

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes of August 15, 2024

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

Mike McGuigan	President, Harmonville Fire Company and Chairman
Sgt. Chris Schwartz	Plymouth Police Department
John Hoffman	Chief, Harmonville Fire Company
Shelly Simpson	President, Plymouth Fire Company
Kevin Bowe	President, EVB Towing Company
Lynne Viscio	Plymouth Township Council
Karen Weiss	Recording Secretary

1) **Pledge of Allegiance** - The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2) **Public Comment**- There was no public comment pertaining to any items advertised on the agenda.

3) **Approval of Minutes- May 16, 2024** - The May 16, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved, Chief Hoffman made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Simpson.

4) **New Business:**

a. **Construction Update-**

**Active Projects**

1. **202 Ridge Pike** - Two tenant fit-outs are in progress at this location. A revised façade renovation permit has been issued for the installation of a rear egress corridor on the upper level and a second phase has begun construction of the front facade. The exterior should be complete in the next few weeks.

2. **Plymouthtowne Apartments Phase II** - The first two buildings have been approved for occupancy. The last building is under construction and final inspections are expected by the end of September.

3. **700 Belvoir Rd. - Plymouth Twp. Municipal Bldg.** - Renovations are nearly complete. Punch list items are being addressed at this point.

4. **1208 Ridge Pike, Conicelli Hyundai** - Interior renovation of the existing showroom and addition of a new service garage at the rear of the building is nearly complete.

5. **1208 Ridge Pike - Genesis** - Permits have been issued for foundation only construction. This aspect of the work is complete. Review of the construction plan is underway.

6. **2290 Butler Pike, Danella** - 4 bay maintenance garage and Offices. This building has been permitted and construction is nearly complete.

**b. Police Department Update-** Sgt. Schwartz stated Sgt. DiDonato retired on July 11, K-9 Amigo joined the department at the end of June and is partnered with Officer Watts. They are currently conducting oral interviews. Chief Myrsiades wanted to thank Harmonville Fire Company and Plymouth Ambulance for their support in making Cop Camp a success. Officer Lacy is planning an Open House on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Police Department partnered with the County Detectives in capturing 11 suspects for retail theft. The Police Association hosted a food drive at the end of May, filling 6 police cars. Sgt. Schwartz stated their golf outing is October 14<sup>th</sup> and they are accepting sponsors and golfers. Chief Myrsiades wanted to thank the fire companies and the Plymouth Ambulance for all their support and cooperation as always on events and incident scenes.

**c. Harmonville Fire Company Update-** Chief Hoffman stated the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was a huge success. Harmonville will be hosting the annual Colonial Fire Expo this year which will be at the Plymouth Meeting Mall on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Chief Hoffman stated they will be hosting a car seat instructor course in November. Harmonville will be having a housing for their new engine and a year end wrap up celebration sometime in November.

**d. Plymouth Fire Company Update-** Mr. Simpson reiterated what Chief Hoffman stated about the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Plymouth Fire Company had food trucks in their parking lot for the Conshohocken Fireworks, which turned out to be successful. Mr. Simpson stated their new engine will be in service sometime in October. Plymouth Fire Company is looking forward to participating in the Colonial Fire Expo, as well as the Trunk or Treat event, which will be October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Colonial Middle School.

**e. Plymouth Ambulance Update-** Chief Hoffman stated Chief Trojansky is asking if there is a Township ordinance on posting mailbox numbers. Plymouth Ambulance is having a hard time when responding to calls in newer developments. Ms. Weiss stated there is an ordinance which states, the numbers should be about 5 ft. high on a contrasting background, located right next to the front door.

Chief Hoffman asked Ms. Weiss to send the ordinance to Chief Trojansky. Sgt. Schwartz stated they will post information on their social media page regarding this.

**f. Fire Prevention Week-** Chief Hoffman stated the fire companies will be at the surrounding schools.

**g. Miscellaneous-** None

**5) Old Business-** Sgt. Schwartz stated Chief Myrsiades wanted to make sure everyone received the alarm ordinance. Ms. Viscio asked if this is the ordinance when to charge for police responding. Chief Hoffman stated this is more geared to commercial properties. Chief Hoffman stated alarm companies call the residents first instead of 911, which the Chief wanted to do away with. Sgt. Schwartz stated the law dictates what the violations have to do, so the discretion is up to the police department to not cite.

**6) Next Meeting- November 21, 2024-** The next meeting of the board will take place on November 21, 2024.

**7) Audience Participation-** None

**8) Adjournment-** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Annalisa Primus  
Recording Secretary