Marshal's Office:***

**Cellco Partnership (Verizon Wireless)  
3730 Lawrenceville Road  
ZB-18/05 and SP-4/05**

- 1) Recommend emergency vehicle access drive from Route 206 to site be twenty feet (20') wide and capable of supporting a thirty (30) ton emergency vehicle.**

***There were no other plans to be reviewed by the Public Safety Coordinating Committee at this time.***

## **OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

***There was no other business or correspondence that needed to be addressed by the Public Safety Coordinating Committee at this time.***

**NEXT MEETING: *The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Manager's Conference Room of the Municipal Building.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Carol Chamberlain, and seconded by Mike Oakley to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.***

***Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia L. Turek***