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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of January 23, 2014

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
David Luthy	Lieutenant, Plymouth Fire Company
Marty Rafter	Captain, Plymouth Fire Company
Mike Pascarella	Harmonville Fire Company
Ray Stocchi	President, Plymouth Fire Company
John Myrsiades	Deputy Chief of Police

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 September 26, 2013

Mr. Mount made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting with one correction noted as follows. Mike Pascarella is not the President of Harmonville Fire Company. The error will be corrected in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kevin Thomas and passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Reorganization

Ms. Weiss asked for nominations for Chairman for 2014. Mr. Mount nominated Kevin Thomas and was seconded by Ms. Weiss. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thomas asked for nominations for Vice-Chair and Mr. Mount was nominated and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thomas asked for a nomination for Secretary. Ms. Weiss was nominated and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Contact Information

Ms. Weiss distributed contact information for the board members. She asked if there are any changes that she be notified.

c. PPACA

Ms. Weiss stated that there had been previous discussion by the Boards as to whether volunteer fire fighters who put in thirty hours or more per week need to be covered under the PPACA and if not, if there would be a penalty. Ms. Weiss has spoken with an attorney from DVHIT who advised that the fire fighters are volunteers not employees, therefore there are no fines involved.

d. Apparatus

Ms. Weiss mentioned that Council Chairman Sheldon Simpson met with the fire companies regarding the tremendous cost of apparatus for the fire companies and there are two issues. The Township would like to be co-owners of the apparatus in the event that the fire companies went out of business. The Township would also like the fire companies to consider blending the list of the apparatus that is needed, even considering looking at other communities to see what they own so there is no duplication.

e. Training On Fuel Pumps

Ms. Weiss advised that there are going to be improvements to the fueling station in the back of the Township Building. Anyone who gets gas there is going to need to obtain Class C training on fuel pumps.

Kevin Thomas mentioned that he recently attended a class pertaining to active shooter training, and how to interact with police, etc. Mr. Thomas is looking into scheduling an additional class and will forward the information to post at the fire stations.

Old Business

Aqua, PA will be installing a water main on Belvoir Road between Park Drive and Greenview Court around August 10th. The work is scheduled to be completed in October.

Keystone-Structural Engineer

Ms. Weiss mentioned that if there are any structural accidents at night that someone from Keystone Municipal Services will respond and a Structural Engineer is on call at any time. Ms. Weiss will provide their phone numbers.

Andy Mount distributed information pertaining to the following.

Toll Brothers is going to be constructing a total of eight buildings in the area that used to be an open field between the Turnpike and Plymouth Road and Butler Pike. There will be seven apartment buildings, four and five stories high and one clubhouse. The name being proposed is Parc at Plymouth Meeting. There is some concern that the name is close to Plymouth Park Apartments and that there may be some confusion during a 911 call. This could create a problem and a delay in responding. The board suggested that they express their concerns in writing to Toll Brothers from a public safety standpoint. In addition, they may need to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement stating that they are aware of the situation. It was also suggested that the address number 134 be installed on the Parc at Plymouth Meeting sign.

Pennsylvania Hazardous Emergency Planning and Response Act Tier II Chemical Inventory Invoice.

Keystone Human Services is currently providing services to the residents of 102 W. North Lane, Apt A-3, Conshohocken. The home is staffed 24 hours a day to support the residents. Part of this support is a fire evacuation plan and monthly practice of this plan, and general fire safety education.

A notice from EarthRes Engineering and Science stating that L & S Demolition Recycling, Inc. is accepting additional materials at the site, mostly wood and other similar material to be used as fuels.

Notices from the Department of Environmental Protection.

435 Germantown Pike, the old Lukoil Gas Station across from the Mall will be constructing a Duncan Donuts with a drive-thru.

512 Township Line Road - Valley Square has changed ownership and there is now a new management company. Mr. Mount will provide information on after hours phone numbers and contact names. The Knox boxes are all inside the buildings and are located at different locations. Mr. Mount has requested that the boxes be relocated to the outside and new ones will be purchased.

A question was asked as to whether the police can contact the Public Works Department to plow a particular road for the emergency services in an emergency. Ms. Weiss stated that she will talk to Chris Loschiavo, the Township Public Works Director regarding this but that she did not see this being a problem.

Mr. Pascarella mentioned that he was upset that Paul Petrecz's name was not mentioned at the Memorial.

Plymouth Ambulance will be receiving four new ambulances in the beginning of March with two additional ones in September.

Deputy Police Chief John Myrsiades mentioned that during the recent snowstorm that the door was left open at the Bank of America located at 420 Plymouth Road when the bank was closed. The police department was trying to access the Knox box but the lock was changed and the key was not updated.

Uncle Julio's Restaurant is having a soft opening tonight and tomorrow evening.

Next Meeting - The next Emergency Services Board Meeting will be held on March, 20, 2014.

Audience Participation

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary
