

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Puliti, Council Liaison; Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal; Chief Dan Posluszny, Lawrence Township Police; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Chief Ray Nagy, Lawrenceville Fire Company; William Holmes, Community Representative; Richard MacDuff, Community Representative; Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator and Anthony Cermele, Construction Official.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chief John Britton, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Kyle Collins, Community Representative and John Gladwell, Community Representative.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dale Robbins at 7:32pm.

**Minutes:** The regular monthly meeting minutes for January 12, 2010 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Roseann Manghisi seconded by Rich Krawczun to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HEALTH REPORT:** Health Officer, Carol Chamberlain reported on the Bloodborne Pathogen training sessions that have been held at the Slackwood Fire Company and the one that was held at the Municipal Building on this date. There will be another upcoming daytime training session scheduled.

**EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS:** All Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Lawrenceville Fire Companies and the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services apparatus are in service at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:** Chief Posluszny asked the committee for some ideas for any upcoming articles. Rich Krawczun suggested an article on Burglary Safety tips, such as advice given to residents about when leaving their windows open, purses in plain view, etc. Dan Posluszny then reported on the burglary problems that the Police Department has had with the residents of the Yorkshire Village and Liberty Green.

**FIRE SERVICES STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Chief Ray Nagy stated that there has not been an opportunity for the committee to meet as of yet.

**WAYSIDE LANE TO ROUTE 206:** Chief Posluszny reported that this matter is still on hold and he will follow up on this matter again.

**CREATING STANDARDIZED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY APPARATUS:** Rich Krawczun distributed copies of a “Resolution Establishing the Policy for Procurement of Fire Apparatuses for Deployment by Lawrence Township Volunteer Fire Companies.” Mr. Krawczun further explained that this resolution is a draft of the compilation of ideas brought forth following last months Public Safety Coordinating Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Resolution as written. A vote was taken of the members and all were in favor.

**HEAVY DUTY WRECKER REQUESTS:** Rich Krawczun spoke to Chief Posluszny about the recent issues the Lawrenceville Fire Company had with their requests for heavy duty wrecker service. Chief Posluszny reported that the Police Department did not receive any calls for service on those occasions. Upon further investigation of the most recent occurrence, it was found that the first towing company that arrived was not satisfactory to the fire company. A second towing company was contacted and responded from New Brunswick, which explains the time delay in their arrival. Dispatch should be contacted so that Police Dispatch may call the Public Works Supervisor on call and it will be said Supervisor that will make the decision on assigning a department employee for purposes of overtime. Rich further reported that he spoke to Greg Whitehead, who advised him that Police Chief Posluszny suggested that maybe a heavy duty towing company should be assigned to be the on-call company.

**RESERVE APPARATUS SUGGESTION:** Chief Ray Nagy reported that Emergency Equipment Sales inspected the old rescue truck for existing problems. Some of the issues noted on their report were: a slight transmission leak, a few small rust spots, the anodes need to be replaced, etc. However, the engine and pump function well. Roseann Manghisi questioned the cost of insurance coverage. Rich Krawczun inquired about the cost involved to fix the existing problems. Ray Nagy stated that the company that inspected the apparatus did not price out the repairs. Roseann Manghisi also questioned how often the apparatus would need to be used. Greg Puliti inquired about how much it would cost to have the necessary testing done to the apparatus each year to assure its safety. Rich Krawczun stated that due to the overall timing and economic status, this would not be a feasible project for the township to take on at this time. Carol Chamberlain added that the township may be able to acquire more monies if the truck is sold now, while it is still in good shape. Ray Nagy added that without the reserve apparatus, if a fire company is down too many pieces of apparatus, you will be taking the township level of fire protection down a level within the town. Chief Lenarski stated that it was not fair for Ray Nagy to make such a statement, since that is the reason that mutual aid plans are in effect in the township.

**STATUS OF CONDITION OF OLD PIT STOP BLDG.:** Tony Cermele reported on the deteriorating condition of this property. Rich Krawczun reported that DEP mailed out a letter to the residents advising them of the monitoring wells that will be implemented to check for the extent of the plume from the areas of known contamination.

**SPEED LIMIT ON COLD SOIL ROAD:** Chief Posluszny explained that there has been a complaint about speeding on Cold Soil Road between Bergen and Woodlane. He stated that a speed survey and radar studies will be conducted to explore the possibility of a speed reduction on this stretch of the roadway. The speed limit was higher in the past (40 mph).

**ORDINANCE CREATING A CODE ESTABLISHING A LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DIVISION, DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT and DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:** Rich Krawczun distributed a draft of the ordinance to be reviewed by the members of the committee for discussion at the March 9, 2010 meeting.

**PLAN REVIEWS**

There were no plans to be reviewed by the Public Safety Coordinating Committee at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further business to be discussed by the Public Safety Coordinating Committee at this time.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Manager's Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cynthia L Buxton*