

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Chief R. J. Laird, Lawrence Road Fire Company, Chief Gary Wasko, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative and Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Acting Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Department; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; John Gladwell, Community Representative; Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative and Michael Oakley, 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 8, 2014 were not distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. The secretary will e-mail them before the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH REPORT: Carol reported that due to it being grass cutting season, the township contacted the representative for the property owner of the old Pit Stop gas station and they would not take care of the grass, so the township cut the grass and will put a lien against the property and will monitor it throughout the season.

EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS: Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Lawrenceville fire companies all reported that their apparatus was in service at this time. Chief Wasko noted that Tower 23 has been repaired. Due to the absence of Jack Oakley, Dale Robbins

reported that all apparatus for Lawrence Township Emergency Services was in service at this time to his knowledge.

✓ **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES:** Dale reported that if any members have any ideas for the articles, you should forward them to Acting Chief Mark Ubry or you can forward them to Dale Robbins and he will see to it that Chief Ubry receives them. Carol Chamberlain inquired about a fireworks safety article and it was also suggested that an article on grilling safety be posted. Chief Wasko forwarded the information to Chief Ubry prior to this meeting. Dale will check into this matter and see that the articles get published.

✓ **RADIO COMMITTEE:** Chief Wasko reported that all radios have been programmed.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Dale Robbins reported that the event is going to have quite an impact on the traffic in the area. Chief Wasko posted information about the Special Olympics. R.J. Laird reported that with the new box alarm changes, he feels that emergency response will be fine. He further noted that if it is an actual fire, they may have to call mutual aid for evacuation purposes due to the amount of handicaps. As soon as a unified command post has been decided, Gary requested that an e-mail be sent to the fire companies. Dale Robbins stated that the unified command post will be at Rider University and that Mike Yeh will be sending the e-mail out. Dale will see to it that the fire companies are informed of such.

NEW BUSINESS

B-17 CARVER PLACE: There have been two (2) Hazardous Materials calls at this location. Lawrence Township Police and Lawrenceville Fire Company responded. The individual that resides at that location complained of chemical vapors in his apartment. It was identified that this individual was suffering from some type of emotional problems. He became a bit aggressive with the fire department. There was no response required and the air was monitored. Gary wanted the committee members to know so this so that responder safety could be ensured.

✓ **STOP SIGN AT GORDON AVENUE AT BERGEN STREET:** Elissa Grodd-Schragger inquired about how to get a stop sign installed at an intersection. Dale Robbins will speak to the Engineering office about this matter.

LIGHT TRAILER: Chief Gary Wasko inquired if the township was purchasing a light trailer. He stated that if the township is purchasing

a light trailer, he would like to offer to store it at the firehouse, that way if it is needed, it will be guaranteed to be moved to the location. Dale Robbins will look into this matter.

✓ **INQUIRY ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PIT STOP PROPERTY:**

William Holmes inquired about the current status of this property. Carol Chamberlain explained that a plan has been put into place and that NJDEP is monitoring the site and working on remediation. The current or previous owners do not want the responsibility of the clean up. Mr. Holmes wanted to know how long this could take. Carol Chamberlain reported that she is not aware of any actual clean up taking place anytime soon. There is a plan in place. Due to debt issues and health problems, the current owner will not take care of the cost or clean up involved. William Holmes feels that the township should take necessary steps to force remediation of the property. Dale Robbins stated that he will follow up with the pertinent parties with regard to this matter.

PLAN REVIEWS

There were no plans to be reviewed by the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

Carol Chamberlain made a motion to not have a July and August meeting unless something important is brought to the attention of the committee. Motion was seconded and all were in favor. The next meeting will be held in September, 2014, unless a meeting for important business needs to be held.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made and seconded by to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Turek