

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Rich Soltis, Acting Fire Marshal; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Chief Mike Byrd, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Chief Gary Wasko, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; Michael Oakley, Community Representative; Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative; Jitesh Patel, Community Representative and Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Dept.; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative and Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Jack Oakley at 6:30pm.

Minutes: The regular monthly meeting minutes for October 13, 2015 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Rich Soltis and motion was seconded to approve the minutes as written. All were in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH REPORT: Carol Chamberlain had nothing to report.

EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS: Chief, Mark Lenarski reported that Rescue 21 was out of service but is now back in service at this time.

Chief Mike Byrd reported all apparatus in service at this time.

Chief Wasko of the Lawrenceville Fire Company reported that Ladder Tower 23 is out of service in Lancaster, PA getting a rung repaired.

After the Ladder Tower is returned the Telesquirt will be going to have the same problem remedied.

Jack Oakley reported Ambulance 129-2 is out of service for a problem with the injectors. He also reported that new vehicles are being delivered around November 23rd or so.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES: There was a Halloween Safety article posted. A suggestion for an upcoming article was "Cooking Accidents" to be posted in time for Thanksgiving. Rich Soltis will check with the DFS with regard to information about turkey fryers.

RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO QUARTERLY: Jack Oakley reported that after speaking to Rich Krawczun and giving the recommendation to Township Council, the recommendation had been approved and will be written into ordinance.

A recommendation was made to have the quarterly meetings begin on the 2nd Tuesday of January, 2016 and be scheduled as follows:

January 12, April 12, July 12 and October 11, 2016. Gary Wasko made a motion to accept the recommendation and Mike Byrd seconded. All were in favor.

There will be monthly e-mail correspondence updates by the secretary of the committee to keep the members informed in between the quarterly meetings. If the need arises that the committee needs to meet, then ample time will be given to schedule a meeting so that the members can attend. If there is a concern that comes up when the updates are e-mailed, then the members should e-mail their concerns to the entire membership so that everyone receives the information, they can review it and maybe respond through the e-mails.

EXIT/ENTRANCE TO TOYS R US CONCERN: Jack Oakley spoke to Chief Mark Ubry about this dangerous situation. The State is attempting to do something with the flow of the traffic coming down to the deceleration ramps going off onto the interstate either by advanced signage or by something else that they are going to do on the road.

ROUTE 1 AND DARRAH LANE INTERSECTION: Jack Oakley reported that he spoke to Rich Krawczun who stated that the State is in the process of installing better roadway signage and possibly even working on the delays on the traffic light.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE TOWNSHIP: Tony Ceremele reported that the Whitehead Road/Route 1 site has been held up. The building will finally be going up and the Costco site should be completed by Spring. The Squibb site won't be ready until Spring 2017. Rich Soltis added that he will have to set up a meeting with the Chiefs because Squibb sent in a letter requesting similar emergency response as has been initiated in all of their other buildings at the other Squibb site in Lawrence.

PLAN REVIEWS

There were no plans to be reviewed by the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

There was no other business to be discussed at this time.

MOTION TO POSTPONE DECEMBER MEETING: Gary Wasko made a motion to postpone the December meeting and just begin January with the quarterly meetings. Rich Soltis seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Carol Chamberlain, and seconded by Gary Wasko to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Shanker

