

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

Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Members Present: James Kownacki, Council Liason
Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager
Chief Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Chief
Edward Tencza, Fire Marshal
Carol Chamberlain, Health Department Community Representative
Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator
Mike Burzachiello, Community Representative
William Holmes, Community Representative
Elissa Grodd Schragger, Community Representative

Members Absent: Chief Chris Pangaldi, Slackwood Fire Company
Chief Mike Filandro, Lawrenceville Fire Company
Chief Ryan Dlabik, Lawrence Road Fire Company
Anthony Cermele, Construction Official
Michael Oakley, Community Representative
Roseann Manghisi, Community Representative
Jitesh Patel, Community Representative

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Oakley at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes for November 13, 2017, meeting were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made by Chief Ubry and was seconded by Jim Kownacki 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 did not have any topics for discussion.

Emergency Apparatus Reports: There were no fire chiefs present. Jack Oakley reported that Engine 21 continues to be out-of-service. Ambulance 129-4 is also out-of-service. All other equipment is up and running.

At this time Mike Burzachiello brought up the topic of equipment repairs. Both 100' ladder trucks are out-of-service and the Township has to rely on neighboring townships for assistance for coverage. The Public Works Department does a great job, but they are busy and equipment is down for extended periods of time. It was suggested that having an outside vendor do the repairs and maintenance on the fire apparatus be looked into. Jack explained why some of the delays occur; it is all special equipment and has to be handled differently and with certified mechanics. Kevin Nerwinski informed the Committee that \$100,000 was put into the budget in 2018 for outside certified vendors to make repairs on fire apparatus. Budget approval is still pending.

Media Articles: Chief Ubry recommended putting information on the website and the weekly email regarding IRS scams which are on the rise during tax season. This information will also be posted on Twitter and Facebook.

New Business

Mark Holmes brought up the recent Emergency Alert situation in Hawaii and asked where residents would go in the event of an emergency. Jack Oakley explained that the Senior Center is a "comfort area". Lawrence Township Schools, Rider University and fire houses are all possible stations for emergency situations. However, the locations cannot be determined prior to the emergency because we would have to know where the current emergency exists. Carol Chamberlain also suggested getting out information to residents for their household "emergency to go" list in the event they need to leave their homes for an extended period of time or if there are extended power outages.

Mark Holmes advise the Committee that the entrance of Lawrence Shopping from Texas Avenue is very dark and difficult to navigate at night. Police Chief will investigate.

Chief Ubry discussed amending Ordinance 2276-17 adding new chapter "Traffic Control Standards". This ordinance outlines needed safety protocols for vendors doing road work in the Township. Some of these safety requirements are to provide plans for proper detours, staff certified flaggers, provide reflective vests for workers and establish time restrictions. Ordinance was accepted by the Committee with one amendment as to a typographical correction.

Other Business/Correspondence

Ed Tencza advised that BMS will be blasting at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Testing has been done, residents were notified. Ed will be overseeing the blasting. Mercer County Central has been notified. Ed will provide Municipal Manager and Committee with updates.

Ed provided Committee with information regarding 330 Lawrence Station Road. Islamic Circle purchased property for overflow parking for their services. They began cleanup without prior approvals and Ed has to issue "shut down". The site has DEP contamination violations. Kevin Nerwinski asked Ed to further investigate this matter to assist the Islamic Circle with their parking issue and the process for proper clean-up of the property.

Ed further informed the Committee of several businesses in the Township that are installing solar power at their facilities; St. Ann's and Seventh Day Adventist.

Committee members also suggested doing some housekeeping on the Public Safety webpage to bring it current with members and schedules.

Jack announced the next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2018.

Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Jack Oakley and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Martinette