

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes of September 20, 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
Dave Luthy	Lieutenant, Plymouth Fire Company
Karen Mabry	Lieutenant, Plymouth Police Department
Jim Behr	President, Harmonville Fire Company
Mike Pascarella	Harmonville Fire Company
Lenore Bruno	Plymouth Township Council

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 March 15, 2012** - Mr. Mount made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2012 and was seconded by Jim Behr. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Mr. Mount highlighted the following:

The following parcels have been consolidated. 215, 217 and 307 Ridge Pike is now 221 Ridge Pike and is the Vist Bank.

Street address assignments for Cold Point Village. Once these are completed, updated drawings will be provided for the map book.

A notice has been received from the Police Department that there is a person with special needs on Gawain Road.

Two letters were sent to the Director of Survivors Programs, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation stating that both Plymouth and Harmonville fire companies have been pre-certified as fire companies for the Public Safety Officer Death Benefit Program.

Notification has been received from PennDOT stating that the plan to activate ramp meters at four entrance ramps is now in effect. The location of the ramps was discussed. The Board agreed that a notice needs to be sent to PennDOT that there is not enough room for two lanes when the light is on. The lane is striped to merge into one.

DEP has sent a notification that an inspection was done at the Chemalloy Company, Inc. with violations noted.

Due to a fire on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Chemalloy Company, Inc. dust waste was discharged into the stormwater inlets. This is a violation of the Clean Water Act.

On June 21<sup>st</sup> a reportable release from a nonregulated heating oil tank system was received for 624 Erlen Road.

A letter was received from the DEP pertaining to Beverage Enterprises, Inc. on Conshohocken Road. There was a release from the storage tank and the DEP needs to be provided with documentation from the owner that the tank has been properly closed.

Danella Construction Company had a release of a regulated substance at their property. The company now must submit a site characterization report to DEP which will determine whether they need to do a remedial action plan.

DEP sent a letter to Florig Equipment property which is now owned by Mr. Conicelli notifying them that they have accepted their remedial action completion report following a release and subsequent cleanup.

A minor permit modification was received for Emmanuel Tire who is changing some of their configurations of the processing area. They are adding two small storage bins to the processing area.

A clean up or closure report for one or more non-regulated heating oil storage tanks systems was received for 23 Mulberry Lane.

Mr. Mount outlined the Fire Prevention schedule for 2012. Beginning on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> all schools and day care centers will be visited. The Little Munchkins Daycare will also be included. Mr. Mount is once again asking for the cooperation of the emergency services. All of those participating can meet at the Township Building at 9:00 a.m.

Antioch Church is submitting plans to re-hab the building and the school which will include sprinklers throughout the entire school. They are also working on the parking lot.

660 Germantown Pike, the old IMS building has been entirely renovated on three floors. Two more will be finished in the near future. All four elevators are working with only two having fire service.

The PA Turnpike Trades Building on Gallagher Road is proceeding but the sprinkler system is still out of service.

The PA Maintenance Facility on Gallagher Road is going in and is approximately two months away to full occupancy.

Work is being completed at the Wendy's site and they are about one month from acquiring their use and occupancy permit.

Tee's Golf Center had a skate park which is now gone and is replaced by a soccer field.

Two houses on Ridge Pike and three on Diamond Avenue have been torn down in preparation for the Lafayette Street extension. The buildings were not structurally sound and therefore couldn't be used for training.

The Township is working with Montgomery Chemical in order to bring them into compliance with the building and fire code. This is moving forward slowly.

Ratoskey & Trainor are building three houses on Old Elm and Light Street, a single and two twin homes.

The addition on the back of the house at 626 Fulton Street which is structurally unsound will be demolished soon.

The Mercy Health Center is now in at the Mall. There is an MRI machine and precautions need to be kept in mind in the event of an emergency. There is access to the facility from both outside and inside the Mall.

## **Firefighter 1 and 2 Recognition**

Ms. Weiss mentioned that the last time the firefighters were recognized for completion of firefighter 1 and 2 was in April, 2010. She suggested that each fire company provide her with a list so that they be recognized at an upcoming Council Meeting.

## **Review Fireworks Ordinance**

Ms. Weiss stated that Plymouth Township Council has established a fee of \$250.00 for a permit for fireworks. Council asked that the Emergency Services Board review the ordinance. The Board discussed the purpose of a bond in light of the requirement to have liability insurance with the Township and it's agents and employees covered as additionally insured and whether it was necessary particularly if the fireworks were not to be held on Township property. The Board agreed to ask the Solicitor if it was necessary and whether the applicant could instead sign an agreement releasing the Township from liability.

## **Apparatus Discussion**

Plymouth Fire Company recently asked for a release of funds in the amount of \$640,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck which was approved by Council. Council is asking that in the future the two fire companies work together with their requests so that they are staggered and not made at the same time. Ms. Weiss recommended that this item be discussed when the fire companies attend their budget meeting with Council in October when all of the necessary personnel can be present for discussion.

## **Old Business**

The high band frequency radio channel 3 is not working. The radios need to be narrow band compliant by January 1, 2013.

A moment of silence was held for Police Officer Brad Fox who was recently killed in the line of duty. Lieutenant Mabry thanked all of the emergency services personnel who responded.

## **Audience Participation**

## **Next Meeting**

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary