

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes of September 26, 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
Kevin Lawrence	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Matt McCloskey	Deputy Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Chuck Luthy	Assistant Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Mike Burton	President, Plymouth Fire Company
Mike Pascarella	Harmonville Fire Company
John Myrsiades	Deputy Chief of Police
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 May 23, 2013** - Mr. Mount made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2013, and was seconded by Mike Burton. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**a. Map Books** - Ms. Weiss stated that she is receipt of correspondence from Jim Behr pertaining to the following: Mr. Behr asked if the Township could look into budgeting funds to get Map books created for Emergency Services. In addition, Mr. Behr asked if the Board could discuss how the Township can help the Emergency Services with retention and recruitment which was one of the chapters that was previously discussed in the study. Mr. Behr mentioned that presently Harmonville Fire Company is incurring a cost to have photos produced of four members that will be on display with a story of each of them. Plymouth Fire, Police and Ambulance had done the same last year and now all will be on display at the Community Center.

The Board discussed various ways that they could implement the map books which would include property and hydrant locations which Plymouth Township currently does not have. Mentioned was the possibility of the Township creating a GIS Program or using the Montgomery County Vocational Technical School and their CAD Program.

The Board also discussed the possibility of implementing additional funding from the Township for recruitment and retention. Numerous possibilities were mentioned including the following: Movie theater advertisement, installation of a permanent sign at Station 2, advertisement on the Plymouth Meeting Mall and the Plymouth Square Shopping Center signs, school announcements, summer camps, career days for juniors and seniors in high school and tuition assistance.

Ms. Weiss suggested that the Emergency Services include the request for additional funding from the Township as part of their budget presentation.

**b.School Fire Drill Schedule** - Mr. Mount presented the 2013 School Fire Drill Schedule which includes the Storehouse Church, formally the Plymouth Valley Baptist Church, this year. Mr. Mount stated that he welcomes any and all assistance from the Emergency Services.

**d.Service and Devotion Monument Dedication - 11/9/13 at 2:00 p.m.** - Ms. Weiss mentioned that the Service and Devotion Monument Dedication Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 commencing at 2:00 p.m. The raindate will be on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who purchased a brick or paver will be receiving an invitation, however all are welcome to attend. Assistance will be needed from the Police and Fire Police for the event.

**e.HFC Siren at Station 1** - Ms. Weiss stated that the Township is in receipt of a complaint from a resident regarding the siren at Harmonville Fire Company, Station 1. According to the resident, the siren has become louder since the façade was refaced at the station. Mr. Pascarella stated that he did not think this was possible. Mr. Pascarella stated the importance of the siren as it is part of civil defense and it also alerts pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Germantown Pike when there is an emergency. Nothing has changed with the siren use and it is kept off in the evenings.



**f. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks at Sutcliffe Park** - The Board discussed what they consider to be dangerous issues related to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks at Sutcliffe Park. Besides having difficulty accessing the firehouse during this event, Plymouth Fire Company has had issues responding to these emergencies throughout the Colwell Lane corridor due to parking and crowds. Mike Burton suggested that Plymouth Township needs to discuss our issues with Conshohocken Borough due to the problem this event has generated affecting public safety in Plymouth Township.

### **Old Business**

Andy Mount distributed information pertaining to the following.

Any agencies that need to purchase radios immediately, either to replace units that no longer function or to meet a deadline to spend funding, must do so through the County in order to secure the discount negotiated as part of the contract with Motorola Solutions. The County will provide municipalities an interest-free financing package to purchase new radios for first time purchases only.

A notice from the Montgomery County State Workers' Insurance Fund regarding cases of work-related injuries.

A letter from the Delaware Technical Community College's Fire Protection Engineering Technology Program. The program is designed to prepare students to help fires from occurring and to minimize risk and loss of life. Delaware Technical Fire protection engineering technology is one of the few engineering technology programs in the country, that deals with fire protection.

Street address assignments were provided.

A notice from the Pennsylvania Department of environmental Protection pertaining to a request for an extension of the submission deadline for the Post-Remedial Care Plan (PRCP) for the former BP Service Station located at 101 Ridge Pike.

A notice of violation from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to L & S Demo Recycling, Inc. located at 884 Brook Road.

The PA Land Recycling and environmental Remediation Standards Act (Act 2) requires that a Notice of Intent to Remediate (NIR) be provided to the municipality in which the site is located. The Township is being formally notified that remediation is being completed at the Tony Riegel site located at 624 Erlen Road.

A notice from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding a Technical Deficiency Letter-General Permit Registration for L & S Demo Recycling Facility.

Kevin Thomas mentioned that the Ford Dealership is no longer making diesels which is causing major problems for the ambulance communities, purchasing ambulances.

**Next Meeting** - The next Emergency Services Board Meeting will be held on November 21, 2013.

**Audience Participation**

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary