

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of May 16, 2019

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

Andy Mount	Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator and Vice-Chairman
Mike Matusheski	New Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator
John Myrsiades	Deputy Chief of Police
Mike McGuigan	President, Harmonville Fire Company
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Kevin Bowe	President/EVB Towing Company
Mitch Kijak	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Adam Heffelfinger	President, Plymouth Fire Company
Kevin Thomas	Plymouth Community Ambulance
Annalisa Primus	Recording Secretary

Members who were not present were Karen Weiss and Lenore Bruno.

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

2) **Public Comment**

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

3) **Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2019**

Mr. Mount addressed that on page four, paragraph two, of the March 21st minutes facility should be vicinity, 'Aqua PA will be making improvements in that general vicinity.'

The March 21, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved, motion made by Mr. Heffelfinger and seconded by Deputy Chief Myrsiades.

4) **New Business**

New member, Mr. Matusheski was unanimously voted in, motion made by Mr. Mount and was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Heffelfinger was nominated for Vice Chair, motion made by Mr. Kijak and was seconded by Mr. Mount.

a. Plymouth Township Day- June 1st- 11:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Matusheski stated he'd like to do an activity where they give out cards to the children to get signed off from the fire companies and police department. Once their card is all filled out they get entered into a drawing for a gift card. Mr. Matusheski is going to try and get a smokehouse from Norristown Fire Department.

b. Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Mount stated that there are some employees in Finance who still need to do training for orientation. Also, he mentioned issues connecting to Wi-Fi, the last meeting members weren't able to sign in. Mr. Mount said there's two addresses, secure or guest, and asked who was trying to sign into which address. Mr. Mount also mentioned that members stated they had new phone numbers and were missing some contacts. Mr. Mount indicated to let him or Mr. Matusheski know so they can update it.

Mr. Matusheski stated that Sgt. Wagner is proceeding with his training as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and will sit down with him to go over the Emergency Plan.

Mr. Mount stated that Mr. Matusheski has been appointed by the Commonwealth as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township.

c. Apparatus Liens Update - Titles to Township

Harmonville- Mr. McGuigan stated that they still cannot get into their safe for some of the titles to the vehicles. Mr. McGuigan stated he will contact a locksmith and continue to work on this matter.

Plymouth- Mr. Kijak stated that he will work on this. Mr. Heffelfinger stated that the new Squirt is already updated.

d. Construction Update

Mike Matusheski provided the construction update as follows:

Active Projects:

1. 215 Plymouth Road (Arbour Square) - New 4 story, 210 unit mixed use facility (primarily I-1 and I-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. Site work and building superstructure construction is progressing (est. 10% complete), and completion is expected in 2020.

2. 101 Lee Drive (Woodspring Suites) - 4 story, 120 room hotel ***PADEP Soil Management Plan*** New construction of a light-framed (fire-rated **combustible** + partially combustible façade) hotel. Structure is to be pile-supported, and will be protected with a 13R sprinkler system (including the attic). Substructure construction is underway, and completion is anticipated in 2019.
3. 500 Germantown Pike- Plymouth Meeting Mall (Macy's adaptive reuse) Conversion of Macy's (Mall anchor store) 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/roof level. Core and shell construction continues, and tenant improvement plans for Burlington Coat Factory, Dick's Sporting Goods, Michael's Craft Store and Miller's Ale House have been approved. Tenant improvement plans for Edge Fitness are under review. Two other tenant spaces are expected. Completion is expected in 2019 for the majority of the building. Significant portions of the building perimeter and lower parking lot remain fence-enclosed.
4. Plymouhtowne Apartments Expansion- Seven (7) new two story apartment buildings with ten (10) units per building and a one story, 1400 SF leasing office are proposed along Fairfield Road. The light-framed (combustible) apartment buildings will be protected with NFPA 13R sprinkler systems. Building construction is progressing on all apartment buildings, and the Leasing Office is complete.
5. 1203 East Ridge Pike - Carfagno Chevrolet (Fire reconstruction) - Demolition and reconstruction of approximately 3500 SF of one story automobile repair area within an existing one and two story (29,000 SF total) automobile sales and service dealership. Demolition is underway. Plans for phased repairs and reconstruction are in preparation.

The building is to be retrofitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

Upcoming Projects

1. 300 Lee Drive (Holiday Inn Express) 4 story, 107 room hotel- New construction of a light-framed (**combustible** + combustibile façade) hotel. The hotel will be comprised of 17,000 SF on the first floor, and 15,000 SF on each upper floor. Building plans are under review.
2. 1113 Ridge Pike (Bimbo Bakeries) 71,000 SF Distribution Facility- Subdivision and land development for a new distribution facility on the current Bimbo Bakeries site. The facility will take access from Academy drive. Building plans are under review.

e. Police Department Update

Deputy Chief John Myrsiades gave an update on Detective Moretti. He is doing well and will be out for at least 6 months. Deputy Chief Myrsiades also stated that Conshohocken will be doing an Emergency Management Drill on June 22nd. Deputy Chief Myrsiades suggested it would be a good idea to attend.

Mr. Kijak stated that they have reached out to Plymouth Fire Company.

Mr. Matusheski addressed that there will be several helicopters hovering over the area, and just to be aware in-case the departments receive phone calls.

Mr. Kijak asked about Chief Lawrence's last ride in. Plymouth Fire Company will be doing a ladder arch by the Middle School. Deputy Myrsiades stated to be at the station by 9:00 a.m., and will be leaving Chief Lawrence's house by 8:00 a.m.

f. Harmonville Fire Company Update

Mr. Hoffman stated that they will have a new rescue truck by late August, early September, for final inspection. He also stated their current rescue truck is for sale by Fire Line Equipment, which is a broker.

g. Plymouth Fire Company Update

Mr. Kijak mentioned that Lower Providence Fire Department is having a fair in which Plymouth Fire Company will be providing coverage.

h. Plymouth Ambulance Update

None

i. Miscellaneous

None

Old Business

None

Next Meeting - July 18, 2019

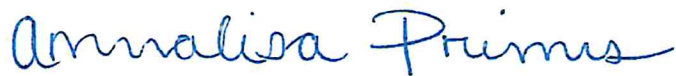
The next meeting of the board will take place on July 18, 2019.

Audience Participation

None

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary