

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal; Chief Dan Posluszny, Lawrence Township Police Department; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Michael Oakley, Slackwood Fire Company; Chief R. J. Laird, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Chief Gary Wasko, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official and John Gladwell, Community Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; Kyle Collins, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative and Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dale Robbins at 6:30pm.

Minutes: The regular monthly meeting minutes for April 9, 2013 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Rich Krawczun and seconded by Mike Oakley to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH REPORT: Health Officer, Carol Chamberlain had nothing to report.

EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS: Chief Mike Oakley reported all apparatus to be in service at this time for the Slackwood Fire Company. Chief R. J. Laird reported all apparatus in service at this time for the Lawrence Road Fire Company. He also reported that Squirt 22 had issues with the electric, the pump and the generator and that Rescue 22 failed the vacuum test. Chief Gary Wasko reported all apparatus in service at this time for the Lawrenceville Fire Company. Chief Dan Posluszny reported all ambulances to be in service at this time for Lawrence Township Emergency Services.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES: Chief Posluszny asked the committee if they had any suggestions for articles. Anthony Cermele suggested that he will provide an article on safety with wood burning stoves. Gary Wasko suggested that he will provide an article with regard to safety issues with vehicles parking on top of brush in the autumn season.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Posluszny reported that there is a committee meeting scheduled for next Thursday (September 19th). They are looking at Spring 2014 for the implementation of the system.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS: Rich Krawczun reported that they increased the percentage we anticipated. He also reported that each fire company will receive \$1,000.00 reimbursement.

RESERVE RESCUE TRUCK FROM EWING: Chief Mike Oakley inquired about the status of the reserve rescue truck for Ewing Township. Rich Krawczun reported that he spoke to Jim McManimon, Ewing Township Administrator about this matter. The equipment has been taken off the truck and we are waiting for transfer.

Dale Robbins reported that he still needs a quote for the turnout gear for Slackwood Fire Company. Chief Mike Oakley will acquire the necessary quote and forward to Dale.

NEW BUSINESS

THANK YOU FROM CHIEF POSLUSZNY: Chief Dan Posluszny reported that in August, there was a triple fatal motor vehicle accident at Darrah Lane and Route 1. He thanked the fire companies for the exceedingly good job rescuing the occupants from the vehicle. Chief Gary Wasko also thanked the Police Department for their seamless help and cooperation during the assignment.

VEHICLE BREAK-INS AND AUTO THEFTS: Chief Dan Posluszny reported that there has been a problem with car break-ins and auto thefts recently. The Police Department reminded residents to lock their cars and close their windows. They are continuing to be proactive in trying to prevent these occurrences by addressing the issue in different ways.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING/DEVICE: Anthony Cermele reported that there will be defibrillator training on September 25th for the Construction Office, Fire Marshal's Office and Public Works Department. At the township safety meeting, it was brought to the attention of the members that the Public Works Garage does not have a defibrillator device. He offered to take the money out of his budget to purchase a device for that department. This matter will be checked into.

PLANS/PURCHASE TO REPLACE SNORKEL: Plans are moving forward with the apparatus at this time.

RESCUE 22 REPLACEMENT: Chief R.J. Laird reported that Rescue 22 is due to be replaced soon. He inquired about what should be done at this time to provide assistance for its replacement. Rich Krawczun suggested that the fire company put together information for the upcoming Capital Budget, but that replacement won't happen in 2014.

DIESEL FOR TELESQUIRT 22: Chief R.J. Laird brought it to the attention of the committee that the Lawrence Road Fire Company members have inquired at meetings about the reimbursement for diesel fuel for Telesquirt 22 when it is being utilized by the Township's paid firemen as the main apparatus when they are stationed in another firehouse of the township. Rich Krawczun stated that if the fire company wants to submit an audit by a CPA for the usage of the apparatus/fuel, he will look into this matter. Chief Gary Wasko added that when emergency vehicles are out of service for repair issues, the other fire companies must pitch in as the emergency response is for all residents, township wide.

PLAN REVIEWS

There were no plans to be reviewed at this time. Any plan reviews that needed attention have been handled by Dale Robbins and Rich Soltis on the behalf of the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

FIREMAN'S CONVENTION: It was brought to the attention of the committee that due to the Fireman's Convention in Wildwood, NJ, from Wednesday, September 11th-Sunday, September 15th, all fire calls will be an All Call, due to limited responders.

There was no other business or correspondence to be brought before the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by John Gladwell and seconded by Chief R. J. Laird to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Turek

