

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

Tuesday, July 13, 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; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Assistant Chief Shawn Dlabik, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Chief Ray Nagy, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Kyle Collins, Community Representative; John Gladwell, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative; and Richard MacDuff, Community Representative.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Chief Michael Oakley, Slackwood Fire Company and Assistant Chief Marty Sudol, Slackwood Fire Company.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chief John Britton, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator and Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dale Robbins at 7:31pm.

**Minutes:** The regular monthly meeting minutes for June 8, 2010 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by John Gladwell and seconded by Richard MacDuff to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HEALTH REPORT:** Health Officer, Carol Chamberlain had nothing to report.

**EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS:** All apparatus is currently in service for all three (3) Lawrence Township Fire companies. Chief Dan Posluszny reported for the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services. Ambulance 129-2 is currently out of service.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:** Chief Dan Posluszny reported that the article about fireworks safety was never published. However, there will be an article about safety regarding the recent issues that the Police Department has been having with vehicles being entered when unoccupied and unlocked.

**WAYSIDE LANE TO ROUTE 206:** Chief Posluszny reported that he spoke to Jim Smith from D.O.T.. This matter is still on with the State's fiscal plans.

**PIT STOP LOCATION:** Tony Cermele reported that the wells are still being monitored. Carol added that DEP found MTBE's in one (1) of the wells. The exact location of the plumes will be identified.

**UNSAFE CONDITION ON ROUTE ONE (Vicinity of 2141 Brunswick Pike):** Chief Dan Posluszny reported that the Police Department observed no one crossing over Route One at this location during the times they were present. They will continue to investigate this matter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**SLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY REQUEST FOR NEW APPARATUS:** Chief Mark Lenarski of the Slackwood Fire Company distributed an information packet for the committee members reference with regard to the emergency apparatus needs of the Slackwood Fire Company.

Rich Krawczun requested information reflecting the number of calls that the Snorkel has responded to in the last three (3) years and the number of calls it actually gets utilized. He also requested a total of calls that Slackwood's Snorkel and Lawrenceville's Ladder Tower respond.

Rich Krawczun inquired about the number of firefighters it takes to man the Snorkel. Deputy Chief Michael Oakley replied that it takes two (2) qualified firefighters to work the basket and two (2) to work the turntable. Within the Slackwood Fire Company, there are about fifteen (15) to twenty (20) qualified members.

Rich Krawczun added that he would also like to know when all four (4) aerial pieces of apparatus (the Snorkel, both Telesquirts and the Ladder Tower) are utilized for the same call in Lawrence Township.

William Holmes expressed his concern that if it is time to purchase a new piece of fire apparatus, then we need to consider the importance of this matter.

Rich Krawczun explained that the entire Capital Budget is approximately two (2) million dollars. As per Deputy Chief Michael Oakley, a basic new Snorkel will cost about \$960,000.00. Rich explained that if he purchases the apparatus for that amount of money, other Capital Budget issues will need to be cut.

**WILD ANIMAL NUISANCE:** John Gladwell brought it to the attention of the committee that he has been experiencing a problem with the skunk population in his yard. He inquired as to what can be done about this matter. Carol Chamberlin explained that the Health Department can provide traps and tips for trapping the skunk. However, once trapped, the animal is only allowed to be moved to a different location within two (2) miles of where it had been trapped.

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP WATER SUPPLY:** Anthony Cermele inquired about the water supply in Hopewell Township with regard to firefighting efforts. Chief Ray Nagy explained that the last hydrant on Carter Road is near Squibb and it does present a different firefighting challenge when going mutual aid to assist Hopewell.

**OUT OF SERVICE HYDRANTS:** Rich Krawczun inquired about the frequency of the updates for the list of hydrants out of service.

Carol Chamberlain asked if there was a way for the water company to notify the township when the interconnection is opened due to a drop in the water pressure in certain areas when this occurs. The township will contact the water company in an effort to receive advisories when this occurs.

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: There will be no meeting of this committee for the month of August. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by John Gladwell and seconded by Rich Krawczun to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cynthia L Buxton*