

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of November 19, 2020

The Plymouth Township Emergency Services Board held its meeting via Zoom. Board members and others present were:

Mike Matusheski	Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator
Mike McGuigan	President, Harmonville Fire Company and Chairman
Sgt. Chris Schwartz	Plymouth Police Department
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Mitch Kijak	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Thomas Trojansky	Chief of Operations, Plymouth Ambulance
Karen Weiss	Recording Secretary
Karen Bramblett	Plymouth Township Council

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

2) **Public Comment**- None

3) **Approval of Minutes- September 17, 2020** - The September 17, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved, motion was made by Mr. Matusheski and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett.

4) **New Business:**

a. **COVID- 19 Pandemic**- Mr. Matusheski stated COVID-19 has been ongoing and is getting worse again. Mr. Matusheski stated they are getting together the PEMA grant application. Sgt. Schwartz asked if that is a one-time submittal or if we can submit several times. Mr. Matusheski stated it's only one-time. Sgt. Schwartz also asked about the Montco grant. Mr. Matusheski stated he has not heard anything about that grant.

b. **Emergency Operations Plan**- Mr. Matusheski stated there are no new updates since last meeting. Sgt. Schwartz asked if the 2017 version is the most recent. Mr. Matusheski stated no, it is reviewed every year and the Resource Manual is updated on an ongoing basis.

c. Construction Update- Mr. Matusheski stated there have been no significant updates since the last meeting. Ms. Weiss stated Covanta has offered a tour for the firefighters. Mr. Matusheski stated their safety manager is no longer there, so they are waiting to hear back from them. Ms. Bramblett asked if Covanta is still using a certain kind of foam to extinguish any fires, and if the composition/ appropriateness of that foam is safe for the facility. Ms. Weiss stated it's not the same foam that contaminated the ground water in Willow Grove 20 years ago. Ms. Weiss also stated Covanta received permission from DEP to use what they are using now. Ms. Bramblett asked if they will be replacing the safety officer. Ms. Weiss stated she will ask Covanta.

d. Police Department Update- Sgt. Schwartz stated Officer Amato was promoted to first class this month through the Civil Service Commission. Officer Rocco Wack was promoted on November 9th to Patrol Sgt. and takes over the D Squad. Sgt. Schwartz also stated on October 9th Detective Sgt. Longo retired after 33 years of service. The hiring process has begun, 350 applications were received and the written portion will be this Saturday, November 21st.

e. Harmonville Fire Company Update- Chief Hoffman stated they have canceled their Christmas tree sale this year due to the pandemic. Chief Hoffman asked about the pay per call stipend. Ms. Weiss stated Council agreed to have the firefighters meet the 'active' status first and then receive the stipends. Chief Hoffman stated they received a \$24,000 State Fire Commissioner Grant.

f. Plymouth Fire Company Update- Chief Kijak stated they have received the same State Fire Commissioner Grant for \$20,000. Last month, they had their drive-thru Fire Prevention event, which had a great turnout. Chief Kijak stated this will be his last meeting since he will not be running for re-election next year.

g. Plymouth Ambulance Update- Mr. Trojansky stated they have not been experiencing many calls due to the pandemic. Mr. Trojansky asked the fire and police departments, when responding to a non-threatening call, to send only one person in until the ambulance arrives. Sgt. Schwartz asked if Mr. Trojansky would like police to maintain a status quo in the area. Mr. Trojansky stated yes. Mr. Trojansky stated there has been no positive cases of COVID at the station. Mr. Trojansky stated they have spent \$270,000 on PPE, as well as a Halo Sprayer for the vehicles. This year, Mr. Trojansky stated they will be doing the annual toy run this year on December 5th. Toys are donated and provided to St. Christopher's and Bryn Mawr Hospitals. Chief Hoffman stated they have contactless drop off locations for the toys as well.

h. Miscellaneous- None

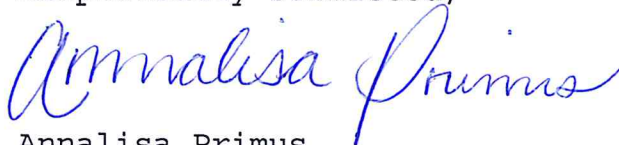
5) Old Business- None

6) Next Meeting - January 21, 2021- The next meeting of the board will take place on January 21, 2021.

7) Audience Participation- None

8) Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Annalisa Primus

Recording Secretary