

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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: James Kownacki, Council Liaison; Dale Robbins, Fire Marshal; Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Twp. Police; Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer; Chief Mark Lenarski, Slackwood Fire Company; Chief Michael Byrd, Lawrence Road Fire Company; Chief Gary Wasko, Lawrenceville Fire Company; Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Michael Oakley, Community Representative and Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative.**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager; Anthony Cermele, Construction Official; Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative; William Holmes, Community Representative; Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative and Jitesh Patel, Community Representative.**

**Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dale Robbins at 6:33pm.**

**Chairman/Vice Chairman Appointment: Nominations and elections were held for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee.**

**The meeting was turned over to Cindi Turek, Secretary of the committee for the nominations and election of a Chairman to the committee. Nominations were opened for Chairman and Jack Oakley nominated Dale Robbins. The motion was seconded by Gary Wasko. There were no other nominations for Chairman, so a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. All were in favor. Dale Robbins will be the Chairman of the Public Safety Coordinating Committee for 2015.**

**Chairman/Vice Chairman Appointment (cont'd.):** The meeting was then turned back over to Chairman, Dale Robbins for the nominations and election of a Vice-Chairman to the committee. The nominations for Vice-Chairman were opened and Mike Oakley nominated Jack Oakley for the position of Vice-Chairman to the committee. The motion was seconded by Gary Wasko. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chairman so a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. All were in favor. Jack Oakley will be the Vice-Chairman of the Public Safety Coordinating Committee for 2015.

**Minutes:** The regular monthly meeting minutes for December 9, 2014 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Jack Oakley, seconded by Gary Wasko to approve the minutes as written. All were in favor.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**There was no public participation at the meeting.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**HEALTH REPORT:** There was no report.

**EMERGENCY APPARATUS REPORTS:** The Slackwood and Lawrence Road Fire Companies report all apparatus in service at this time. Chief Gary Wasko reported Telesquirt 23 being out of service due to a body repair. Jack Oakley reported all apparatus/vehicles for Lawrence Township Emergency Services are currently in service at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEDIA ARTICLES:** If anyone has any ideas for articles, you are urged to contact Chief Mark Ubry with the information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**CHIMNEY/FIREPLACE FIRE CONCERNS:** Chief Gary Wasco reported that there have been a number of chimney/fireplace fires recently. Recently, fire extinguishers have been used to extinguish small fires, causing them to spread to other areas. He suggested that information be offered with regard to when different classes of fire extinguishers should be utilized, as well as making it known that all fires should be extinguished by the fire companies.

**BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Chief Mark Ubry asked that specific standards be mandated for candidates wishing to be firefighters before actual background checks are performed, to eliminate any revealing questionable information that the applicant falsified on their application and interview.

## **PLAN REVIEWS**

There were no plans to be reviewed by the committee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**INSURANCE INFORMATION (JIF):** Jack Oakley inquired as to how many junior members the fire companies currently have. The only fire company having a junior member is the Slackwood Fire Company.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by Carol Chamberlain and seconded by Mike Oakley to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia L. Turek*