

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of January 19, 2012

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
Mike Pascarella	Harmonville Fire Company
Ray Stocchi	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Thomas at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board agreed to re-circulate the ordinance pertaining to the operational procedures for the Board in addition to the Citizen Board appointments.

Reorganization

Ms. Weiss made a motion to appoint Kevin Thomas as the Chairman for the Board and was seconded by Andy Mount. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Gehman made a motion to appoint Andy Mount as Vice-Chairman for the Board and was seconded by Mike Pascarella. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mount made a motion to appoint Karen Weiss as Board Secretary and was seconded by Mike Gehman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Approval of Minutes September 15, 2011 - - Kevin Lawrence made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 15, 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.

The Board agreed that it should make certain under the legislation that the fire police are covered if they meet the requirements through Workers Compensation.

SARA Title III -

Mr. Mount stated that this item pertains to information that the emergency services should be receiving from the County pertaining to hazardous chemicals either manufactured, stored or transported through the Township.

New Business

Mr. Mount provided information as follows:

1 SDI Drive has been changed to 1 IMS Drive.

A letter from PECO thanking the Township for their assistance during Hurricane Irene.

Information from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to the house located at 1800 Johnson Road that was recently demolished and contained contamination and what is necessary to comply with cleanup efforts.

A notice from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding a sinkhole behind Corson's Lane affecting the Sun Oil Pipeline.

A notice of violation from the PA DEP pertaining to a request for release of detection records for 1810 E. Ridge Pike. The facility is operating in violation of the release detection regulations. As the facility owner and/or operator, they are obligated to comply with the Commonwealth's storage tank rules and regulations.

A reportable release from a non-regulated tank system was received for the Lukoil at 607 Ridge Pike from the DEP.

A notice from Pennoni Associates, Inc. pertaining to Montgomery Chemicals, LLC. and the total number of Emission Reduction Credits (ERCs).

Cold Point Village is under construction and all six fire hydrants have been installed and are operational.

Chemalloy has completed its 300,000 gallon cistern.

Land Development plans have been submitted for Plymouth Towne Apartments which include seventy new units on Fairfield Road.

A new medical facility may be constructed at the old Crazy City location at the Plymouth Meeting Mall.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has advised motorists traveling northbound on the Turnpike's Northeastern Extension (I-476) between the Mid-County (Exit #20) and Lansdale (Exit #31) Interchange to be prepared for a single-lane traffic pattern to be in effect on Wednesday, January 18th from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.

Old Business

Fire Prevention Week was a success due to the efforts of all of the Emergency Services providers.

Sean Petty is no longer working with the County. He has been replaced by John Gibe.

On January 1, 2012 at 2:00 a.m., Plymouth fire police were assisting police with an accident on Sandy Hill Road and EDS failed to notify the fire police of a pursuit involving the Norristown Police Department of a suspect which was headed in their direction on Sandy Street. This is a safety issue.

Next Meeting

The next Emergency Services Board Meeting will be held on March 15, 2012.

Audience Participation - None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on the motion made by Vince Gillen and seconded by Kevin Lawrence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary