

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Soltis, Acting Fire Marshal; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Assistant Chief, Chris Pangaldi, 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; Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative; Michael Oakley, Community Representative and Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Dept.; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative and Jitesh Patel, Community Representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Jack Oakley at 6:35pm.

Minutes: The regular monthly meeting minutes for September 8, 2015 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Gary Wasko, and seconded by Mike Oakley 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. They will be doing a flu clinic October 20th at the Senior Center. There's a Township Ordinance \$15.00 for anybody under 60 years old without a prescription. There will be another flu clinic on October 29th and a third clinic on November 10th. Carol will provide Public Safety Coordinating Committee secretary flu clinic information to be forwarded to all the members.

EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS: Slackwood Fire Company's Assistant Chief, Chris Pangaldi reported that Snorkel 21 is out of service due to the frame. He also reported that the new ladder truck arrived at EES. It will be looked over, signed off and then get lettered and then tools will be mounted for usage.

Chief Mike Byrd reported all apparatus in service at the Lawrence Road Fire Company at this time.

Chief Wasko of the Lawrenceville Fire Company reported Tower 23 out of service due to a problem with the check valve.

Jack Oakley reported all apparatus in service for Lawrence Township Emergency Services.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES: Due to Chief Mark Ubry's absence, Jack was not sure if any articles had been posted. However, he will check to see if an article was posted about Halloween Safety and if not he will see to it that it is added to the township website.

RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO QUARTERLY: At the last meeting a recommendation was made to Township Council to change the Public Safety Coordinating Committee meetings to be held on a quarterly basis.

Jack Oakley reported that he spoke to Rich Krawczun. He said that Township Council approved the recommendation and it will be written into ordinance. The quarterly meetings will begin January 1, 2016. Jack will make sure that all members have copies of the ordinance by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

LAWRENCEVILLE FIRE COMPANY'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE/PARTY: Chief Gary Wasko reported that Lawrenceville Fire Company will be holding their annual Halloween Parade/Party on October 30th at 6:45pm at the firehouse. Gary invited anyone interested and told the Chiefs to let their departments know that everyone is invited. It will be advertised on the fire company Facebook page and website as well.

EXIT/ENTRANCE TO TOYS R US CONCERN: Elissa Grodd Schragger brought it to the attention of the committee that one of the mother's that was at an event at her house mentioned her concern about the safety of the entrance/exit for Toys R Us on Route 1. Jack Oakley will mention this to Chief Ubry.

ROUTE 1 AND DARRAH LANE INTERSECTION: Chief Gary Wasko brought attention to the Route 1/Darrah Lane intersection, specifically when turning left onto Route 1 northbound. Since there have been some bad MVA's there before, and it has been brought to his attention again recently, he was inquiring about a left turn arrow be installed at that intersection to help with traffic flow. Roseann Manghisi stated that a request such as that has to be petitioned and then they will have to do a survey of the intersection. The Public Safety Coordinating Committee would have to give a recommendation to the township, then the Municipal Manager would have to take it to the Township Council and then see what they would like done about this. Jack Oakley will bring this matter to Rich Krawczun's attention.

PROVINCE LINE ROAD LIGHT (AT WEST WINDSOR INTERSECTION/NASSAU PARK SHOPPING CENTER): Anthony Ceremele inquired about the stoplight timing at this intersection, further stating that the light appears to be only a few seconds long one way and a minute long the other. Roseann Manghisi explained that the State D.O.T. puts timers on the lights and that it depends on the time of day and traffic flow patterns. He also complained about the vehicles that do U-turns at that intersection.

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE TOWNSHIP: Tony Ceremele reported that all of the big locations have their permits now.

PLAN REVIEWS

There were no plans to be reviewed by the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MONTHLY UPDATES: Jack Oakley explained that once the Public Safety Coordinating Committee begins their quarterly meetings, he will talk to Rich Krawczun about monthly updates being forwarded to the committee members by the Public Safety Coordinating Committee secretary to keep them up to date with business being conducted, plan reviews, etc. The members will be able to review, comment and send back their remarks keeping them informed outside of the quarterly meetings that will be held. If there is a matter that requires a special meeting, members will be advised and polled for a quorum.

FLOOD MITIGATION: Anthony Cermele inquired about the fire companies being at the mitigation meeting. Jack Oakley explained that it is only a first meeting and they will be involved. The idea of the meeting is to create a fact line to put all the information together. Then once the plan is brought to the next level for review, that's when they will let emergency services know. The information needs to be submitted by October 26th.

THANK YOU TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE 100th ANNIVERSARY PARADE: Chief Wasko wanted to thank the township for their support during the parade. It was a tremendous event and a success.

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 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia L. Shanker