

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
2207 Lawrence Road  
Lawrence Township, New Jersey 08648**

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**Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

Members Present: James Kownacki, Council Liaison  
Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Chief  
Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Edward Tencza, Fire Marshal  
Anthony Cermele, Construction Official  
Chief Chris Pangaldi, Slackwood Fire Company  
Ray Nagy, Lawrenceville Fire Company  
Chief Ryan Dlabik, Lawrence Road Fire Company  
Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative  
Jitesh Patel, Community Representative

Members Absent: Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager  
Carol Chamberlain, Health Department Community Representative  
Chief Mike Filandro, Lawrenceville Fire Company  
Michael Oakley, Community Representative  
Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative  
William Holmes, Community Representative

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Oakley at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes for May 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made by Ed Tencza and was seconded by Elissa Schragger 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 was not at meeting to report.

Emergency Apparatus Reports: All fire companies were represent at the meeting tonight. Chris Pangaldi reported that Rescue 21 is back and all equipment is in-service. Chief Dlabik reported all equipment is in-service. Ray Nagy, Station 23, reported that Rescue 23 is out-of-service to

repair leaking valves. Should be back in a couple of days. Jack Oakley reports that 129-4 is out-of-service for approximately four to five months for repairs to the air conditioning system.

Chief Ubry had nothing to report.

Media Articles: Chief Ubry suggested posting Back-To-School Safety Tips. Jack Oakley will provide this information for the website and it will also be posted on Twitter and Facebook.

### New Business

Tony Cermele advised that the BMS and Cobblestone projects are progressing and that residents should be cautious because of the increase of truck traffic on Route 206 due to the construction.

Additionally, Tony Cermele, inquired about the fire companies "pulling" electrical meters after a fire. The fire chiefs explained the protocol and advised that meters only get pulled after a significant fire.

It was suggested by Anthony Cermele that the Township prepare a special provisions plan for the care and housing of residents who may be displaced from their homes in an emergency situation.

It was announced that the Township Plumbing Inspector, James DeForte, received proper approval as a fire fighter for Station 23 and will ride-along as needed.

### Other Business/Correspondence

Ed Tencza advised that several new projects are coming to Lawrence Township. LA Fitness will be moving into Lawrence Shopping Center. The old furniture building will be taken down and replaced with a new facility. Approximately 300 new homes will be built on Lenox Drive and some of those homes will be assigned to our affordable housing list. Several medical marijuana developers have made inquiries to the Township for locations for their distribution facilities.

Discussion continued that ACME will be closing their doors this Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sears will be moving out of Quakerbridge Mall shortly.

Chris Pangaldi advised the Committee that Bakers Basin Road will be closing after Labor Day for bridge repair. The road will be closed until mid-January.

Jack announced to the Committee that Chief Mark Ubry is retiring.

Jack announced the next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2018.

### Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Chief Ubry, second by Elissa Schragger and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Yvette Martinette*