

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of September 16, 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
Mike McGuigan	President, Harmonville Fire Company and Chairman
Sgt. Chris Schwartz	Plymouth Police Department
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
John Heleniak	Chief, Plymouth Fire Company
Tom Godin	Plymouth Ambulance
Karen Weiss	Recording Secretary
Karen Bramblett	Plymouth Township Council

1) **Pledge of Allegiance** - The meeting began at 7:03 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) **Public Comment**- None

3) **Approval of Minutes- July 15, 2021** - The July 15, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved, motion was made by Mr. Matusheski and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett.

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 14 issued Certificates of Occupancy. Phase 2 has begun. 12 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.

All inspections except for Final have been conducted.

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. This project is complete.

5. 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 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 complete. One open HVAC permit and associated electrical permit is open. Full completion of this project is anticipated for the first week in October.

6. 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 complete.

7. 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 is underway.

8. 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 and nearing completion.

9. 105 Plymouth Rd. - A commercial building all Tenant fit-out permits have been issued. The building is provided with Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm. This construction is nearing completion, anticipated in mid-October.

b. Police Department Update- Sgt. Schwartz stated Officer Murdock was promoted to third class patrol. Sgt. Schwartz shared three recent success stories. Recently, the department installed ALPRs (automatic license plate readers), which captures license plates and vehicles, alerting officers of stolen vehicles and wanted persons. Sgt. Schwartz stated they have been working on targeting DUI, aggressive driving, and seatbelt details. Sgt. Schwartz mentioned the unfortunate event that took place in the beginning of August, which resulted in an officer involved shooting. Sgt. Schwartz stated those officers affected have returned to full duty. Officer Lacy has been working with the fire companies' fire police units on identification cards; if anyone is interested please see him. The department participated in National Night Out. The Police Association was able to sponsor a concert in the park on August 4th and raffled off two bicycles from Township Day. Sgt. Schwartz stated the annual Brad Fox Golf Outing is October 19th at Green Valley Country Club in Whitemarsh.

c. Harmonville Fire Company Update- Chief Hoffman asked if the Township had a chance to talk to Whitemarsh about the emitter on Germantown Pike and Butler Pike. Ms. Weiss stated she would talk to Chris Loschiavo. Chief Hoffman stated the company has been busy, with 76 calls in the month of August.

d. Plymouth Fire Company Update- Chief Heleniak stated August was extremely busy as well, with 60 calls. Chief Heleniak said the company responded to a water rescue during Hurricane Ida. On October 2nd, Plymouth Fire Company will be hosting a shredding event. Chief Heleniak stated on October 4th, the Colonial Fire Companies will be hosting their fire expo. This will take place in the Lowes parking lot from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

e. Plymouth Ambulance Update- Mr. Godin stated during Hurricane Ida they responded to 99 calls, 25 of them were water rescues. Mr. Godin wanted to thank everyone for their support in the passing of one of their full-time EMTs.

f. Fire Prevention Week- Mr. Matusheski stated fire prevention week is from October 3rd through the 9th this year. Mr. Matusheski stated they will be helping with the school drills.

g. Miscellaneous- Mr. Matusheski stated regarding hurricane Ida, the EOC was activated on September 1st at 5:30 p.m. and they stayed until 10:00 p.m. The Township declared an emergency disaster on September 2nd. The emergency management team sent personnel out to assess damage around the Township. Mr. Matusheski stated the two parts of the Township that were hit the hardest were, along Conshohocken Road and Station Ave, and Ross Street due to flooding.

5) Old Business- None

6) Next Meeting - November 18, 2021- The next meeting of the board will take place on November 18, 2021 at the Greater Plymouth Community Center.

7) Audience Participation- Ms. Weiss stated starting October 1st all meetings will be held at the Community Center.

8) Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary