

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of July 15, 2021

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. Brian Wagner	Plymouth Police Department
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
John Heleniak	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Adam Heffelfinger	President, Plymouth Fire Company, and Vice- Chair
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- May 20, 2021** - The May 20, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved, a motion was made by Chief Hoffman and was seconded by Chief Heleniak.

4) **New Business:**

a. Construction Update-

Active Projects

1. **Plymouth Valley Estates**- This 79 single-family home subdivision is bounded by Plymouth Road, Johnson Road, North Gravers Road and Plymouth Ridge Office Park. Project construction is progressing on the first phase of 34 lots with permits issued for 29, and 11 issued Certificates of Occupancy. Phase 2 has begun. Five lots have had permits issued for construction.

2. **Metroplex, Suites 2426 & 2430** (PLCB Wine & Spirits and Marshall's) - Subdivision of former Dick's Sporting Goods tenant space. The PLCB space is complete. The Marshall's space is nearly complete Interior construction is underway. A sub-slab water leak was discovered at the site and exploratory work is required to repair the leak. This has delayed the relocation of the existing Marshall's on Ridge Pike. Permits have been issued for the repairs. No date has been set for the relocation.

3. 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. All permits have been issued, and full construction is proceeding. Completion of new building estimated for start of 2021-2022 school year.

4. 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. All construction is complete. The existing building has been demolished and all utilities disconnected.

7. 1103 Ridge Pike (Amazon) - 174,000 SF Distribution Facility. Adaptive reuse and expansion of former 7up building, including 130,000 SF warehouse and office, plus 44,000 SF delivery van parking canopy. Core & Shell phase (tenant preparation) work is finished. Tenant interior fit-out is nearly complete. The canopy steel is erected and due to a design change, the canopy is being enclosed with a one hour rated ceiling. Construction is ongoing.

8. 202 Ridge Pike (Plymouth Square Shopping Center/Brixmor Office) - Alterations to approximately 40,000 SF of the 292,000 SF multi-tenant/multi-use facility. Altered space is primarily for office use by the Landlord. Construction is complete. The CO has been issued. In addition, there is also a permit for the exterior façade of the building to the left of the office entrance. This construction is nearing completion.

9. 23 Carland Road (Sharp Packaging) - 48,000 SF Manufacturing Facility. Alterations to 26,000 SF of an existing one story manufacturing and warehouse building. The building has a full coverage fire sprinkler system plus FM 22 fire suppression in the IT room. Permits have been issued and interior construction has begun.

10. 1001 Ridge Pike - Mercedes Benz Van Center - Auto showroom/Dealer facility. Showroom with garage and service center at the rear. A monitored Fire Alarm with heat detection and smoke detection is in place. Building permits have been issued and construction is underway.

11. 105 Plymouth Rd. - A commercial building (Vanilla Box) Core and Shell is nearly complete - Tenant fit-out permits have been issued. The building is provided with Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm.

b. Police Department Update- Lt. Wagner stated Chief Myrsiades wanted to thank the fire companies for a great turnout for the 4th of July parade and for the fire police doing a great job at the Christmas in July toy run on Sunday. Lt. Wagner also stated Officer Andrew Adams was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at the July Plymouth Township Council Meeting.

c. Harmonville Fire Company Update- Chief Hoffman thanked everyone for the 4th of July parade. Chief Hoffman stated he believes this will be an annual event since it was so successful. Chief Hoffman stated they are having many problems with Chemical Road being shut down, especially getting a fire truck through the intersection of Germantown and Butler Pikes. They are requesting an emitter at approximately Spring Mill Road and Butler Pike. Lt. Wagner asked going North onto Butler Pike is where you need the emitter. Chief Hoffman stated yes. Chief Heleniak stated Plymouth Fire Company is avoiding Butler Pike because of that issue, its adding 6 to 7 minutes to respond to a call. Lt. Wagner asked if they have tried going down Sierra Road. Chief Hoffman stated they are trying to avoid going through residential neighborhoods because of the size of the truck and children.

Ms. Weiss stated PENNDOT would make the approval for this, as well as Whitemarsh Township's Public Works Director. Lt. Wagner stated he would talk to Chief Myrsiades about this. Chief Hoffman asked if there is any updates on Chemical Road. Ms. Weiss stated they should be done work by the end of the year. Chief Hoffman stated Norristown Fire Department has reached out to both fire companies regarding joining a consortium, working towards mutual agreements in staffing and resource allocation and roles during fires. Chief Heleniak believes this will be a great thing to be a part of.

Mr. Matusheski asked if anything this consortium decides is binding on you. Chief Hoffman stated the only thing binding would be the accountability. Ms. Weiss asked about accountability, two in and two out method. Chief Hoffman stated it's called a passport system; fire trucks responding must go through the Command post first, which displays your name tag on a board. Chief Heleniak stated the way it is now, is you are a number on a truck when going to a fire. Chief Heleniak stated we need to identify a better way for our personnel. Chief Hoffman stated they would like to do another Emergency Service Softball game in the fall.

d. Plymouth Fire Company Update- Chief Heleniak stated their shredding event was successful and would like to host another one, the date is tentative, but they are looking at October 2nd. Chief Heleniak stated they opened their parking lot on July 3rd for the Conshohocken fireworks. Chief Heleniak stated Plymouth Fire Co. will have a new Command vehicle in service by the end of the summer. Chief Heleniak wanted to ask Council if a resolution for a previous call could take place at a Council meeting for recognition. Ms. Bramblett stated of course.

e. Plymouth Ambulance Update- Chief Hoffman spoke on behalf of Mr. Trojansky. Mr. Trojansky wanted to thank all who participated in the 4th of July parade.

f. Miscellaneous- None

5) Old Business- Ms. Weiss stated for the next meeting, this room may or may not be under construction. During construction, the meetings will be at the Community Center or one of the firehouses.

6) Next Meeting - September 16, 2021- The next meeting of the board will take place on September 16, 2021.

7) Audience Participation- None

8) Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary