

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of March 16, 2017

The Plymouth Township Emergency Services Board held its meeting at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building. Board members present were:

Kevin Thomas	Plymouth Community Ambulance
Andy Mount	Fire Marshal and Vice-Chairman
John Myrsiades	Deputy Police Chief
Mike Burton	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Ray Stocchi	President, Plymouth Fire Company/Chairman
Matt McCloskey	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Mike McGuigan	President, Harmonville Fire Company
Charles Luthy	Deputy Chief, Plymouth Fire Company (Alternate for Chief Mike Burton)
Mitch Kijak	Battalion Chief, Plymouth Fire Company

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Stocchi 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: January 19, 2017 - Mike Burton made a motion to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes and was seconded by Kevin Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Construction Update

Andy Mount presented the construction update as follows:

Active Projects

3025 Walton Road - New 9,000 square foot daycare facility with a potential occupant load of 290. The building is mixed construction (combustible/non-combustible), and fully sprinklered.

500 Germantown Pike (Plymouth Meeting Mall - Legoland - 30,000 square foot assembly use, 1,200 occupant indoor amusement venue located on the lower level of the Mall in the space formerly used at the Food Court (plus 3 other tenant spaces). Opening scheduled for late March or early April, 2017. Portions of the space are classified "Special Amusement Building". Entire space covered by emergency voice/alarm communications as an extension of the Mall EVACS.

510 Township Line Road - Office Building - Substantial core and façade alterations and renovations to the two-story, multi-tenant office building. Owner recently submitted documents for a 15,000 square foot tenant fit-out for Rothman Institute.

1105 Conshohocken - Covanta - Expansion - One story, 5,000 square foot high building expansion for extraction of recyclable metals from ash stream. Building is un-heated, has multiple equipment platforms and material handling conveyors. Building is fully sprinkler protected with a pre-action system.

1300 Ridge Pike - Super WAWA - New convenience store with 20 position self-service fuel facility. Completion estimated for second quarter 2017.

2400 Butler Pike - CVS Pharmacy - Construction is well underway on a one story mercantile building. Completion is estimated for second quarter 2017.

625 Ridge Pike (Conshohocken Ridge Corporate Center), Building B- VSEC Blue Pearl - 8,500 square foot tenant fit-out for an emergency service veterinary clinic. Specialty items include on-site advanced diagnostic equipment, medical gases, and roof-mounted standby generator. Construction completion for mid-2017.

Upcoming Projects

Ridge Park & Plymouth Elementary Schools - Additions & Alterations - Classroom expansions and HVAC upgrades to both schools. Installation of fire sprinkler systems throughout both schools will accompany the work. Construction is anticipated to begin second quarter 2017.

518 Township Line Road - Major alterations - Substantial core and façade alterations and renovations to a three story, 126,000 square foot multi-tenant office building. An "informal" plan review was performed. Awaiting formal plan submission.

Mr. Mount distributed a notice from the Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to a "Site Characterization Report" for the storage tank facility known as the Sunoco Station at 100 West Ridge Pike.

Mr. Mount stated that the Department of Environmental Protection received notification of a reportable release of a regulated substance at ISG Plate, located at 900 Conshohocken Road.

Mr. Mount advised that the Macy's store on Germantown Pike at the Plymouth Meeting Mall may be turned into a lot of different tenant spaces as opposed to one major retailer.

b. New Radios Update

Deputy Chief Myrsiades stated there is no new update pertaining to receiving the new radios that have been ordered.

b. Apparatus Liens

This is an ongoing issue regarding the apparatus liens for the fire companies. Discussion on this was tabled this evening since the Township Manager and a Council member were not present.

d. Incident Reporting

Mr. Mount stated that he has not heard from either fire company regarding using the Cloud software for incident reporting. Previously there was a question on the procedure for entering reports. A meeting will be scheduled pertaining to this matter by next Friday.

e. Police Department Update

This will be discussed under the Emergency Operations Plan.

f. Harmonville Fire Company Update

Michael McGuigan announced that Jack Phipps, former Chief of Harmonville Fire Company passed away on Monday evening. He thanked those who reached out to the fire company.

g. Plymouth Fire Company Update

Plymouth Fire Company has applied for a grant through Pennsylvania American Water Company and it was accepted. The grant is up to \$1,000. This will be used for replacing a gas meter.

h. Plymouth Ambulance Update

None.

i. Mutual Aid Ideas

The Board is continuing to look into Mutual Aid and how this works when Plymouth Township assists other Townships with emergency services calls. Currently there is no mechanism in place for financial compensation to the Township for use of its vehicles. Manpower is the issue regarding Mutual Aid. The Board will continue to look into ideas for this.

j. Emergency Operations Plan

Deputy Chief Myrsiades explained that there is an Emergency Operations Plan in the Township that comes from the Fire Marshal's office. Deputy Chief Myrsiades and Mr. Mount review this plan. There are currently deficiencies that need to be addressed before a disaster occurs in the Township. Training is needed and assignments need to be made as to who is responsible for certain things.

The Township needs to be self-sufficient during an emergency situation.

Deputy Chief Myrsiades stated that there is a need to get together as a group in order to discuss this. He informed the Board that he will speak to the Township Manager regarding the matter.

Mr. Mount will provide copies of the plan to the Board.

k. Miscellaneous

The Township will check with the Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust to see if their paid employees can be covered. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

Mitch Kijak stated that residents are asking about the Township's Fire Service Fee and what it is used for and what the fire companies receive from it. Mr. Kijak advised that only a portion of the fire service fee goes toward the fire companies operating budget and that they still rely on support from the community. He suggested that the Township and the fire companies come together to answer these questions with an informative answer. Mr. Kijak recommended that information regarding the fee be put in the Township newsletter or on its website. The board could ask the Township Manager how to best address this.

f. Old Business

None.

a. GIS Mapping

Mr. Mount asked if the Board members got the maps that were requested at the meeting last month. The Board did receive the maps.

Next Meeting - May 18, 2017

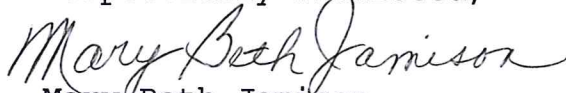
The next meeting of the board will take place on May 18, 2017.

Audience Participation

None

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary