

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes of September 18, 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
Kevin Lawrence	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
John Myrsiades	Deputy Chief of Police
Jim Behr	Harmonville Fire Company
Ray Stocchi	President Plymouth Fire Company
Mike Gehman	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Mike Pascarella	President, 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.

Mr. Thomas asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of John Bender from Harmonville Fire Company.

**Public Comment**

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

**Approval of Minutes March 20, 2014**

Kevin Thomas made a motion to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes. Mike Gehman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**a. School Fire Drill Schedule**

Ms. Weiss asked that the emergency services advise the Fire Marshal, Andy Mount of their availability for the Plymouth Township 2014 Fire Prevention Week Schedule.

Ms. Weiss distributed packets of information pertaining to the following:

The property located at 301 Jefferson Street is now occupied by five individuals with developmental disabilities.

New Street Address Assignments for the following: 1406, 1408 and 1410 Colwell Lane, 1010 Conshohocken Road - Norris Sales, Cold Point Village Townhomes, and 1332 Colwell Lane.

Mr. Lawrence asked if new street address assignments could be emailed to Harmonville Fire Company. Deputy Chief Myrsiades stated that he will make sure that this is provided.

A notice of violation from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection was issued to Conshohocken Rail located at 1060 Conshohocken Road.

Notices of violation were also issued to EVB Service Center, Inc. - 1608 Butler Pike, and L & S Recycling, Inc.

### **b. Construction Update**

The Arugula Restaurant at Cold Point Village has opened.

Tru-Mark Financial at the Plymouth Square Shopping Center has opened.

There are plans to demolish the building located at 4 Valley Square and to construct a parking lot.

Carammenico Funeral Home will be going in on Walton Road.

There are plans for a Drive Time dealership on Ridge Pike.

Developer Tom Jones would like to develop three lots on Riverview Road.

The plans for the Driscoll Tract have not been received yet for land development. This will include seventy-eight new homes.

The Houlihan's Restaurant on Germantown Pike has closed.

AMC has received approval for the installation of a bar inside the movie theater.

Korman presented a plan to Council for the old IKEA office site. It is called AVE and it is geared for business people and those in transition. It offers a minimum stay of thirty days to a maximum of one year. The plan called for two hundred and sixty-eight units. Council has not acted on this proposal yet.

The house and cottage located at Harriet Wetherill Park have been demolished. There are plans to build a bridge, a parking lot and more trails. The barn will eventually be converted to a nature center.

### **c. Apparatus-Joint List for Council**

Ms. Weiss reminded the fire companies that Township Council is looking for a joint apparatus list. It should include which company, the replacement year and estimated cost. Mr. Creelman, the Finance Director will be contacting the fire companies to schedule their budget presentations to Council.

#### **d. Recruitment**

Kevin Thomas stated that recruitment for Plymouth Ambulance is growing and that they currently have thirty volunteers.

#### **Old Business**

##### **a. Map Books**

Mr. Lawrence stated that Harmonville Fire Company still needs the map books. Mr. Lawrence advised that he needed a street map of the Township which was provided by Ms. Weiss. Mr. Mount had previously stated that he was looking into an outside company to provide the map books. Ms. Weiss will check with Mr. Mount regarding this matter.

##### **b. Truck Ownership**

Ms. Weiss asked what would happen with ownership of the trucks for the fire companies in the event that they were to dissolve. Mr. Lawrence stated that it is written in the by-laws of the fire company. Plymouth Fire Company believes that their 501C status would prevent them from giving assets to the Township. Tom Speers, the Township Solicitor will look into this.

##### **c. Incident Reporting**

Nothing has changed with either fire company in regards to incident reporting. The Township will continue to look into helping both companies with their firehouse software.

##### **d. Training Requirements**

The Board discussed and agreed to review the training requirements to see if they are still warranted. These will be emailed to the board for their review.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Bruno mentioned that Lower Merion and Norristown Fire Companies have signed a mutual aid agreement.

Plymouth Housing will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Jim Behr mentioned that there is a problem with the light at the intersection of Germantown Road and Butler Pike. This needs to be looked at.

Ms. Weiss advised that the lead arrow at Germantown Pike and Walton Road does not always give a lead arrow.

The construction work that was done for the day on Butler Pike left some roads barricaded after the work was completed. Ms. Weiss stated that PennDOT approved the plan and that they were installing sanitary sewer for the apartment complex.

Plymouth Ambulance is having a 5K run on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Norristown Farm Park. The run will benefit cancer research and will be held from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m.

There is an update regarding the Township's snow removal. When plowing, the Public Works Department will split their shifts. There will always be a crew available to answer calls for plowing in the event of an emergency.


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

**Audience Participation**

None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary