

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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Rich Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Rich Soltis, Acting Fire Marshal; Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Michael Byrd, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Chief Gary Wasko, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; Michael Oakley, Community Representative; Jitesh Patel, Community Representative and Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative.**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; 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 June 9, 2015 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Rich Krawczun, and seconded by Chief Ubry 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 Wasko of the Lawrenceville Fire Company gave the report for the Slackwood Fire Company due to Chief Lenarski's absence. He reported Snorkel 21 and Rescue 21 out of service. He also reported that the apparatus that was being used from Station 14 had been returned and the only apparatus in service at this time at the Slackwood Fire Company is Engine 21. It was also noted that the final Seagrave inspection is scheduled for September 27, 2015.

Chief Wasko reported that Telesquirt 23 is out of service with a leak from the hydraulic unit. He also reported that Brush 23 is back in service at this time.

Jack Oakley reported that 129-4 is currently in service but there is a problem with the air conditioner. 129-2 is in for service at this time. Chief Mike Byrd of the Lawrence Road Fire Company reported that Rescue 22 is currently out of service for a problem with the alternator. He also reported that there is damage to the ladder rack on Telesquirt 22.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES:** There was nothing to report. There will be a fire safety article posted.

## NEW BUSINESS

**RETIRED FIRE MARSHAL:** Rich Krawczun reported that Fire Marshal Dale Robbins has retired and that Richard Soltis is currently the Acting Fire Marshal.

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK/PARADE:** Chief Gary Wasko reported that the Mercer County Fire Prevention Parade will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Lawrenceville Fire Company will be hosting the parade this year. Rich Krawczun requested that a digital copy of the invitation/information be forwarded to the township so that it could be posted on the Lawrence Township website. Carol Chamberlain reported that she will make sure that all preschools are aware of this for their students interest.

**FIREMEN'S CONVENTION IN WILDWOOD:** This year, the Firemen's Convention will be held on September 17, 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an All Call for all fire dispatch from Thursday, September 17 through Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE TOWNSHIP:** Tony Ceremele reported that permits have been released for the Costco site. He also reported that the parking lot repairs have been completed in the Lawrence Shopping Center and that buildings are currently going up on the Squibb property.

### **PLAN REVIEWS**

There were no plans to be reviewed by the committee.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO QUARTERLY:** Jack Oakley made a suggestion to have the Public Safety Coordinating Committee meetings changed to be held on a quarterly basis, unless matters of importance need to be addressed. After a discussion, a recommendation was made to change the Public Safety Coordinating Committee meetings to be held on a quarterly basis, unless important matters need to be addressed, in which case a special meeting will be called for. Jack explained that in the interim between meetings, monthly committee updates will be e-mailed to the members. Chief Gary Wasko agreed and added that it will make the committee more efficient. The members of the committee were polled and all present were in favor. Three (3) members were absent at this meeting. A memorandum will be sent with regard to this recommendation and then it is up to Township Council to make the final decision on this recommendation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Carol Chamberlain, and seconded by Chief Ubry to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia L. Shanker*

