

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of September 19, 2019

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

Mike Matusheski	Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator
Lt. Douglas Copestick	Plymouth Police Department
Kevin Lawrence	Safety Officer Harmonville Fire Company
Kevin Bowe	President/EVB Towing Company
Mitch Kijak	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Adam Heffelfinger	President, Plymouth Fire Company and Vice- Chairman
Kevin Thomas	Plymouth Community Ambulance
Annalisa Primus	Recording Secretary

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: July 18, 2019

The July 18, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved, motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

4) New Business-

a. Deputy Fire Marshals- Christopher Heleniak and Michael Sturm-

Mr. Matusheski stated two new Deputy Fire Marshals were sworn in at the last regular meeting, Christopher Heleniak and Michael Sturm. Mr. Matusheski and Mr. Wallace both will be shadowing Mr. Heleniak and Mr. Sturm. Mr. Matusheski stated both are coming along in their Fire Inspector 1 Course.

b. Fire Prevention Week- Mr. Matusheski stated the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is 'Not Every Hero Wears a Cape.' Mr. Matusheski stated he will need to revise the schedule for this year. Also, he mentioned Colonial Fire Prevention Day which Mr. Kijak stated will be in Conshohocken on October 9th at Fayette Street.

c. Emergency Operations Plan- Mr. Matusheski spoke with Lt. Wagner about the testing of WIFI and there has been more WIFI points added in the Township building.

d. Apparatus Liens Update- Titles to Township

• **Plymouth-** Mr. Heffelfinger stated they have complied Plymouth's apparatus liens and are ready to ship them to the appropriate location.

e. Construction Update- provided the construction update as follows:

Active Projects:

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. 30% complete), and completion is expected in 2020.

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). Completion is anticipated in November, 2019.

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 is essentially complete. Burlington Coat Factory, Dick's Sporting Goods*, Michael's Craft Store and Miller's Ale House tenant improvements are also complete. Tenant improvements for Edge Fitness and Roll by Goodyear are in progress. One other tenant space is expected. Completion is expected in 2019 for the majority of the building. *Dick's Sporting Goods has 15 second delayed egress locks on six (6) egress doors in four locations. The alarm/delay sequence is set to begin within 1 second of contact per the 2009 IBC. There should be no alteration/extension of this time permitted.

Mr. Matusheski stated Miller Ale House will be re-doing their knock box since it is 6 to 7 ft. high.

Mr. Heffelfinger asked if the Dick's Sporting Goods on Chemical Road will be closing; in case of an emergency that will lead to some confusion with both locations. Lt. Copestick stated yes, the Dick's Sporting Goods on Chemical road will be closing.

Plymouthtowne 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 remaining apartment buildings. Three apartment buildings and the Leasing Office are complete.

Mr. Matusheski stated another gate on Sandy Hill Road will be placed there, however it is not put into place yet.

1230 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. Construction is underway on the reconstruction (Phase 2). The building is to be retrofitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

Upcoming Projects:

300 Lee Drive (Holiday Inn Express)

4 story, 107 room hotel. New construction of a light-framed (**combustible** + combustible façade) hotel. The hotel will be comprised of 17,000 SF on the first floor, and 15,000 SF on each upper floor. This project has been placed on hold, and will be removed from the list pending action by the applicant.

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.

716 Belvoir Road (Colonial Middle School)

3 Story, 232,000 SF School Building Construction of a new middle school on the same lot as the existing building. The existing building will be demolished upon completion of the new facility. The proposed building will include a 700+ seat auditorium, gymnasium with bleacher seating, and full kitchen/cafeteria. The entire building will be protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system as well as standpipes on the stage and in stair towers. Plans are under informal review. Formal plan submission is expected in September 2019. Site construction is expected to begin during the 4th quarter of 2019.

Plymouth Valley Estates

70+ single family home subdivision. Residential subdivision of Driscoll Tract bounded by Plymouth Road, Johnson Road, North Gravers Road and Plymouth Ridge Office Park. Project site work is underway, and house plan submissions are either 4th quarter 2019 or spring of 2020.

100 Lee Drive (SAFStor Self-Storage Facility)

3 Story, 105,000 SF Self-storage Building. Construction of a new three story, 800 unit self-storage facility on a vacant 6 Ac tract on the south side of Lee Drive. The indicated total floor area is approximately 105,000 SF, and the overall building height is indicated to be 42 FT. The project is currently in Land Development review.

f. Police Department Update- Lt. Copestick stated the testing for a new Police Officer is Friday, September 20th at Colonial Middle School. They received 502 applicants.

g. Harmonville Fire Company Update- Mr. Lawrence stated they will be inspecting the new rescue truck next weekend.

h. Plymouth Fire Company Update- Mr. Kijak stated there are a couple Fire Expo's that will be coming up next month. Also, he mentioned the fatal crash that took place Thursday, September 12. Mr. Kijak reached out to his members to see if they needed anything. Mr. Thomas stated it would be a good idea to see if the Police Officers on scene are handling things okay.

i. Plymouth Ambulance Update- None

j. Fire Police Expenses- Fire Company v. Police Dept. - Mr. Heffelfinger stated he was not sure what this item entailed and was going to speak with Ms. Weiss about it.

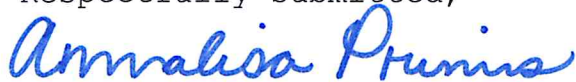
5) Old Business- None

6) Next Meeting - November 21, 2019- The next meeting of the board will take place on November 21, 2019.

7) Audience Participation- Mr. Bowe stated if any of the departments need help with EXPO's coming up just let him know.

8) Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary