

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of May 23, 2013

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
Jim Behr	President, Harmonville Fire Company
Kevin Lawrence	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Matt McCloskey	Deputy Chief, Harmonville Fire Company

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Thomas at 7:05 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 January 17, 2013 - Andy Mount made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2013, and was seconded by Kevin Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Plymouth Township Day - June 1, 2013 - Mr. Mount announced that Plymouth Township will hold Plymouth Township Day for the residents of the Greater Plymouth area on Saturday, June 1st at East Plymouth Valley Park from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Harmonville Fire Company and the Plymouth Community Ambulance will offer assistance at the event. Plymouth Fire Company is anticipated to do so as well.

b. Review Fireworks Ordinance - Andy Mount mentioned that the Board previously asked Council a question regarding the fireworks ordinance which was whether a private entity displaying fireworks on their property would need to post a \$1 million bond. The Board discussed and Ms. Weiss stated that she will ask the Township Solicitor.

c.Drill at CMCVTHS - Mr. Mount stated that a drill will be held at the Montgomery County Vocational Technical School on May 29th which will have a simulated explosion in the auto body shop in addition to a simulated student injury. The drill will take place while school is in session and a helicopter will also be present. A sign will be placed in the front of the school notifying people that it is indeed a drill. The County will also be notified.

D.WC Insurance/SWIF Form - Ms. Weiss handed out State Workers Insurance Fund Forms pertaining to Workers Compensation Insurance. The Board reviewed and discussed the forms. If there are any questions pertaining to the forms, Rebekah Berry, the Township Human Resource Manager may be contacted to discuss them.

Mr. Mount provided the following:

Old Business

A letter from Keystone Human Services notifying the Township that there is a person residing in our service area that would be in need of physical assistance if a fire occurred. The location of the person was provided by Mr. Mount.

Information from RT environmental Services, Inc. informing the Township that they submitted a final report to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding site specific issues at Conshohocken Rail, LLC which is located at 1060-1080 Conshohocken Road.

A letter from Edward H. Prout & Associates notifying the Township that they are generating some type of alternative fuel at L & S Demo Recycling, Inc.

Notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection identifying a leak at the Star Enterprise Service Station or Liberty Gas Station and the remediation process.

An online report of a fire at the Antioch Church. Mr. Mount offered a general reminder to the fire companies about not speaking to the media as to the cause of a particular fire.

A letter from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding Danella Construction Company. They have reviewed the Site Characterization Report regarding cleanup of contamination resulting from a release of a regulated substance at the facility. The report was not properly completed.

A letter was sent from the DEP to L & S Demo Recycling, Inc. They are initiating a new grinding and sorting operation and the DEP is granting approval as part of the plan.

Mr. Mount mentioned Plymouth Township Day again. He stated that the day could not run smoothly without the help of the Emergency Services and the Plymouth Community Ambulance and asked for their involvement once again this year. Mr. Mount asked that a representative be designated who will be the contact person for the event so that Andy may coordinate the activities with them. The PennStar Helicopter will once again be taking part.

A meeting will be held tomorrow pertaining to the pre-plan of the Turnpike Intersection and the Blue Route. The proposal is to construct a new service facility at Germantown Pike and Plymouth Road. The plan will be made available to the Emergency Services.

The County is planning to move its maintenance facility off of Ridge Pike to near the Montgomery County Fire Academy.

A new commercial building is in the process of being built at Cold Point Village. In addition, Phase II is beginning on the construction of additional townhomes.

Ms. Weiss stated that Brandywine is getting ready to break ground. The plan has not been recorded yet. No combustible material may be on site until the fire hydrants are installed. There will be seven buildings with a clubhouse.

Ms. Weiss mentioned that PECO is constructing a small building at its training facility opposite the Cracker Barrel. PECO will be submitting a land development.

Ms. Weiss stated that Bimbo Bakery is constructing a new driveway at the back of the property that will connect to the Trash to Steam Plant driveway and meet up with Academy Drive or Industrial Way and then exit onto Conshohocken Road.

The Township will be completing improvements to the intersection of Belvoir and Sandy Hill Roads in the near future.

Harmonville Fire Company

Kevin Lawrence asked about the licensing of drivers having insurance and getting trainees their license run through the Township before they become trainees. Ms. Weiss stated that the Township could do this and the fire company will send the list of drivers to the Township annually.

Mr. Lawrence asked what the Township's current procedure is in Jack Hoffman's absence in the event of structural issues. Ms. Weiss will look into this.

Mr. Lawrence mentioned that there was a kitchen fire recently off of Fairfield Road and JFK Park. There was an issue with the fire truck causing damage to a lawn. Mr. Lawrence asked whose responsibility it was to fix the damage. The Board discussed and agreed that most likely it would be covered through the homeowner's insurance however a procedure will be put in place regarding this.

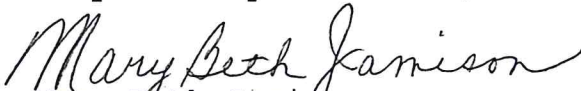
Mr. Lawrence asked about the process for getting the Public Works Department to salt the road for the Emergency Services if it was necessary. Ms. Weiss stated that the police would contact the Public Works Department to do so. Ms. Weiss will check to make sure the dispatchers have an updated list of who to call in the event of an emergency.

Next Meeting - The next Emergency Services Board Meeting will be held on September 19, 2013.

Audience Participation

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary