

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal; Acting Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Department; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Deputy Chief Mike Byrd, Lawrence Road Fire Company, Chief Gary Wasko, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; John Gladwell, Community Representative; Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative and Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief R. J. Laird, Lawrence Road Fire Company; William Holmes, Community Representative and Michael Oakley, Community Representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dale Robbins at 6:35pm.

Minutes: The regular monthly meeting minutes for March 11, 2014 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Rich Krawczun and seconded by Elissa Grodd Schragger to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Hullfish brought it to the attention of the committee that he felt there was a problem with the way an emergency call was handled with regard to wire being down across Route #206 and that cars were able to pass but not trucks. Mr. Hullfish felt there was not enough representation by the Police Department, as there was only one (1) Police Officer assigned to traffic during the emergency. He called Lawrence Township Police to have the four (4) man fire duty crew that was at the Lawrenceville Fire Company washing a fire truck dispatched to help with traffic direction.

It was explained that unless the firemen are contacted, they are not able to respond. There was no dispatch for the fire company crew to assist.

Rich Krawczun explained the order of command procedures.

Acting Police Chief Mark Ubry stated that he will listen to the tapes of the phone calls again and will advise.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH REPORT: Due to the absence of Health Officer, Carol Chamberlain, there was no report.

EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS: Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Lawrenceville fire companies all reported that their apparatus was in service at this time. Jack Oakley reported that all apparatus for Lawrence Township Emergency Services was in service at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES: An article from the Lawrence Township Fire Marshal's Office will be posted about the importance of smoke detectors. Dale inquired about who was in charge of the website and was advised it was Steve Groeger and Yvette Martinette. Chief Gary Wasko will forward an article about barbecue and gas grill safety.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Acting Chief Mark Ubry reported that there have been no meetings. Chief Gary Wasko reported that they will be starting to program the fire stations.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Residents will be notified about the upcoming Special Olympics and the impact the increased traffic will have on the area. The participants are scheduled to be staying in the residence dorms at the College of New Jersey and Rider University. It was brought to the attention of the committee that everyone is scheduled to register on the first day. This will cause some congestion issues and should be addressed.

A Special Thank You: Mike Burzachiello extended special thanks from himself and his wife for the assistance at his neighbor's house when a smoke detector was going off with visible smoke in the residence. The smoke was a result of careless cooking.

PLAN REVIEWS

Mrs. G: Anthony Cermele reported that Mrs. G's will be opening at the Worldwide Carpet site. There will be temporary accommodations pending construction being complete.

Jack Oakley inquired about a contact for the fire departments to possibly utilize the houses slated for demolition at the rear of the Mrs. G's current site for training purposes. Rich Krawczun stated that if contact could be made, it would also be important that the training not interfere with the slated demolition time frame.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

Jack Oakley made a motion to suspend the May meeting of the committee and reconvene in June due to schedules being excessively busy during the month of May. John Gladwell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made and seconded by to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Turek