

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of January 17, 2019

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

Andy Mount	Fire Marshal and Vice-Chairman
Kevin Thomas	Plymouth Community Ambulance
Mike McGuigan	President, Harmonville Fire Company
Karen Weiss	Township Manager and Board Secretary
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
John Myrsiades	Deputy Chief of Police
Mitch Kijak	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Adam Heffelfinger	President, Plymouth Fire Company

Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

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

Reorganization

Ms. Weiss asked for nominations for Chairman. John Hoffman nominated Mike McGuigan. Ms. Weiss asked if there were additional nominations and there were none. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McGuigan asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Thomas nominated Andy Mount. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McGuigan asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Mount nominated Ms. Weiss. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2018

The November 29, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved on the motion made by John Hoffman and seconded by Andy Mount.

New Business

a. Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Mount stated that he held training pertaining to the Emergency Operations Plan at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Some employees have taken the NIMS, one and two series. A drill will be held with the emergency services in March in the Police roll call room with equipment. In addition, Detective Dave Phillips will complete active shooter training with both fire companies.

Deputy Chief Myrsiades asked the emergency services for ideas that they may want to see implemented in the training in March. He also mentioned that rather than assigning one person for a particular assignment in an emergency, a book will be provided showing what will be needed in a certain situation. People may need to be moved based on the emergency. The plan needs to remain flexible. There are checklists for each position outlined in the plan.

The plan itself is a public document. The resource manual which contains the names and phone numbers for positions are not. This needs to be secured. Staff and Mr. Mount will need to be aware of where the manual will be located.

b.Apparatus Liens

Ms. Weiss stated that the fire companies have signed the agreement pertaining to apparatus liens. Now the companies will have Plymouth Township added as a lien holder on each title. The titles will then be given to the Township for safekeeping in the vault.

c.Pay Per Call Resolution

Ms. Weiss advised that Township Council approved the Pay Per Call Resolution at its Regular Meeting on January 14th. The fire companies will maintain a record of calls from November 1st through October 31st. This will be submitted to the Township on an annual basis. The list will be provided to Tim Creelman, the Finance Director in November. The payment which will be up to \$30,000 annually will be given to the fire companies in December. This will be one lump sum which the fire companies will distribute to volunteers who meet the "active" status.

The spreadsheets for this for Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies will be identical.

d.Construction Update

Andy Mount provided the construction update as follows:

Active Projects

215 Plymouth Road - (Arbour Square) - New four story, 210 unit mixed use facility (primarily 1-1 and 1-2, with A-1, A-2, B, and M). The proposed facility is to be constructed with non-combustible, fire-rated floor construction, fire-retardant treated roof construction, and protected with a full coverage NFPA 13 fire sprinkler system and standpipes. The structure is to be divided into two (2) "buildings" by a 3 HR fire wall, and both buildings further compartmented with "smoke compartments" to provide for occupant relocation (shelter in-place) in lieu of evacuation, as appropriate. Sitework and building construction are underway, and completion is expected in 2020. A hydrant is located on Corsons Lane.

101 Lee Drive - (Woodspring Suites) - Four story, 120 room hotel *PADEP Soil Management Plan*. New construction of a light-framed (fire-rated combustibile + partially combustibile façade) hotel. Structure is to be pile-supported, and will be protected with a 13R sprinkler system including the attic. Construction is underway, and completion is anticipated in 2019.

500 Germantown Pike - Plymouth Meeting Mall - Conversion of Macy's for multi-tenant use, while maintaining the classification as an anchor store. Also included are new fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems, including one standpipe and stair access to the third floor level. Core and shell construction continues, and tenant improvement plans (Burlington, Dick's, and Michael's) have been submitted. Additional tenant improvement plans (Miller's Ale House, Edge Fitness, plus two others) are expected. Completion is expected in 2019. Significant portions of the building perimeter and lower parking lot remain fence-enclosed.

Plymouthtowne Apartments Expansion - Seven new two story apartment buildings with ten units per building and a one story, 1400 square foot leasing office are proposed along Fairfield Road. The light-framed (combustibile) apartment buildings will be protected with NFPA 13R sprinkler systems. Building construction is progressing on four apartment buildings and the leasing office.

Upcoming Projects

The 4000 Chemical Road (Metroplex - office area) and Plymouth Woods Office Complex projects are on indefinite hold. They will be placed back on the list when appropriate.

300 Lee Drive - (Holiday Inn Express) - Four story, 107 room hotel. New construction of a light-framed (combustibile + combustibile façade) hotel. The hotel will be comprised of 17,000 square feet on the first floor, and 15,000 square feet on each upper floor. Project is still in Land Development review.

201 Plymouth Road - (Marriot Residence Inn) - New construction of a five story hotel immediately adjacent to Plymouth Creek (next to the "cavern" in the stream). Project is in Land Development review.

1203 East Ridge Pike - Carfagno Chevrolet (Fire reconstruction) - Demolition and reconstruction of approximately 3,500 square feet of one story automobile repair area within an existing one and two story (29,000 square foot total) automobile sales and service dealership.

Ms. Weiss stated that Council held a hearing pertaining to Sage Living on January 14th. Council approved a text amendment to the Township's Zoning Code that will allow elderly housing/assisted living in the "Shopping Center" Zoning District. The Mack Cali building which is a ten story building will be converted into an independent and assisted living facility with a memory care unit. Sage Living will be submitting a Land Development plan to the Township.

Ms. Weiss advised that Council also heard a presentation by PREIT to add apartments on the old IKEA office building site. It contains four acres. Additional acreage is needed towards the Whole Foods Store. Council has not acted on this yet.

Another upcoming project that Ms. Weiss mentioned is the construction of the new Colonial Middle School. The old school will be demolished when the new school opens. Additional ballfields and parking will be created where the old school was situated.

An access road is being constructed from New Hope Street. The exact location has yet to be determined. The new road will be used by buses only, instead of Belvoir Road.

e. Police Department Update

Deputy Chief Myrsiades asked if the emergency services were having any issues with obtaining or using their new radios. There are still issues that need to be resolved with the Motorola radios. The emergency services are not on the new system with the radios yet. They are however able to use them.

f. Harmonville Fire Company Update

Harmonville Fire Company will be going to Pierce Manufacturing Company from January 30th until February 2nd for an engineering meeting for their new rescue truck.

Mr. Hoffman asked Ms. Weiss for a status update regarding the Butler Pike road closure. He stated that there were two fire incidents in the last month where a delay in responding was caused by the road closure. Approximately four to five minutes was added to the response time for one of the fire locations. This could have resulted in a fatality.

Ms. Weiss stated that she recently learned that the County hired a geo-technical consultant to investigate the scope of the work for the sinkhole. To date, no work has begun to fix the problem. The closure has been for five months so far. The Township can't fix the sinkhole since we are not responsible for the maintenance of it.

Ms. Weiss advised that she will contact the County Commissioners office regarding the sinkhole. It needs to be brought to their attention. The Commissioners meet twice a month and there is an opportunity for open discussion.

g. Plymouth Fire Company Update

Mr. Kijak stated that Plymouth Fire Company will be receiving their new squirt which will be in service in early February.

The fire company has recently elected their new president, Adam Heffelfinger.

Both fire companies completed Santa runs in the Township. The fire companies received good feedback that the community loved it.

h. Plymouth Ambulance Update

Plymouth Ambulance held a Toy Run to Bryn Mawr and St. Christopher's Hospitals. The event has been growing every year. This year twenty-five trucks were used with about four hundred people helping. Next year will be the tenth year that Plymouth Ambulance has been supporting this cause.

Plymouth Ambulance has received their two new ambulances.

The ambulance continues to remain extremely busy.

i. Miscellaneous

Ms. Weiss provided a sheet with names, addresses, and phone numbers for the fire companies and Plymouth Ambulance. She asked that these be reviewed with any necessary changes made.

Mr. Mount stated that from this point on, Plymouth Park will be using electric power saws. In addition, they will have a trailer mounted generator in the parking lot.

Ms. Weiss mentioned that Jim Wallace, the Code Enforcement Director had to declare the property located at 1328 Colwell Lane as uninhabitable. It is a hoarder house and it is currently vacant. The home belongs to two elderly residents who are both currently in the hospital.

Mr. Mount advised that Social Services will not release an elderly person from the hospital to a home that is not habitable.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting - March 21, 2019

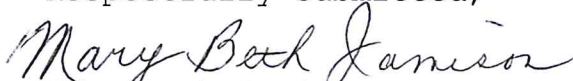
The next meeting of the board will take place on March 21, 2019 in the Police roll call room.

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