

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

Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Members Present: James Kownacki, Council Liason
Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager
Edward Tencza, Fire Marshal
Carol Chamberlain, Health Department Community Representative
Anthony Cermele, Construction Official
Chief Chris Pangaldi, Slackwood Fire Company
Ray Nagy, Lawrenceville Fire Company
Chief Ryan Dlabik, Lawrence Road Fire Company
Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative
William Holmes, Community Representative
Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative

Members Absent: Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Chief
Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator
Chief Mike Filandro, Lawrenceville Fire Company
Michael Oakley, Community Representative
Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative
Jitesh Patel, Community Representative

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ed Tencza at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes for February 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made by Carol Chamberlain and was seconded by Kevin Nerwinski 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 advised that Trenton Water Works was flushing in Lawrence Township and one resident called to inquire about yellow water.

Emergency Apparatus Reports: All fire companies were represented at the meeting tonight. Chris Pangaldi reported that Rescue 21 went out-of-service just prior to the meeting. Chief Dlabik and Ray Nagy reported that all equipment is up and running at their respective fire stations.

Chief Ubry was not in attendance to follow-up on old business.

Media Articles: Mike Burzachiello recommended putting information on the website and the weekly email regarding summer safety tips, to include information on fireworks, fire pits and grilling. This information will also be posted on Twitter and Facebook.

New Business

Kevin Nerwinski announced that the Township is in the process of setting up a "Safe Zone" at the Police Building for residents to have a safe area to make on-line exchanges and purchases. The designated area will be under a camera and will be available at any time but the Township would strongly encourage day-time exchanges or merchandise.

Mike Burzachiello advised the Committee of the security issue at the firehouses. Slackwood Fire and Lawrenceville Firehouse entrance doors are not secure. Public Works is aware and working on the issue. These buildings house expensive equipment and it should be a priority to get the matter corrected.

Bill Holmes asked if something could be done with the parking situation on Altamawr Avenue. Cars should not be permitted to park closer than 20' away from corner. Vehicles making a turn from Lawrence Road have difficulty negotiating the turn as the parked cars are too close to intersection. Kevin Nerwinski will look into the matter.

Other Business/Correspondence

Tony Cermele advised the Committee that he recently released a couple "big" permits for BMS including their new garage and buildings M & N. This construction project will have an increase effect on traffic on 206 in that area.

Ed Tencza advised that BMS has completed their blasting and everything went as planned. There were no complaints from neighboring residents.

Ed Tencza also announced that the 4th of July Fireworks are all set and will be going off at a new location on the Rider campus. This will allow for larger shells in the sky but the ground show will be eliminated. Fireworks are set for June 30 with a rain date of July 1.

Tony Cermele advised that the new Hilton Hotel is almost finished and is hopeful for a September opening.

Ed announced the next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018.

Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Burzachiello and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Martinette