

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of September 15, 2011

The Plymouth Township Emergency Services Board held its meeting at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M. Board members present were:

Kevin Thomas	Plymouth Community Ambulance and Chairman
Karen Weiss	Township Manager and Board Secretary
Andy Mount	Township Fire Marshal and Vice-Chairman
Mike Gehman	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Kevin Lawrence	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
John Myrsiades	Deputy, Chief of Police
Vince Gillen	Chairman, Plymouth Township Council
Kevin Bowe	Bowe's Towing
Mike Pascarella	Harmonville Fire Company

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Thomas at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes May 19, 2011 - Andy Mount made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 19, 2011 and was seconded by Mike Gehman. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The Passage of HB 797 (Firefighters' Cancer Presumption Legislation) - Ms. Weiss mentioned the passage of HB 797 (Firefighters' Cancer Presumption Legislation) which is a new bill that was signed into law by the Governor in July 2011. The law states that if a firefighter were to contract cancer and make a claim under workers' compensation that it came as a result of fire fighting operations, there are two qualifications that must have been in place. The firefighter must have actively served for four continuous years and he must have successfully passed a physical exam before asserting a cancer claim which exam would not have revealed any evidence of cancer.

Fire Prevention Week - Mr. Mount mentioned that Fire Prevention Week will be held the week of October 10th. The fire companies will again be visiting the local schools on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon of that week.

Mr. Mount stated that the Township is in receipt of two notices of violation from the Department of Environmental Protection for two properties located in the Township.

Mr. Mount provided a change of address for the Doubletree Hotel.

Mr. Mount thanked the emergency services for their cooperation during the rainstorm on August 19th and Hurricane Irene.

Kevin Lawrence stated that there was a problem with the County and the 800 MHz radios were not working during Hurricane Irene. The Board discussed and Mr. Gillen stated that he will put this on the agenda for the October Council meeting for discussion.

Mr. Mount mentioned a house on Narcissa Road that was recently inundated with water and that at some point he would like to be notified of situations such as this so that he can report it to the State. FEMA may help residents with a mitigation grant if they have had four such events in one year, and have had \$5,000 or more in damages.

Old Business

Mr. Mount explained that the Chemalloy Company has not been able to get Aqua PA or Pennsylvania American Water to provide sufficient water for fire suppression at its new plant building, which is preventing occupancy. The solution is to build an underground reservoir with a 300,000 gallon capacity.

Mr. Gillen thanked the emergency services for their assistance during Hurricane Irene. He mentioned that Council adopted a resolution pertaining to such at its Regular Council Meeting in September.

Next Meeting


The next Emergency Services Board Meeting will be held on November 10, 2011.

Audience Participation - None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on the motion made by Vince Gillen and seconded by Kevin Lawrence.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary