

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of May 20, 2021

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
Adam Heffelfinger	President, Plymouth Fire Company and Vice-Chair
Sgt. Chris Schwartz	Plymouth Police Department
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Kevin Lawrence	Safety Officer, Harmonville Fire Company
John Heleniak	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- March 18, 2021** - The March 18, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved, motion was made by Chief Hoffman and was seconded by Chief Heleniak.

4) **New Business:**

a. **COVID- 19 Pandemic**- Mr. Matusheski stated mask updates are changing and the CDC is changing their guidelines as well. Mr. Matusheski stated things are getting better.

b. **Construction Update**- Mr. Matusheski stated Montgomery Chemicals is closed, the large tanks in the back are emptied and DEP has signed off, however, they still have hazardous materials on site and are considered a Title 2 instead of 3. Mr. Matusheski stated he requested a list of chemicals still on site.

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 26, and 9 issued Certificates of Occupancy.

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. No date has been set for the repair or 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 is anticipated to begin demolition upon termination of all utilities. This should happen in the next week or two.

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.

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 nearly complete. The interior is essentially complete. There is work at the exterior entrance being conducted with completion by the middle of June expected. In addition there is also a permit for the exterior façade of the building to the left of the office entrance. That also is expected to be completed at the same time.

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. Full Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler coverage. At the moment, Demo is fully underway with the Fire Sprinkler system disabled. A monitored Fire Alarm with heat detection and smoke detection is in place. Building permits are expected to be issued by the beginning of next week (5/24/21).

11. 105 Plymouth Rd. - A commercial building (vanilla box) Core and Shell is nearly complete - Permits have been submitted for the interior tenant fit out of this building. Review of the permit for the fit-out is anticipated for the week of 5/24/21. The building is provided with Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm.

c. Police Department Update- Sgt. Schwartz stated Officer Lachenmayer was recently hired to the A squad, Officer Ransom was awarded Officer of the Year, Sgt. Heger announced his retirement and his last day will be May 31, 2021, and Officer Costello was transferred to Highway/Administrative position. Sgt. Schwartz stated with the closure of Chemical Road and school being back to full, there has been an increase in traffic. Therefore Chief Myrsiades has deployed officers in each school zones to protect the safety of our residents, children, and public. Sgt. Schwartz stated during the drug take-back event, Officer Lacy collected 83 pounds of medication. Sgt. Schwartz also stated the department teamed up with the Norristown Rotary Club to donate 20 unclaimed bicycles to Peddles for Progress. Chief Myrsiades wanted to thank the community for their ongoing support for National Police Week. The Police department will be participating in Township Day, as well as hosting their Annual Brad Fox Golf Outing in October, the day is to be determined.

d. Harmonville Fire Company Update- Chief Hoffman stated with Chemical Road being closed they have added mutual aid onto all building fire responses in the local area. Also, they are having the 4th of July drive-through parade.

e. Plymouth Fire Company Update- Chief Heleniak stated they are still transitioning with administrative roles. Plymouth Fire Co. is participating in Plymouth Township Day. Chief Heleniak stated they are receiving a new command vehicle by the end of June. Also, on June 19th ServePro is hosting a shredding event in the fire company's parking lot, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

f. Plymouth Ambulance Update- Mr. Trojansky stated this past Saturday they vaccinated another 700 people. Mr. Trojansky stated that most people now are either vaccinated or choose not to be. Plymouth Ambulance might do a vaccine event for 12 year olds and older, but that is still undecided.

g. Miscellaneous- Mr. Matusheski asked the members how they felt about having the next meeting in-person. Members all agreed that would be fine. Ms. Weiss mentioned that come September when the building renovation begins, they will need to move the meetings elsewhere. Chief Hoffman volunteered space at the firehouse if need be. Plymouth Fire Co. and Plymouth Ambulance also offered their meeting rooms.

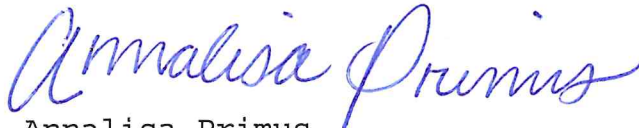
5) **Old Business-** None

6) **Next Meeting - July 15, 2021-** The next meeting of the board will take place on July 15, 2021, in-person at the Township Building.

7) **Audience Participation-** None

8) **Adjournment -** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary